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To: Office of the Legislative Counsel
Subject: Re: Bill 177- An Act to Amend the HRM City Charter and the Municipal Government Act

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Because of the recent and pending demolitions, on which I implore you to intervene as an elected official who needs to have the peoples' support first and foremost in your psyche's modus operandi ((Remember what happened to Peter Kelly when he was investigated), I am supporting the position of FHC to amend Bill 177. I am sure you must be aware of the thousands of people who are furious at the Colonial Honda Car lot Expansion in a heavily residential area at Honda Canada's order to owner Steele Motors and the protest that is growing with dozens (and growing) of people committing to boycott first purchase and repurchase of Hondas and maintenance of Hondas owned.

With regard to Bill 177, as FHC has stated in their circular, I am supporting that "the city take control over issuing demolition permits, ensuring affordable housing, and protecting built environment, streetscapes and public space etc." These include a request for amendments to:

- a. clarify rules around affordable housing (e.g. to allow AH to be a part of what is in a development agreement);
- b. specify that where affordable housing is a part of a density bonusing or other scheme it has to be in place for some defined, long-term, period of time;
- c. allow for demolition controls (see details on this in the attached Friends of Halifax Common submission);
- d. better protect the Halifax Common lands and adjacent streetscapes;
- e. get rid of density bonusing or else allow the DB arrangements to be appealed to the Utility and Review Board;
- f. allow the Utility and Review Board to review municipal decisions on a wider standard, as in Ontario, where the Board can judge whether the proposals are 'good planning in the public interest'.
- g. provide better protection of built environment and heritage (a variety of tacts can be taken here- tourism, economic value, built environment, affordable housing,

Sincerely,
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