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Halifax Regional Council

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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

Eric Swain

Mr. Eric Swain, Chair of the Hotel Standards Committee

DATE: June 3, 2004

SUBJECT: Increase Membership of Hotel Standards Committee to include a Concierge Representative from a Community Residential Facility.

ORIGIN

Hotel Standards Committee meeting of June 3, 2004.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council approve in principle that:

1. An amendment be made to By-Law T-108 regarding the composition of the Hotel Standards Committee to include one member representing at the Concierge level from a Community Residential Facility.
2. Further, that Mr. Ivan Boyd be nominated to fill this position.

DISCUSSION:

The Hotel Standards Committee agreed that a Concierge from a residential facility, such as an apartment or condominium complex, would have similar involvement with the taxi industry and would also expect Hotel Standard service for their clients. Hotel Standard service would include vehicles that are inspected every six months and drivers who have completed the National Certification Program.

It is becoming more popular for such community facilities to hire Concierge's and this trend is expected to increase in the next four to five years. The Committee also agreed that a Concierge representative from the Community Residential Facilities would be able to network with Concierge's from the various properties and, through their involvement on the Hotel Standards Committee, would be in a position to relay information regarding Hotel Standards to the various properties.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budgetary implications inherent in this document.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Excerpt from Hotel Standards Committee minutes of June 3, 2004.

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Appendix "A"

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
BY-LAW NUMBER T-131

RESPECTING THE REGULATION OF TAXIS

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality, under the authority of Section 305 of the Motor Vehicle Act, Chapter 293, R.S.N.S. 1989 that Bylaw T-108, the Halifax Regional Municipality Taxi and Limousine Bylaw, as amended is hereby further amended as follows:

1. (1) Section 83 of said Bylaw T-108 is amended by deleting the number "eight" from the second line thereof by substituting therefor the word "nine".
- (1) Clause (d) of said Section 83 is amended by
 - (a) deleting the word "four" from the first line thereof and by substituting therefor the word "five";
 - (b) deleting the word "Mayor" from the second line thereof and by substituting therefor the words "Membership Selection Committee";
 - (c) deleting the word "and" from the end of subclause (iii);
 - (d) adding a semi-colon and the word "and" to the end of subclause (iv); and
 - (e) adding to the clause, the following subclause:
 - (vi) one member being a concierge from a residential facility

4.3 Hotel Standards/Certification - Communication with Hotels

Mr. Ivan Boyd announced he is now employed as a Concierge with Southwest Properties at their Bishop's Landing location and no longer with the Prince George Hotel.

The Committee commented since the composition of the Hotel Standards Committee requires the Concierge representative to be a member of HANS and is appointed by HANS, a replacement would have to be appointed for Mr. Boyd. Further, the Committee agreed that Mr. Boyd's experience and input has been invaluable to the Committee and the following motion was made:

MOVED BY Mr. Robert Richards, seconded by Mr. Gerald Duffy that the Hotel Standards Committee recommend:

- 1. An amendment be made to the composition of the Hotel Standards Committee to include one member representing at the Concierge level from a residential facility.**
- 2. Further, that Mr. Ivan Boyd be nominated to fill this position.**

The Committee discussed the value of having input from the apartment and condominium Concierge's on this Committee as taxi service is also provided to these facilities. Mr. Boyd added that there are numerous apartment/condominium buildings throughout Halifax and soon to be in Dartmouth and Sackville who have or will have Concierge services.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.