

June 24th, 2014

Halifax Regional Council

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Dear City Councilors and Mayor Savage:

I am writing to you today to express the Chamber's full support for the final draft of the Regional Plan Council will be discussing at tonight's public hearing. This draft is the result of an extensive public consultation process and numerous Council discussions over the past few years, and it is critical that Council pass the Regional Plan as constructed and move on to other important issues.

Critical initiatives, such as the Centre Plan, cannot proceed until the RP+5 process is complete. The Centre Plan was a key focus of the Chamber's 2014/15 Pre-Budget Submission and we are eager to see this issue move forward.

While we understand that such a large and complex plan is not going to satisfy everyone, we believe that this version of the Regional Plan is balanced and has the potential to be a tremendous asset to our city in the years to come.

Kind regards,

Valerie Payn, President and CEO
Halifax Chamber of Commerce