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Item No. 15.5.2

Request for Council's Consideration					
X	Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	Added Iten (Submitted Clerk's Offic Monday)	to Municipal		Request from the Floor
Date of Council Meeting: January 14, 2019					
Subject: Heritage Registration Dartmouth Post Office					
Motion for Council to Consider: That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report examining the potential for including the Dartmouth Post Office, PID 00108043, in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality. The report should be referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee for evaluation.					
Reason: The Dartmouth Post Office on the corner of Queen and Wentworth Streets has been a major landmark in Downtown Dartmouth for over 100 years. Postal operations have changed considerably over the years, however, and the building is too big for Canada Post's needs. Canada Post is due to vacate the building on January 20 and the post office will likely eventually sell the building. In the absence of registration, there is risk that future redevelopment by a new owner could threaten the building's heritage value. Registration of the building would both protect for the building's heritage elements, and provide clarity to prospective purchasers about what is possible on the site. Given the large amount of vacant space on the south side of the property, the two objectives of protecting the building's heritage value while also allowing a new owner to redevelop the property shouldn't be mutually exclusive. Outcome Sought: Staff report for consideration by the Heritage Advisory Committee					
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