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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:

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DATE: October 28, 2009

SUBJECT: Appointment of Heritage Officers

ORIGIN

As a requirement of the *Heritage Property Act*, Regional Council must appoint a Heritage Officer when a Heritage Conservation District is established.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council appoint the staff included in Attachment "A" of this report as a Heritage Officer and their alternates, pursuant to Sections 19G(1) and 19G(2) of the *Nova Scotia Heritage Property Act*.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

With the recent adoption of the Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District, Regional Council is required under the *Heritage Property Act* to appoint a Heritage Officer. The Heritage Officer will be responsible for the administration of the conservation plan and conservation by-law and the issuance of certificates. The legislation also allows Council to appoint an alternate to the Heritage Officer when necessary. Staff are recommending that Regional Council appoint both the Heritage Officer and their alternates at one time in order to prevent any unnecessary delays in administration of a heritage conservation district.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications. These positions are being filled by existing budgeted positions.

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

- 1. Council may choose to approve a Heritage Officer and their alternate at the same time as set out in Attachment A of this report. This is the recommended course of action.
- 2. Council may choose to approve a Heritage Officer but not their alternate at this time. This may result in unnecessary delays in the administration of a heritage conversation district.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment "A" - Appointment of Heritage Officer and Alternates

A copy of this report can be obtained online at http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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ATTACHMENT "A" Appointment of Heritage Officer and Alternates

Heritage Officer - Maggie Holm

Alternate Heritage Officers - Bill Plaskett

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