



## Item No. 8.1

*Battle of the Atlantic Place Working Group  
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March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

To: Councillor Waye Mason  
Chair, Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee, HRM

Dear Councillor Mason,

Battle of the Atlantic Place will tell the story of how a generation of Canadians transformed their country into the industrialized, skilled, and confident world leader it became at the end of the Second World War. It will be a technologically dynamic and interactive Experience Centre, emphasizing for today's citizens and future generations how our young nation successfully rose to meet an incredible challenge. It is a truly imaginative concept, exactly the kind of bold project driven by excellence that was recommended by the Ivany Report.

Battle of the Atlantic Place will have a national focus offering significant municipal value. It will be a signature destination saying 'Halifax' to the world, a new anchor for the boardwalk, a low profile promontory into the harbour boosting a public roof top park, three deepwater berths, a boardwalk loop extension, and a plaza for public gatherings and celebrations.

In establishing the Project's concept and financial viability, we have benefited from expert analysis and advice which has told us that our projected cost between \$195M and \$225M is reliable, is inclusive of the expected range of construction risks, and that Government investment will not only be returned over time, but will become a continuing revenue source into the future.

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee is requested to strongly support a motion from HRM Regional Council which:

- Recognizes the benefits of Battle of the Atlantic Place,
- Supports its implementation plan,
- Agrees to contribute \$500K toward the office cost of preparing the Development Application over the next 2 years,
- Agrees to fund 10% of the Project Cost over the 3 years of the construction period, contingent upon the Nova Scotia and the Federal Governments also agreeing to fund their shares of the Project Cost, and
- Agrees to forgive property taxes and other annual fees in recognition of the considerable public benefit offered by Battle of the Atlantic Place.

As per the presentation by the Battle of the Atlantic Place Working Group on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

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Chair, Battle of the Atlantic Place Working Group  
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