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Item No. 11.3.2
Halifax Regional Council
March 4, 2014

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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

DATE: February 14, 2014

SUBJECT: Ivany Commission Report

ORIGIN

Motion passed by the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee at the February 13, 2014 meeting.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 21 of the Halifax Charter regarding Standing, Special, and Advisory Committees.

The Committee's Terms of Reference – Section 3.4 Active interest in the agencies and initiatives that support community and economic development throughout HRM.

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. a staff report that examines the role of HRM in the implementation of, and alignment with *Now or Never - an Urgent Call to Action for Nova Scotians*, including giving consideration to possible revision and update of HRM's Economic Strategy and impacts and implications with respect to delivery by departments and agencies responsible for HRMs economic development, and to also identify other related areas that may require further study and alignment;
2. that the Mayor write a letter to the Premier, opposition leaders and UNSM President outlining HRM's readiness to work in partnership to develop the province-wide response to the report.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION

In light of the recently released report by The Nova Scotia Commission on Building our New Economy (Ivany Commission Report), this matter was added to the Committee's agenda of February 13, 2014. The Committee discussed the critical role HRM is likely to play in acting on the report's recommendations and approved the above-noted motion.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None 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 alternatives

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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