Re: Item 11.3.1

Lovasi-Wood, Andrea

From: Kristian Curran

Sent: Thursday, October 13, <u>2022</u> 11:23 AM

To: Lovasi-Wood, Andrea;

Subject: [External Email] COMMUNITY COUNCIL REQUEST: Halifax Homecoming (2022) -

Dalhousie District Bylaw Modernization & Discussion

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Dear Halifax and West Community Council & Council Clerk,

Sent again with 'cc' to our Councillor Waye Mason

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

October 13, 2022

MUNICIPAL CLERK

I write this correspondence on behalf of some residents of the Larch Street, Jennings Street, and Preston Street community. As you know, earlier this month another large, unsanctioned street party occurred in our neighbourhood: stabbings, injured police, street fires, lawlessness, and undoubtedly sexual assault - this has been an annual occurrence since 2017. Although this party is often attributed to Dalhousie University students, it has really become a 'Halifax Homecoming' over the past few years, with many participants coming from other parts of the city, other universities, out-of-province, and beyond. This year, neighbourhood residents were assured that Halifax Police did have a plan in place to prevent an unsanctioned street party, supported by a zero-tolerance policy. It was evident, however, that this was not the case, as another riotous provocation ensued. It is not re-assuring to see scared police officers vastly out-numbered and being injured on our streets; in speaking with officers, many conceded that they did not have control of the situation. It was simply unsafe and unstable. It is also not re-assuring that emergency vehicles could not enter the area, which was deemed by Halifax Police to be out-of-control and unsafe; this is our community!

At this time, our community request's opportunity to express its concern to members of the Halifax and West Community Council, as well as present some options for council consideration intended to prevent and/or effectively avoid such occurrences moving forward. As representatives of our community, myself and/or Dr. Lees are available to present on November 15 (preferred), but can accommodate December 6. As such, we request you consider this request our inclusion on an upcoming community council meeting agenda. If you support, Dr. Lees and I will provide any background / presented materials in advance of the meeting, with no concern that they be part of the public record. Being unfamiliar with the process, we do seek further guidance as to how we might effectively engage council on this topic (e.g., presentation format, time length, can other community members attend, etc.).

In closing, I can be reached at the contact information below and have 'cc' Dr. Lees above for her awareness
(Em.).
Sincerely,
Kristian Curran



Halifax Nova Scotia,