

<b>Request for Council's Consideration</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Included on Agenda</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b>
<b>Date of Council Meeting: October 20, 2015</b>		
<b>Subject: South End Community Day Care</b>		
<b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b> Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding possible continuation of below market lease to South End Community Day Care at Spencer House.		
<b>Reason:</b> Spencer House was approved by Halifax City Council on July 8 1983. The purpose was to "to create a social/recreational/educational complex on Morris Street to serve the South End Area." The proposal was driven by the needs of the Seniors Information Centre (now Spencer House Seniors Centre) and the South End Community Day Care. The staff report from 1983 reads in part "It is proposed that the sponsoring bodies lease the facility from the City at a rate which will cover the costs of maintenance, insurance, water. " The daycare proposes to see its rent increase to \$4.50 psf over the next three years, and desires a clear lease agreement that delineates both lessor and lessee responsibilities.  The sponsoring bodies will, in both cases, be independently responsible for utilities (light, heat), janitorial services, minor repairs and taxes. [subject to tax exemption applications]" It goes on to state "Both proposed tenants have been involved with planning of this building." South End Community Day Care paid \$20,000, or almost 10%, of the cost of construction of their section of the centre, and later paid in full for a large expansion creating a new room over the seniors centre kitchen and main hall.  The mission of the daycare continues to provide below market daycare to those that need it. The daycare's school age children program allows parents to drop both school age and preschool age siblings off at one spot. It complements the adjacent St Mary's Elementary School, creating a commuter school hub that allows workers to drop children off at the daycare in the morning, knowing they will be taken to and picked up from school safely.		
<b>Outcome Sought:</b> Staff report outlining further actions council may choose to take on the matter.		
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