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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:

Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer

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Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: January 24, 2012

SUBJECT: HRM Representative – Nova Scotia Fire Service Advisory Committee

ORIGIN

The retirement of Chief Director William Mosher resulted in a vacancy of a HRM Representative on the Nova Scotia Fire Service Advisory Committee (FSAC) and HRM is being requested to select a replacement to the committee for appointment by the Minister of Labour & Advanced Education, in accordance with the Fire Safety Regulations made under Section 51 of the Fire Safety Act of Nova Scotia.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council appoint Doug Trussler, Chief Director, Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency to be HRM's representative on the Nova Scotia Fire Service Advisory Committee for appointment by the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education.

BACKGROUND

The statute for the Nova Scotia Fire Service Advisory Committee (FSAC) is mandated in the Fire Safety Regulations made under Section 51 of the Fire Safety Act of Nova Scotia and HRM is being requested to appoint a representative to this committee.

DISCUSSION

The past representative appointed by Council as HRM's representative on the Nova Scotia Fire Advisory Committee (FSAC) was the Chief Director of Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency. Due to the retirement of the Chief Director Mosher, the Chair of the FSAC is seeking a replacement and has made a recommendation.

Past practice has been the appointment of the Chief Director of the department, therefore, Doug Trussler, Chief Director of Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency, be selected as HRM's representative on the Nova Scotia Fire Service Advisory Committee.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None.

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

N/A/

ALTERNATIVES

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1) Page 2 – Fire Safety Regulations – Fire Safety Act (Nova Scotia) regarding Fire Services Advisory Committee – Section 5(1)f regarding HRM's representative.

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- (h) 1 representative from the Design and Construction Institute of Nova Scotia, as selected by that organization;
 - (i) 1 representative from the Fire Services Association of Nova Scotia, as selected by that organization;
 - (j) 1 representative from the Nova Scotia School Board Association, as selected by that organization;
 - (k) up to 3 additional members, as selected by the Minister;
 - (l) 1 representative from the Building, Fire and Technical Safety Division of the Department of Labour and Advanced Education who is knowledgeable about the Building Code, as selected by the Minister.
- Clause 3(1)(l) amended: O.I.C. 2011-221, N.S. Reg. 215/2011.

- (2) If an organization specified in subsection (1) is unable to select a representative, the Minister may appoint a member selected by a similar organization that the Minister determines to be a replacement organization.
- (3) A Council member's term of appointment must not exceed 3 years.
- (4) The Minister must designate 1 member of the Council as Chair and that member must preside as Chair at meetings of the Council.

(5) Members of the Council must serve without remuneration.
Section 3 replaced: O.I.C. 2006-439, N.S. Reg. 194/2006.

Role of Council

4 It is the role of the Council to receive and hear petitions, briefs, and comments from individuals or groups with respect to the Act.

Section 4 replaced: O.I.C. 2006-439, N.S. Reg. 194/2006.

Fire Services Advisory Committee

5 (1) The Committee must be composed of the following members:

- (a) the Fire Marshal or the Fire Marshal's representative;
 - (b) 1 representative from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, as selected by the Deputy Minister of that Department;
 - (c) 1 representative from the Fire Inspectors Association of Nova Scotia, as selected by that organization;
 - (d) 3 representatives from the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia, as selected by the membership of that organization;
 - (e) 1 representative of the firefighters in Nova Scotia who are unionized, as selected by the Minister;
 - (f) 1 representative of Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency, as selected by the Regional Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality;
 - (g) 1 representative of the Cape Breton Regional Fire Service, as selected by the Regional Council of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality;
 - (h) 1 representative of the industrial fire brigades, as selected by the Industrial Fire Brigades Committee;
 - (i) up to 3 additional members, as selected by the Minister.
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 - (3) A Committee member's term of appointment must not exceed 3 years.
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