

Item No. 11.3.1
Halifax Regional Council
January 14, 2013

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Chair
Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee

DATE: December 16, 2013

SUBJECT: Guidelines and Standards – Downtown Planning (DH1) Zone and
Downtown Dartmouth BID

ORIGIN

Motion by Councillor Mason – December 12, 2013 and approval by the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee's Terms of Reference Section 3.2.1 Involvement in policy development and oversight of policies appropriate to promote Community and Economic Development throughout HRM.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommends Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to establish guidelines and standards for sidewalk construction, lighting and pole, street furniture and finishing in the HRM right-of-way on streets in the Downtown Planning (DH1) zone and the downtown Dartmouth BID area with the following considerations:

1. To determine where as a matter of policy the Red Book Capital District standard will be applied outside of major streetscape areas,
2. To develop a standard for inclusion in the Red Book for the DH1 Precinct 3 – Spring Garden area that reflects but is less extensive than the elements and colour scheme introduced in the Spring Garden streetscaping,
3. Recommend a mechanism to allow partnership with and investment by private and other stakeholders to implement these standards and to draft and Administrative Order that will outline this procedure.

BACKGROUND

This matter was brought forward by Councillor Mason at the Committee's December 12, 2013 meeting, and the Committee endorsed the motion to ask that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report. The Councillor indicated he was putting forward this motion to get clarity around the Red Book standards and to enable staff to provide clearer direction

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications have not been identified, and would have to be addressed in a subsequent staff report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee is a Committee of Regional Council comprised of six Councillors. The meetings are open to the public and the Committee's agendas, minutes, and reports can be viewed at Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ALTERNATIVES

Any alternatives would have to be provided in a subsequent staff report.

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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