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MEMORANDUM

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

CC: Luc Ouellet, Planner III, Current Planning

FROM: Sarah MacDonald, Chair, Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee

DATE: May 7, 2019

SUBJECT: Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law (Package A)

The Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee considered the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law (Package A) at their April 29, 2019 meeting and special meeting held May 6, 2019. The following motion was approved by the Committee:

THAT the Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee recommends that Halifax and West Community Council recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Give First Reading and schedule a public hearing to consider the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated April 3, 2019.
- 2. Give First Reading and schedule a public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy, and the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments I to J-2.
- 3. Adopt the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, and the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachments A and B.
- 4. Adopt the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy, and the Halifax Peninsula Land Use Bylaw, as contained in Attachments I to J-2.

The Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee further recommends that Halifax and West Community Council consider the following:

- Design requirements include specifics for proposal/application renderings submitted for review.
- Include baseline values for indicators upon adoption of plan, where possible.
- Give priority to infill, renovation, adaptive re-use, and sustainable building design.
- Additional performance indicators for "human scale" core concept (only indicator noted now is dollars invested in public art, indicator 2.1).
- Introduce incentives for ongoing proposals to conform with Centre Plan requirements.
- Consider ensuring consistent language throughout the document to include pedestrian rather than only walking and consider defining pedestrian in an inclusive way.
- Support further clarification to ensure single-unit dwellings with appropriate bedroom counts in appropriate areas.

This recommendation has been provided to HRM planning staff for review and consideration.

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