

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

Council Agenda – November 10, 2015

Deletions:

- 8.2 Case 01192** – Halifax Stanfield International Airport – Regulation of Adjacent Development (Supplementary Staff Report)
(i) North West Community Council report dated July 24, 2015

Additions:

14.1 Ratification of Motion from Committee of the Whole – Commercial Tax Options for Small Business

Motion:

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council direct the Mayor to write the Minister of Municipal Affairs to:

(1) Request that the Provincial Government, in order to increase predictability for taxpayers, consider making changes to the legislation governing the assessment process for **commercial** properties so that:

- a) The annual valuation is averaged over a three year period or,
- b) The **commercial** assessment roll is updated every three to four years, as is the current policy in Saskatchewan and Ontario.

(2) And to request amendments to the *Halifax Regional Municipal Charter* that would provide Council with greater legislative authority in setting taxes and charges respecting the general tax rate and area rates for both residential and commercial properties, including:

- a) The authority for Council to determine and set rates and charges that are different for:
 - I. different areas of the Municipality,
 - II. different categories and size of businesses, and
 - III. different classes of building and size of structures, and
- b) The authority for Council to determine and set:
 - I. a rate or charge for frontage on a street,
 - II. a uniform charge or amount of tax that is payable per property or per dwelling unit,
 - III. a maximum and minimum charge or amount of tax that is payable, and
 - IV. a surtax or graduated rates.