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Item No. 10.4.1
Halifax Regional Council
December 6, 2011

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
Councillor Barry Dalrymple, Chair, Environment and Sustainability
Standing Committee

DATE: November 15, 2011

SUBJECT: Province of Nova Scotia: Draft Coastal Strategy

ORIGIN

The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee November 14, 2011 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council support the Province of Nova Scotia Draft Coastal Strategy as prepared.

BACKGROUND

A staff report dated October 17, 2011 outlining the Province of Nova Scotia Draft Coastal Strategy was before the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee during their November 14, 2011 meeting for consideration.

Additional information can be reviewed in the attached October 17, 2011 staff report.

DISCUSSION

The Environment and Sustainability Standing reviewed the October 17, 2011 staff report and passed a motion to forward a recommendation to Regional Council in support of the Province of Nova Scotia Draft Coastal Strategy as presented.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The Budget Implications to this report are outlined in detail in the attached staff report of October 17, 2011.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee meetings are open to the public.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternative were provided by the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee. There were no recommend alternatives identified in the October 17, 2011 staff report; however it was indicated that should the Committee or Regional Council have comments or direction related to the submission, staff will incorporate them into the HRM response.

ATTACHMENTS

Staff Report dated October 17, 2011.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
November 14, 2011

TO: Chair and Members of Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Phillip Townsend, Director, Planning and Infrastructure

DATE: October 17, 2011

SUBJECT: Province of Nova Scotia: Draft Coastal Strategy

ORIGIN

- Province of Nova Scotia, October 13, 2011: Call for Feedback, Draft Coastal Strategy
- Request from Committee Member prior to Agenda Review

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommend to Regional Council that: Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) support the Province of Nova Scotia Draft Coastal Strategy as prepared.

BACKGROUND

Following the release of the Coastal Management Framework in 2008, and the State of Nova Scotia's Coast Report in December 2009, the Provincial Oceans Network (PON), an umbrella group representing fifteen departments and agencies, conducted extensive research and public consultations about coastal management in Nova Scotia.

A draft Coastal Strategy (<http://www.gov.ns.ca/coast/>) has been completed and is now being circulated for feedback.

DISCUSSION

The strategy focuses on seven key issues:

1. Coastal Development
2. Working waterfronts
3. Public coastal access
4. Sea level rise and storm events
5. Coastal ecosystems and habitats
6. Coastal water quality
7. Governance

The objectives and actions complement and integrate well with the HRM Municipal Planning Strategy.

HRM staff recommends that this strategy is a sound piece to facilitate an integrated planning and management approach to coastal issues.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

This Strategy has no implications on the 2011/2012 Budgets. Further, the strategy offers no specific implications to future budgets. However, sound planning and coastal management over time will reduce long term municipal service delivery and infrastructure costs.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There was a substantial public consultation performed by the Province of Nova Scotia on this strategy.

ALTERNATIVES

None recommended. However, should Committee members or Regional Council have comments or direction related to the submission, staff will incorporate them into the HRM response.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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