

Item No. 11.4.1
Halifax Regional Council
April 9, 2013

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council
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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Chair
Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee

DATE: March 6, 2013

SUBJECT: Auditor General's Report - *Economic Development through Partnerships*
- *A Performance Evaluation*

ORIGIN

Auditor General's report entitled, *Economic Development through Partnerships - A Performance Evaluation*.

Motion from the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee - March 5, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

CP & ED's Terms of Reference - Sec.3.2

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommends Regional Council request that staff:

1. Review the Auditor General's Report and its recommendations;
2. Meet with the Greater Halifax Partnership, Destination Halifax and other involved in economic development to consider the report and its recommendations in detail;
3. Determine an effective review process beginning with involvement of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee and resulting in making recommendations and setting priorities for further action.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Auditor General presented his report *Economic Development through Partnerships – A Performance Evaluation* to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee meeting of February 13, 2013. The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee raised this matter at its February 14, 2013 meeting and at a special meeting held on March 5, 2013. The Committee felt that Council should recommend staff take action on the recommendations in the report, and passed a motion in this regard as noted above.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None. The recommendation is to request staff review and report back to the Committee.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The CP & ED Standing Committee meetings are open to the public.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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