

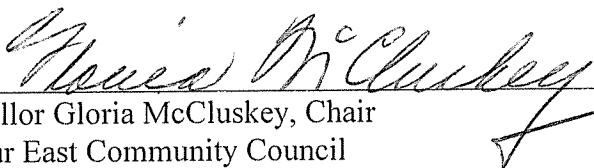


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Item No. 11.2.1
Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


Councillor Gloria McCluskey, Chair
Harbour East Community Council

DATE: February 18, 2010

SUBJECT: HRM Community Councils - Board/Committee Representation

ORIGIN

Harbour East Community Council meeting of February 4, 2010.

RECOMMENDATION

The Harbour East Community Council recommends that Halifax Regional Council consider a process to enable a more equitable means of having adequate representation from each Community Council appointed to HRM Boards and Committees.

BACKGROUND

Section 24 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter provide for the establishment of Community Councils as follows.

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter - Bill No. 179, Section 24

- (1) The Council may, by policy, establish a community council for an area.*
- (2) A policy establishing a community council must define the boundaries of the community and the community must include the whole, or part of, at least three polling districts.*
- (3) The number of electors in a community must be at least twice the average number of electors per polling district in the Municipality.*
- (4) The community council for each community consists of the councillors elected from the polling districts included, in whole or in part, in the community.*

The Harbour East Community Council was established May 14, 2006 under Administrative Order Four. Polling districts 4 - Cole Harbour, 5 - Dartmouth Centre, 6 - East Dartmouth - The Lakes, - 7 - Portland East Woodlawn, 8 - Woodside Eastern Passage, and 9 - Albro Lake Harbourview are currently included within the Community Council area.

DISCUSSION

At their February 4, 2010 meeting, members of Harbour East Community Council advised that it would be beneficial for Regional Council to consider a process to enable a more equitable means to having adequate representation from each Community Council appointed to HRM Boards and Committees. It was noted that additional representation may be required on HRM Boards & Committees dependant upon the number of Districts and the size and population of the area covered by a Community Council. In particular, Harbour East Community Council discussed the need for additional representation from the Harbour East Community on HRM Boards and Committees where appointments are made based on representation by Community Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications to the recommendation.

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.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2006 Census of Population by Polling District (HRM)

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Population by Polling District
Halifax Regional Municipality
Statistics Canada - 2006 Census of Population

District	District Name	Total Population 2006 Census
1	Eastern Shore - Musquodoboit Valley	13,655
2	Waverley - Fall River - Beaver Bank	18,547
3	Preston - Lawrencetown - Chezzetcook	19,657
4	Cole Harbour	19,096
5	Dartmouth Centre	14,764
6	East Dartmouth - The Lakes	16,642
7	Portland - East Woodlawn	17,448
8	Woodside - Eastern Passage	17,523
9	Albro Lake - Harbourview	15,829
10	Clayton Park West	14,829
11	Halifax North End	14,893
12	Halifax Downtown	14,420
13	Northwest Arm - South End	14,867
14	Connaught - Quinpool	13,845
15	Fairview - Clayton Park	13,382
16	Rockingham - Wentworth	14,202
17	Purcell's Cove - Armdale	14,527
18	Spryfield - Herring Cove	15,165
19	Middle & Upper Sackville	17,657
20	Lower Sackville	16,126
21	Bedford	16,780
22	Timberlea - Prospect	19,377
23	Hammonds Plains - St. Margarets	19,627