

September 12, 2023

Dear HRM Standing Committee on Community Planning and Economic Development, and HRM Regional Council:

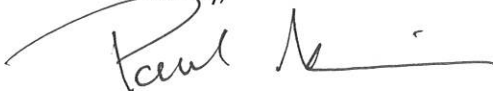
Councillors,

Downtown Halifax Business Commission supports the idea of HRM proceeding to investigate the feasibility and cost of implementing a permanent sports/entertainment venue on the Halifax Wanderers Grounds. Such a venue would continue to be home to the Halifax Wanderers Soccer Team, as well as a potential home for the Citadel High sports teams, other community uses, as well as year-round sporting and entertainment.

The Halifax Wanderers soccer team has proven to be a success for our city, both in providing community spirit, as well as driving economic benefits in several business districts, including Downtown Halifax. They have demonstrated that this previously under-utilized location works for sports.

We would request that HRM CPED and Regional Council direct staff to undertake a feasibility report, and begin budget planning, for a permanent facility on the Wanderers Grounds.

Sincerely,



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