

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Council Meeting: February 24, 2026		
Subject: Provincial Engagement on Potential Increases to Development-Related Fees		
Motion for Council to Consider: THAT Halifax Regional Council		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to engage with/write a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia requesting confirmation of willingness to consideration of an increase in development-related fees; and2) Subject to the provincial confirmation, prepare a staff report recommending options for increases to development-related fees.		
Reason: To determine whether the Province of Nova Scotia is willing to consider adjustments to development-related fees, which require provincial approval before HRM can pursue any changes. Clarifying the Province's position will allow HRM to assess whether updated fee structures can be explored to better align with growth-related costs.		
HRMs fees for development lag the national average for both high-rise and low-rise development, and do not fund growth-related infrastructure.		
"HRM's comparatively low development-related fees reflect a deliberate policy choice based on historical context relative to growth trends that no longer apply." Budget Committee Item 8.1 on 04 February/26		
Outcome Sought: That the CAO contact the province to request confirmation of its willingness to consider increases to development-related fees, and if confirmed return to Regional Council with a staff report presenting options for updating these fees.		
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