

Town of Riverview

COUNCIL REPORT FORM



Presented to: Mayor and Town Council

Presented by: Colin Smith, CAO

Date: November 26, 2018

Subject: Town's Planning & Inspection Services – Agreement with Regional Services Commission

BACKGROUND

Last year, Council requested that the CAO complete a review of the Town's planning and building inspection services and to evaluate possible alternative options for providing those services for Riverview. A report was completed and provided to Council with the following information:

- An overview of the service arrangement the Town has in place with Moncton;
- A comparison of other municipalities' service models; and
- An assessment of the pros, cons and potential costs of 1) maintaining the arrangement with the City of Moncton; 2) acquiring the service from the Regional Service Commission; and 3) establishing the Town's own planning and building inspection department.

The Town's objectives for completing the review were:

- To improve the service delivery the Town was receiving today for these services;
- Explore what service delivery alternatives were available to the Town;
- Provide a cost comparison on what our services costs with Moncton and what those costs could be under the different scenarios.

In December 2017, Council directed staff to notify the City of Moncton we were opting out of our agreement to receive services from the City and that staff were to begin drafting a formal agreement with the Regional Service Commission in advance of the transition date of January 1, 2020.

The attached agreement has been developed with the Regional Service Commission and has been reviewed by our legal Counsel.

The Regional Service Commission will be formally reviewing and approving the agreement early in the New Year.

CONSIDERATIONS

Legal: Town currently has a contract with the City of Moncton. With a two year opt out requirement.

Financial: Potential financial savings to the Town through the regional service commission

Policy: n/a

Stakeholders:

- Development Community
- Planning Advisory Committee members (the current planning advisory committee members were not consulted. They have a strong working relationship with the existing Moncton staff so this may not feel this is an issue the Town of Riverview needs to consider.)

Strategic Plan:

Smart and Sustainable Growth. - Assess whether the establishment of the Town's own Planning and/or Building Inspection Departments would support development in our community. **This was a specific action included in the Strategic Plan.**

Interdepartmental Consultation: N/A

Communication Plan: N/A

Recommendation of Staff

That the Committee of the Whole recommended to Town Council to formally approve the Building and Inspection and Municipal Planning Service Agreement with the Southeast Regional Service Commission.