

# HALIFAX

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**Item No.**  
**Executive Standing Committee**  
**August 6, 2014**

**TO:** Chair and Members of Executive Standing Committee

**SUBMITTED BY:** Original Signed

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Cathy J. Mellett, Municipal Clerk

**DATE:** July 31, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Councillor Appointment to Canada Games Centre Society Board

## ORIGIN

February 19, 2013 – Motion of Regional Council authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the Interim Agreement for the operation and management of the Canada Games Centre.

## LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 3.2.1 Terms of Reference of the Executive Standing Committee which directs the Committee to act as the nominating body to Regional Council on Committees not otherwise delegated to other Standing Committees.

## RECOMMENDATION

Given the Halifax Regional Council motion of February 2013 the Executive Standing Committee recommends that;

1. Halifax Regional Council formally confirm the appointment of Councillor Russell Walker to the Board of the Canada Games Centre. until a new agreement is negotiated with the Canada Games Centre Society or the outcome of the Governance Review in regard to external appointments is determined by Council.

**BACKGROUND**

In August 2008, Halifax Regional Council approved construction of the Canada Games Centre (CGC). As directed by Halifax Regional Council, upon completion of the facility, a community board (Canada Games Centre Society) was recruited in January 2011 and assumed responsibility for the operation of the facility after the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

**DISCUSSION**

At the meeting of February 19, 2013 Halifax Regional Council passed a motion that the Canada Games Centre Society agree that one HRM member of Council shall be a full voting Board Member of the Society and one HRM Staff member be an Ex-officio nonvoting member. The motion did not formally appoint Councillor Russell Walker as the HRM member of Council to the Canada Games Centre Society Board.

The appointments of a member of Council to the Canada Games Centre Society Board of Directors would fall under the category of "External Committees" in the Governance Review. Staff are recommending to the Executive Standing Committee that members of Council not be appointed to such Boards. However, given the motion of Council in February 19, 2013 and pending the decision of Council in regard to External Committees, it is recommended that Halifax Regional Council confirm the appointment of Councillor Walker to the Board at this time to ensure the current direction of Council implemented.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget implications to this report that are not already included in the Operating Budget.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Not applicable

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable

**ALTERNATIVES**

It is within the discretion of Executive Standing Committee to nominate any member of the Council to fill the position as outlined.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

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