


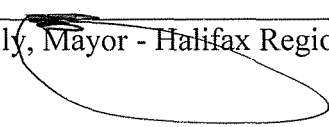


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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Members of Halifax Regional Council

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

DATE: October 25, 2011

SUBJECT: 2012 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 2012 is now before Council for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council approve the 2012 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 at a time deemed appropriate by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer jointly.

The schedule as outlined in Attachment A of this report proposes that Council sessions for 2012 begin on January 10th. The schedule reflects a break in council sessions on March 13th to coincide with the school break, April 10th for the Easter weekend, as well as October 9th for Thanksgiving. Summer recess will consist of July 17th, 24th, 31st, August 21st, 28th and September 4th.

In addition to the above dates, June 5th and September 18th 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. December 18th has been allocated as the break for the holiday season.

Committee of the Whole meetings have been scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month as required.

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.

ALTERNATIVES

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

ATTACHMENT

Attachment – Proposed Weekly Halifax Regional Council Meeting Schedule January to December 2012.

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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2012 HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL SCHEDULE

ATTACHMENT

MONTH	DATE	MEETING	MONTH	DATE	MEETING
January	January 3	No Regularly Scheduled Meeting	July	July 3	Regular Session
	January 10	COW Regular Session		July 10	COW Regular Session
	January 17	Regular Session		July 17	No Regularly Scheduled Meetings
	January 24	COW Regular Session		July 24	
	January 31	Regular Session		July 31	
February	February 7	Regular Session	August	August 7	Regular Session
	February 14	COW Regular Session		August 14	COW Regular Session
	February 21	Regular Session		August 21	No Regularly Scheduled Meetings
	February 28	COW Regular Session		August 28	
March	March 6	Regular Session	September	September 4	
	March 13	No Meeting (March Break)		September 11	COW Regular Session
	March 20	Regular Session		September 18	No Meeting (UNSM – Halifax)
	March 27	COW Regular Session		September 25	COW Regular Session
April	April 3	Regular Session	October	October 2	Regular Session
	April 10	No Meeting (Easter Holiday)		October 9	No Meeting (Thanksgiving)
	April 17	Regular Session		October 16	Regular Session
	April 24	COW Regular Session		October 23	COW Regular Session
May	May 1	Regular Session		October 30	Regular Session
	May 8	COW Regular Session	November	November 6	Regular Session
	May 15	Regular Session		November 13	COW Regular Session
	May 22	COW Regular Session		November 20	Regular Session
	May 29	Regular Session		November 27	COW Regular Session
June	June 5	No Meeting (FCM – Saskatoon)	December	December 4	Regular Session
	June 12	COW Regular Session		December 11	COW Regular Session
	June 19	Regular Session		December 18	No Scheduled Meetings (Holiday Season)
	June 26	COW Regular Session		December 25	

Notes:

Meeting times are to be announced.

Committee of the Whole meetings are 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.