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Item No. 8.1

**Halifax Regional Council
January 27, 2015**

February 3, 2015

February 24, 2015

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

Original Signed

SUBMITTED BY:

Councillor Wayne Mason, Chair, Community Planning and Economic
Development Standing Committee

DATE: January 13, 2015

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Strategic Policy Framework

ORIGIN

A motion of the Community Planning and Economic Development Committee from its meeting on January 8, 2015.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

As per the Terms of Reference *'the principle role of the standing Committee on Community Planning & Economic Development is to recommend to Council directions to support Community & Economic life "making HRM the most livable community in which to live, work and play"*

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends Halifax Regional Council direct staff to provide a report regarding the feasibility and best practice approach to establishing a Parks and Recreation Strategic Policy Framework that identifies expected outcomes under which:

- Service delivery is reflective of community interests and needs;
- Parks and Recreation finances and assets are managed in a fiscally sustainable, financially responsible manner; and
- Parks and Recreation services, programs, fee structure and facilities are accessible and inclusive for all.

BACKGROUND

The Community Planning and Economic Development Committee considered the motion from Councillor Mason at the January 8, 2015 meeting.

DISCUSSION

Following a brief discussion the Committee approved the recommendation as noted above.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications attached to 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

No environmental implications identified.

ALTERNATIVES

The Standing Committee did not provide any alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Request for Consideration Form – Councillor Mason

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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Request for the Committee's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Committee Meeting: January 8, 2015		
Subject: Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan		
Motion for the Committee to Consider:		
<p>That CPED standing committee recommend Regional Council direct staff to provide a report regarding the feasibility and best practice approach to establishing a Parks and Recreation Strategic Policy Framework that identifies expected outcomes under which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Service delivery is reflective of community interests and needs;• Parks and Recreation finances and assets are managed in a fiscally sustainable, financially responsible manner; and• Parks and Recreation services, programs, fee structure and facilities are accessible and inclusive for all.		
Reason:		
<p>Halifax's Recreation's strategic direction is currently provided by the Recreation Blueprint approved by Council in 2003. After a decade the Blueprint no longer adequately aligns with Council priorities and the corporate vision for HRM.</p> <p>There are many synergies created by reconstituting the Parks and Recreation department, and a strategic plan would allow for the integration of the vision, mission and goals for both Parks and Recreation. Questions involving mandate, affordability, programming and goals would be addressed.</p>		
Outcome Sought:		
<p>A staff report outlining a process that if approved by Council would result in a clear vision, mission and set of measurable, achievable goals for Park and Recreation.</p>		
<i>Councillor: Wayne Mason</i>	<i>District 7</i>	