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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair and Members of the Halifax and West Community Council

CC: Tyson Simms, Planner III, Planning and Development

FROM: Sarah MacDonald, Chair, Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee

DATE: June 25, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Case 20774: Wellington Street, Halifax

Application by Lydon Lynch Architects, on behalf of Banc Investments Limited, to amend the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law to allow an 8 storey multiple unit dwelling at 1110-1132 Wellington Street, Halifax.

The Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee considered Case 20774 at their June 25, 2018 meeting. The following motion was put forth by the Committee:

That the Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee recommends that the Halifax & West Community Council not proceed with the approval of Case 20774.

## The committee also:

- Believes that the proposal does not align enough with the recommendations of the Centre plan to be considered;
  - Centre plan recommends 4-6 stories in height with a FAR of 3.5; the proposal is 9 stories with a FAR or 5.16.
- Believes that the proposal has not presented sufficiently special circumstances or public benefits to warrant the exceptions to the Centre Plan principles;
- Feels that the proposal does not offer significant enough step-backs and other features to improve pedestrian experience along the street;
- Appreciates the design of the top floor and significant amenity space available to all residents; and
- Encourages Halifax & West Community Council to consider what benefits to the public could be offered in exchange for exceptions to the Centre Plan principles in future proposals.

This motion has been provided to HRM planning staff and will be addressed in their report to the Halifax & West Community Council.