

## Item No. 14.3.5

Request for Regional Council Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Agenda Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least 5 working days prior to the meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least one day prior to meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b>
<b>Date of Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2017</b>		
<b>Subject: HRM Children's Charter of Rights</b>		
<p><b>Motion for Regional Council to Consider:</b> Request a staff report on creating an HRM Children's Charter of Rights guided by the belief that "<i>all children deserve basic rights and freedoms and that all levels of government, in partnership with communities, have a duty to support families by putting the health and well-being of children first.</i>"<sup>1</sup> The HRM Children's Charter of Rights is to include areas under the municipal mandate as outlined in the MGA and Halifax Charter and should include consideration of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>The Right to Affordable Housing:</b> enforce minimum standards in dwellings with young children and ensure affordable housing is considered with every new development and/or renovation project</li><li><b>The Right to Affordable Child Care:</b> consideration of permitting more "home-based" or neighbourhood day care centres in Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-Laws.</li><li><b>The Right to Access Healthy Food:</b> Encourage more community gardens, Mobile Food Markets.</li><li><b>The Right to Safety:</b> ensure the Integrated Halifax Regional Police / RCMP continue Community Officers presence in the schools / communities and the School Crossing Guard Program; Traffic: ensure pedestrian infrastructure (sidewalk/crosswalk) is adequate especially in elementary school districts.</li><li><b>The Right to Safe Potable Water:</b> work with Halifax Regional Water Commission by developing options to assist families in danger of having water services cut.</li><li><b>The Right to Recreation and Healthy Lifestyle:</b> continue to offer affordable recreation activities for all; consider expanding the Inclusion Program as required; ensure Community Space is included in all developments; Continue Active Transportation and Integrated Mobility Plan and trail development to ensure healthy/active living options for families.</li></ol>		
<b>Reason:</b> To ensure the well-being of children is paramount in all HRM mandated programs and services.		
<b>Outcome Sought:</b> An HRM Children's Charter of Rights		
<i>Councillor</i> Lisa Blackburn	<i>District 14</i> Middle/Upper Sackville - Beaver Bank - Lucasville	

1. Family & Children's Services of Guelph and Wellington County, ON Children's Charter of Rights