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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original signed
Peter J. Kelly, Mayor - Halifax Regional Municipality

DATE: October 25, 2010

SUBJECT: 2011 Halifax Regional Council Schedule

ORIGIN

It has been the practice for Regional Council to adopt a schedule outlining meetings of Regional Council for the forthcoming year. The proposed meeting schedule for 2011 is now before Council for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve the 2010 Regional Council Meeting Schedule as outlined in the attachment to this report.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

In accordance with Administrative Order Number One, Section 8 (2), regular Council sessions are held every Tuesday commencing at 6:00 pm. The attached schedule proposes that Council sessions for 2011 begin on January 11th. The schedule reflects a break in council sessions on February 15th and 22nd to allow Members of Council to act as hosts during the Canada Games which are taking place in the municipality. Council breaks are also indicated on April 26th for the Easter weekend as well as October 11th for Thanksgiving. Summer recess will consist of July 12th, 19th, 26th, August 23th, 30th and September 6th. December 20th and 27th have been proposed as the break for the Holiday Season.

In addition to the above dates, May 31st and October 25th have also been proposed as Council breaks to allow Members of Council to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) conferences respectively.

Committee of the Whole

Committee of the Whole meetings have been scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month as required. Additional meetings may be scheduled throughout the year as the need arises.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications associated with the recommended course of action

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement was not undertaken as the purpose of this report is to set the schedule of Council meetings for the coming year based on established practice.

ALTERNATIVES

The proposed schedule is in keeping with past practice with respect to Council breaks based on input provided by Members of Council. Council at their discretion may revise the proposed schedule.

ATTACHMENT

Halifax Regional Council Meeting Schedule January to December 2011.

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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2011 HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL SCHEDULE

DRAFT – OCTOBER 25, 2010

MONTH	DATE	MEETING	TIME	MONTH	DATE	MEETING	TIME
January	Jan 4	No Regularly Scheduled Meeting		July	July 5	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.
	Jan 11	COW Regular Session	TBA 6:00 p.m.		July 12	No Regularly Scheduled Meetings	
	Jan 18	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.		July 19		
	Jan 25	COW Regular Session	TBA 6:00 p.m.		July 26		
February	Feb 1	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.	August	Aug 2	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.
	Feb 8	COW Regular Session	TBA 6:00 p.m.		Aug 9	COW Regular Session	TBA 6:00 p.m.
	Feb 15	No Meetings Canada Games			Aug 16	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.
	Feb 22				Aug 23	No Regularly Scheduled Meetings	
March	March 1	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.		Aug 30		
	March 8	COW Regular Session	TBA 6:00 p.m.	September	Sept 6		
	March 15	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.		Sept 13	COW Regular Session	TBA 6:00 p.m.
	March 22	COW Regular Session	TBA 6:00 p.m.		Sept 20	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.
	March 29	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.		Sept 27	COW Regular Session	TBA 6:00 p.m.
April	April 5	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.	October	Oct 4	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.
	April 12	COW Regular Session	TBA 6:00 p.m.		Oct 11	No Meeting (Thanksgiving)	
	April 19	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.		Oct 18	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.
	April 26	No Meeting (Easter Holiday)			Oct 25	No Meeting (UNSM)	
May	May 3	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.	November	Nov 1	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.
	May 10	COW Regular Session	TBA 6:00 p.m.		Nov 8	COW Regular Session	TBA 6:00 p.m.
	May 17	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.		Nov 15	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.
	May 24	COW Regular Session	TBA 6:00 p.m.		Nov 22	COW Regular Session	TBA 6:00 p.m.
June	May 31	No Meeting (FCM - Halifax)			Nov 29	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.
	June 7	COW Regular Session	TBA 6:00 p.m.	December	Dec 6	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.
	June 14	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.		Dec 13	COW Regular Session	TBA 6:00 p.m.
	June 21	COW Regular Session	TBA 6:00 p.m.		Dec 20	Holiday Season	
	June 28	Regular Session	6:00 p.m.		Dec 27		

Note: Committee of the Whole meetings every second & fourth Tuesday of the month or on an as required basis. Where appropriate, Regional Council may be scheduled immediately following Committee of the Whole meetings.