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Item No. 11.5.4

Request for Council'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 Council Meeting: October 20, 2015		
Subject: Noise management and mitigation in downtown areas		
Motion for Council to Consider:		
<p>Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding noise in downtown areas that shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Research on other municipalities approaches, including a jurisdictional scan and discussion with stakeholders such as the business commissions, Argyle Entertainment District, and the Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia and others;b) Recommend possible improvements to the Land Use Bylaw and other policy to address sound mitigation for construction of new or substantially renovated residential dwelling units and other uses with overnight guests, such as hotels, in the downtown area;c) recommendations regarding the possible establishment of an entertainment district on Argyle Street for inclusion in the Prescribed Exemptions or Local Exemptions section of the Noise By-Law (N200)		
Reason:		
<p>Downtown Halifax and Dartmouth share entertainment and other uses as well as an increasing population of residents and sometimes these uses come into conflict, especially around noise. Other cities have had to address similar concerns and addressed them by setting out clear guidelines for what is expected and acceptable for both businesses and residents. Establishing entertainment districts may be used to protect vibrant and desired night life, construction standards can be mitigate noise impacts, and businesses can have a clear understanding of where certain types of activity may be welcome and where it is not.</p>		
Outcome Sought:		
<p>Staff report regarding further options council may choose to take on the matter.</p>		
<i>Councillor Mason</i>	<i>District 7</i>	