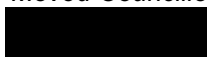


## Item No. 14.2

Request for Consideration			
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<b>Council or Committee: Regional Council</b>		<b>Date of Meeting: Tuesday Feb 9, 2021</b>	
<b>Subject: Request by Shelter NS regarding 2190 Barrington Street</b>			
<b>Motion:</b> Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Potential contribution through sale or long-term lease to Shelter NS of the lands at 2190 Barrington Street (PID 40831125) to allow for the development of a mixed-use community service centre, emergency shelter and affordable housing development, and;</li><li>b) Initiating a comprehensive master plan for the block of Cornwallis and Barrington Street between Cunard Tower and Cornwallis Street and considering a contribution of up to \$50,000 to Shelter Nova Scotia as per their letter dated January 25, 2021.</li></ul>			
<b>Reason:</b> The lands north of Cunard Court bound by Cornwallis, Barrington and Brunswick Streets consist of Brunswick Street United Church (home the Brunswick Street Mission and Halifax Music Coop), a former gas station, Metro Turning Point, an empty lot owned by the municipality, and several homes & heritage properties. Of particular note is the oldest home in Halifax, Akins House (1792), a national historic site. The properties on Brunswick Street are proposed to be considered for inclusion in the Old North suburb Heritage Conservation District in the current Centre Plan draft.  For several years, Shelter Nova Scotia has identified the empty lot at the south west corner of Barrington and Cornwallis as an ideal site for a potential expansion or new building. The finalisation of the Cogswell plan allows this to be considered. In addition, it creates an opportunity to engage with adjacent property owners to create a comprehensive master plan for this complex and historic block. Such a plan will focus on retaining existing institutional and service provider uses, pedestrian connectivity, safety and CPTED principles, reflecting and celebrating the heritage significance of the block and allow for compatible mixed income residential developments.  In order to have complete this work in time to inform the Centre Plan Land Use Bylaw adoption process, and recognizing the resource limitations of the service providers, it is proposed that HRM assist in funding a planning process that would engage the service providers, abutting landowners, and involve community engagement. This funding will also assist Shelter NS in evaluating potential for more significant development on their current site and/or the proposed site, and to identify potential partnerships and funding models to enable a more ambitious redevelopment.			
<b>Outcome Sought:</b> Staff report that outline opportunities, concerns and funding sources for this request.			
<i>Moved Councillor Wayne Mason</i> 		<i>District 7</i>	



January 25, 2021

Dear Mayor Savage

As you will remember from past discussions Shelter Nova Scotia has a vision and preliminary plan for increased social profit in the Halifax Regional Municipality, which includes the land next to Metro Turning Point, at the corner of Cornwallis and Barrington Street (2190 Barrington Street, PID 40831125).

Pre Covid-19 we completed supervised research confirming best practices moving men from homelessness to housing and stable living, and held preliminary discussions with stake holders. Most recently the Board of Directors approved a sub committee lead by past chair Meghan Laing. Metro Turning Point 2.0 Commission, has a terms of reference and is considering its membership. The Commission will work for 12 months.

This correspondence is to ask your and council's consideration of

- Contribution through sale or long term lease of the lands at 2190 Barrington Street (PID 40831125) to Shelter Nova Scotia to allow for the development of a mixed use community service centre, emergency shelter and affordable housing development.
- Council to initiate a comprehensive master plan for the south western block of Cornwallis and Barrington Street between Cunard Tower and Cornwallis Street that will focus on retaining existing institutional and service provider uses, celebrating the heritage significance of the block and allow for mixed income residential developments, and considering contribution of up to \$50,000 to Shelter Nova Scotia to develop a comprehensive master plan (noted above) including service provider and community engagement, especially with abutting land owners.

As you will understand, without assurance of the land there is no point in completing further background work. A financial contribution toward an extensive master plan, would ensure the strongest facts and opinions are available for future decision making.

Thank you for your consideration

Linda Wilson  
Executive Director

CC: Waye Mason HRM Councillor  
Tony Mancini HRM Councillor  
Jamie O'Neill Board Chair, Shelter Nova Scotia  
Meghan Laing Chair MTP 2.0 Commission

*Signed original to follow by mail*