

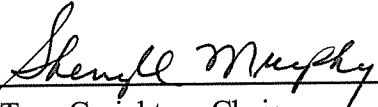


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Halifax Regional Council
January 10, 2006

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
for Tom Creighton, Chair
Heritage Advisory Committee

DATE: December 8, 2005

SUBJECT: Barrington Street Conservation District

ORIGIN

Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting of December 7, 2005

RECOMMENDATION

The Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that Regional Council accept in principle the Barrington Street Historic District Revitalization Plan (see attachment 1) and refer it to staff for review and recommendation.

BACKGROUND

In March 2003, Regional Council by motion initiated a process to establish a heritage conservation district along Barrington Street under enabling legislation of the Nova Scotia Heritage Property Act.

In April 2004, a Steering Committee was established to work with staff, the Heritage Advisory Committee and stakeholders in preparation of the required conservation plan and bylaw.

The Barrington Street Historic District Revitalization Plan has been developed over a one year public consultation process lead by the Barrington Street Historic District Steering Committee.

DISCUSSION

The Heritage Advisory Committee received a presentation of the components of the Barrington Street Historic District Revitalization Plan at their December 7, 2005 meeting. The plan is based on the principle that revitalization is necessary for heritage conservation objectives to be achieved and vice versa. The plan is thus both a conservation plan, with policies to protect and enhance the heritage character of the street, and a revitalization plan, with actions and incentives to encourage economic revitalization. Staff emphasized that the components of the plan are inter-dependent and that all components are necessary for its successful implementation.

The Committee recommends the Plan to Council in principle and advises that it supports the objectives of the Plan.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Significant budget implications will result from the approval of this Plan. However, these will be dealt with in future year's budgets.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

Regional Council may:

1. Refer the Plan to staff for review and report without adopting the Plan in principle.
2. Adopt only certain components of the Plan. As noted above, the Steering Committee recommends against taking such action.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Barrington Street Historic District Revitalization Plan

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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