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**Item No. 2**  
**Halifax and West Community Council**  
**December 14, 2016**

**TO:** Chair and Members of Halifax and West Community Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Original Signed  
Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

**DATE:** December 5, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Halifax & West Community Council – 2016 Annual Report

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**ORIGIN / LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Section 27(1) of the HRM Charter states:

A community council shall hold an annual public meeting in the community in each year to report to the public concerning its activities and to receive the views of the public respecting all matters within its mandate. The powers and duties of Community Councils are outlined in section 25 of the Halifax Charter.

Halifax and West Community Council requested that the Legislative Assistant maintain a record of the Community Council's business for the first annual meeting held in 2013 and annually held thereafter.

**BACKGROUND**

Halifax and West Community Council was established on December 3, 2012 by Administrative Order 48, Respecting the Creation of Community Councils.

Halifax and West Community Council include the following polling districts:

- District 7 - Halifax South – Downtown (Councillor Waye Mason)
- District 8 – Halifax Peninsula North (Councillor Lindell Smith)
- District 9 – Halifax West Armdale (Councillor Shawn Cleary)
- District 10 - Halifax - Bedford Basin West (Councillor Russell Walker)
- District 11 - Spryfield - Sambro Loop - Prospect Road (Councillor Stephen Adams)
- District 12 - Timberlea - Beechville - Clayton Park West (Councillor Richard Zurawski)

## DISCUSSION

Halifax & West Community Council met eleven (11) times between December 16, 2015 and November 30, 2016. All regular meetings of Halifax and West Community Council took place in the Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street Halifax.

Community Council met on the following dates:

- December 16, 2015

2016:

- January 19
- February 17
- March 1
- March 29
- April 19
- May 17
- June 28
- July 12
- August 3 (special)
- September 13
- November 15

Halifax & West Community Council's Business for the period of December 16, 2015 to November 30, 2016 included the following:

- 7 public hearings
- 5 variance appeal hearings
- 27 staff reports
- 1 report from Boards and Committees
- 5 requests for reports brought forward by members of Community Council
- 1 piece of correspondence (independent from matters before Community Council)
- 1 petition
- 17 speakers during public participation
- 6 information reports
- Community Council met in camera (in private) twice.

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Public Hearings were held on the following matters:

Case 19695 – Development Agreement to Permit a Change in Use to a Non-Confirming Use at 1210/1222 Henry Street, Halifax.

Case 19857 – LUB Amendment and Development Agreement for 3085-3077 Oxford Street and 6393-6387 Young Street, Halifax

Case 19862 – Application by Michael Napier Architecture, on behalf of Samir Metlej to amend the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law to apply Schedule "A" and allow, by development agreement a seven-storey residential building containing ground floor commercial on four parcels located at 5555, 5549 and 5543 Almon Street, Halifax.

Case 19989 – Amendment to Rockingham Ridge Stage 1 Development Agreement, 30 Farnham Gate Road, Halifax

Case 20265 – Amendment to the I-3 (General Industrial) Zone under the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law

Case 19987 – Development Agreement for 1034, 1042, 1050, and 1056 Wellington Street, Halifax

Case 20326 – Substantive Development Agreement Amendments for a development on the corner of Isleville Street and Bilby Street, Halifax.

Variance Appeals were held on:

Case 20185 – Appeal of Variance Refusal – 1548 Henry Street, Halifax

Case 20344 – Appeal of Variance Refusal – 6125 North Street, Halifax

Case 19877 – Appeal of Variance Approval – 1891 Vernon Street, Halifax

Case 20144 – Appeal of Variance Refusal – 6164 North Street, Halifax

Case 19912 – Appeal of Variance Approval – 1597 Dresden Row, Halifax

Members of the public provided input during Public Participation on the following issues:

- Concern for the infrastructure of road networks approaching Maskwa from Hamshaw Drive and Saskatoon Avenue.
- Concerns were expressed about the service standard for Fire Services adopted by Regional Council in February 2006, the removal of staff from the Lady Hammond Road station, and potential volunteer staffing issues and response times.
- The Larry Uteck and Kearney Lake Road intersection; it was suggested that the intersection be evaluated by staff.
- The removal of leaves from stormwater drains

Further details on the matters Community Council dealt with, as well as the minutes of their meetings and copies of staff reports can be viewed online at: <http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/west/index.php>

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Community Council meetings are open to the public, unless otherwise stated on the agenda. Each regular meeting includes a Public Participation portion at the end of each agenda, which provides an opportunity for citizens to pose questions or provide comments to Councillors, through the Chair. Minutes, agendas and reports are available on the HRM website and from the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

**ALTERNATIVES**

Not applicable.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

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A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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