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**Item No. 15.4.4**

| <b>Request for Council's Consideration</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                      |                                                        |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Included on Agenda</b><br>(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item</b><br>(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday) | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b> |
| <b>Date of Council Meeting: January 27, 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                      |                                                        |
| <b>Subject: Review of Blasting and Grading By-Laws</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                      |                                                        |
| <p><b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b> That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare a staff report after a review of by-laws B-600 and G-200 that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An evaluation of the overall effectiveness of both by-laws in achieving their intended policy goals;</li><li>• A summary of the number and nature of resident complaints received in relation to these by-laws over a reasonable timeframe;</li><li>• A comparison of enforcement outcomes versus the volume of complaints;</li><li>• Recommendations for potential amendments, repeals, or enhancements to improve the efficiency and clarity of said by-laws.</li></ul> |                                                                                                      |                                                        |
| <p><b>Reason:</b> The purpose of this motion is to determine if current by-laws provide sufficient stormwater discharge protection for properties adjacent to sites under one acre where grade alterations occur. Furthermore, it seeks a review of By-law B-600 to address a regulatory inconsistency: currently, a grading permit is required for blasting even when the property is less than one acre, no actual grade alterations are performed, or the blasting party is not responsible for the site's final grading.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                      |                                                        |
| <p><b>Outcome Sought:</b> A staff report with recommendations to allow for consistent by-laws, where the right balance of oversight and accountability are considered.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                      |                                                        |
| <i>Councillor Nancy Hartling</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <i>District 13</i>                                                                                   |                                                        |