


Item No. 10.2.1
Halifax Regional Council
July 30, 2013

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:  Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Chair
Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee

DATE: July 23, 2013

SUBJECT: School Review Process

ORIGIN

Agenda Item by Councillor Watts and subsequent motion from the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee meeting of July 22, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Sec. 3.1 of the Standing Committee's Terms of Reference RE Oversight of the HRM Regional Plan and Regional Planning Initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommends Halifax Regional Council approve HRM participation in the School Review Process by having the Mayor send a letter on behalf of Regional Council, outlining the mutual interest HRM and the HRSB has in community planning and regional plan growth targets, as well as our interactions related to funding, a multi-year capital planning process and surplus school disposal.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Province is carrying out a school review to inform a discussion paper, and the deadline for submissions is July 31, 2013. HRM believes there would be strong benefit from a multi-year capital planning process where the school board, the Province and the Municipality participate in creating a multi-year master plan guided by Regional Plan growth targets. This is an opportunity to inform the Province of the broad areas of interest HRM has in this process. After the discussion paper is released in the fall, HRM will have a later opportunity to submit more detailed input, should Council wish to do so, as broad-based public consultations will get underway at that time.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None associated with this recommendation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ALTERNATIVES

The CP & ED Standing Committee did not provide Alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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