

<b>Request for Council’s Consideration</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Included on Agenda</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk’s Office by Noon Thursday)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk’s Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b>
<b>Date of Council Meeting: August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b>		
<b>Subject: Affordable Housing Support for Spryfield</b>		
<p><b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b>  <i>That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on a one-time grant to Rooted: Community Development Partners to support the purchase a 6-unit building for use as affordable housing. The intent of the grant would be to provide the balance of the funding required to make the acquisition, after provincial and federal contributions have been accounted for.</i></p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) presents an opportunity to strengthen support for affordable housing development and property acquisition outside the Regional Centre—support that has previously come from HRM’s operating budget through the Affordable Housing Grant Program. There has been an imbalance in support for such projects outside the Regional Centre, but there is precedence for one-time grants for housing initiatives, such as the one that was provided for housing acquisition in Fairview to preserve affordable housing stock.</p> <p>The opportunity to support the acquisition of housing in Spryfield, as part of Rooted’s affordable housing program, requires a timely response to enable Rooted to close on the property purchase. Spryfield is experiencing significant growth, with 26 HAF-supported housing developments approved—none of which are required to include affordable housing. The Spryfield area has a substantial low-income population and is currently facing high rates of renovictions and displacement due to redevelopment.</p> <p>There is considerable demand for affordable housing in this community. A staff report is being requested to assess the funding request in the context of existing programs, the need to support affordable housing outside the Regional Centre, and the potential for acquisition funding to help preserve existing affordable housing stock. Currently rents in this building are less than \$1000/month, and without an affordable housing program to maintain it, this affordable housing stock is at risk of being lost.</p> <p><b>Outcome Sought:</b> A recommendation with rationale regarding the request for a one-time grant.</p>		
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