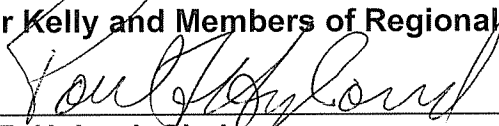

Halifax Regional Council
January 21, 2003
6:00 p.m.

To: Mayor Kelly and Members of Regional Council

Submitted By: 
Paul F. Hyland, Chairman
District Boundaries Advisory Committee

Date: 13 January 2002

Subject: District Boundaries Advisory Committee Request For Time Extension

Origin:

On October 08, 2002, Halifax Regional Council adopted the following resolution:

The recommendation of District Boundary Advisory Committee respecting the delineation of the appropriate district boundaries be forwarded to Regional Council on or before February 04, 2003.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the recommendation of District Boundary Advisory Committee respecting the delineation of the appropriate district boundaries be forwarded to Regional Council on or before March 25, 2003.

Background:

It was the original intention of the District Boundary Advisory Committee to have its report recommending the boundaries of the 20 Districts approved by Regional Council on October 08, 2002 to Council for consideration on or before February 04, 2003. The task of the Committee in delineating the boundaries has been challenging given the population growth patterns since the last detailed assessment of the boundaries prior to amalgamation. Overall, re-districting is significant and the Committee feels this must be widely communicated to the public. As a result the Committee has determined that it desires to hold seven public meetings throughout the municipality to begin the week of February 10, 2003 (two per week). The Committee proposes to hold a public meeting for each Community Council area except for Harbour East where two will be held. With balancing out these meetings around other established meetings and support staff schedules, the last meeting will be held on March 3, 2003. This will permit the Committee to complete its report to Council the week of March 17, 2003 (including review by the CAO) and to submit that report on March 25, 2003. The Committee is therefore requesting Regional Council amend its terms of reference to provide for this time extension. Since the application to the Utility and Review Board does not have to be made until June 30, 2003, if this extension is approved, Regional Council will still have almost 3 months to consider the recommendation including seeking public input of its own if it so desires.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budgetary implications arising out of the approval of this recommendation.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

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

ALTERNATIVES

If Council does not adopt the recommendation, the Committee will have to forego any public input before submitting its report which will presumably mean that Regional Council will have to provide more of an opportunity for public input itself.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

<p>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. Report prepared by and Approved by Wayne Anstey, Q.C.</p>
