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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original signed

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

DATE: February 20, 2014

SUBJECT: Economic Development Governance Structure

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Staff report dated November 14, 2013 submitted to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting of December 12, 2013.

BACKGROUND

At the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee meeting on December 12, 2013 a staff report was submitted entitled Economic Development Governance Structure. The report examined HRM's existing economic development framework in order to better understand what is working well, what needs improvement and if there were opportunities to better position the municipality to capture new investment and foster growth.

DISCUSSION

Some Committee members expressed the view that they had a comfort level with the staff report and recommendations as presented; and there were other members who felt that the Committee would be better served to have staff go back and consider other information and for the Committee to hear presentations from Greater Halifax Partnership and Destination Halifax. Subsequently, there was consensus that, rather than refer the report back to staff for further information, to bring it forward to Regional Council at the same time the report from Greater Halifax Partnership on Economic Strategy comes forward. The Committee, therefore, did not consider and make recommendation on the staff report, but passed a motion to refer the staff report to Regional Council at the same time the Greater Halifax Report on Economic Strategy is presented to Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this 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

The Committee did not provide any alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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