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Item No. 15.8.6

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: August 22, 2023		
Subject: Halifax Water Permitting Fees and Affordable Housing		
Motion for Council to Consider: Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on options to eliminate the Halifax Water permitting costs on non-profit affordable housing developments. Options to consider should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) A grant program to reimburse non-profits for their permitting costs(2) Potential legislative changes to allow Halifax Water to waive those costs directly		
Reason: HRM has eliminated permitting costs for non-profits organizations that are developing affordable housing, but the largest permitting expenses related to stormwater management are not included. These costs are substantial and add to the challenge in developing non-profit housing. HRM and Halifax Water should look at options to eliminate this barrier and distribute the expense either across the taxbase or through the ratepayers.		
Outcome Sought: Staff Recommendation Report		
<i>Deputy Mayor Sam Austin</i>	<i>District 5</i>	