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MEMORANDUM

To: Chair and Members of Halifax & West Community Council

From: Ted Aubut, Legislative Assistant, Clerk's Office

Date: July 17, 2013

Subject: Community Council Meeting of August 7th, 2013

Halifax & West Community Council has traditionally held public hearings at 7:00 p.m., in conformity with public hearing rules outlined in Administrative Order 1. However, the procedures go on to say that Community Council may call hearings at any other time "as designed by motion of Community Council."

The Clerk's Office is recommending that Community Council make use of this flexibility in response to the unusually high number of cases to be heard at the meeting of August 7, 2013. Specifically:

It is recommended that Halifax & West Community Council commence public hearings at 6:00 p.m. on August 7, 2013 in order to accommodate the number of applicants coming forward.

The Clerk's Office is of the opinion that, in this particular instance, an earlier start time is preferable in order to facilitate public participation and Community Council deliberations. It is therefore recommending that the meeting start at 5:30 p.m. so that routine proceedings can be dealt with before the hearings begin at 6:00 p.m.

All future meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. unless Community Council decides otherwise.