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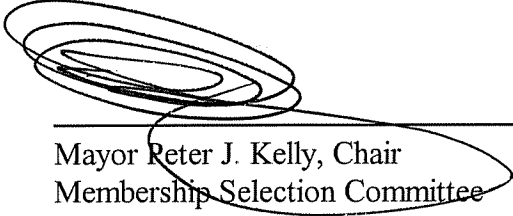


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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**January 17, 2006**

**TO:** Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**



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Mayor Peter J. Kelly, Chair  
Membership Selection Committee

**DATE:** December 12, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Disbanding of Program and Service Review Committee

**ORIGIN**

This item was deferred from the In-Camera meeting of November 29, 2005.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that :

The Program and Service Review Committee be disbanded and the Committee's responsibilities be assumed by Council through Committee of the Whole Council.

**BACKGROUND**

The Membership Selection Committee considered appointments to the Program and Service Review Committee at a meeting held on November 14, 2005. The outcome of the Committee's discussion was a recommendation to Council that the Program and Service Review Committee be disbanded.

**DISCUSSION**

The Committee's recommendation was based upon the belief that the mandate of the Committee could be fulfilled in a Committee of the Whole format, so that all of Council can have the opportunity to discuss and decide service issues, service delivery, new programming, etc. The Committee of the Whole process will also encourage more public viewing of new initiatives and benefit the transparency of the process.

Although the Program and Service Committee provides an opportunity for staff to introduce new programs to determine how they will be received by Council, this process is redundant. The Program and Service Review Committee was a valued part of the process when the new business planning process was introduced. However, with the maturity of the business planning process, the discussion held at Program and Service Review is repeated at Committee of the Whole.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Although there are no direct budget implications, disbanding the Committee will free up staff time.

**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**

None offered.


**ATTACHMENTS**

Extract of the draft minutes of the Membership Selection Committee held on November 14, 2005

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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**EXTRACT - DRAFT MINUTES - MEMBERSHIP SELECTION - NOVEMBER 14, 2005**

Referring to the Program and Service Committee, Councillor Streach suggested that the work of this Committee could be achieved by Council in Committee of the Whole format.

**MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor McInroy that the Membership Selection Committee recommen to Regional Council that the Program and Service Review Committee be disbanded.**

Councillor Uteck indicated that she was not in favour of the motion. She pointed out that the value of the Committee was to give staff an opportunity to float ideas by members of Council to determine if they are appropriate.

Councillor McInroy indicated that although he believed the Committee was helpful when it was first established, he now felt it was redundant.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**