

# HRM PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BILL NO. 177

## Halifax Regional Municipality Charter (amended)

### Explanatory Note

This amendment to Bill 177 amends Halifax Regional Municipal Charter to allow Council to set separate commercial tax rates for different areas of the Municipality, to set separate commercial tax rates based on the length or proportion of frontage of a property on a street and to set a commercial surtax.

The proposed amendment is as follows:

1. Bill 177 , An Act to Amend Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal Government Act, and Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, is amended by adding Section 5 as follows:

5 Section 94 of Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, is amended by

- (a) striking out the word "The" at the beginning of the section and adding the word "the" at the beginning of the section;
- (b) adding the words and comma "Subject to subsection (2), " at the beginning of the section;
- (c) renumbering section 94 as subsection 1 of section 94; and
- (d) adding immediately after the newly renumbered subsection 1 the following subsection:

(2) The Council may,

(a) set separate commercial tax rates for different areas of the Municipality designated by the Council based on commercial property assessments;

(b) set separate commercial tax rates for different areas of the Municipality designated by the Council, based on the length or proportion of frontage of a property on a street, including a private road;

(c) in addition to the taxes in clauses a and b, set a surtax commercial tax rate for different areas of the Municipality designated by Council based on commercial property assessments; and

(d) any combination of clauses a, b and c.

(3) Commercial tax rates set by the Council under subsection (2) apply in place of, and not in addition to, the commercial rates set under subsection (1) in the areas designated by Council.