

Item No. 10.1.1
Halifax Regional Council
November 20, 2012

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: November 16, 2012

SUBJECT: Councillor Appointments to Standing Committees and HRM Boards & Committees of Council

ORIGIN

The motion of Halifax Regional Council of October 9, 2012 regarding the transition of Standing Committees of Council, amending the Terms of Reference of Standing Committees of Council to specify the appointment process and terms of appointments during the transition to the new Regional Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council;

- 1) Appoint the nominated Councillors to the Boards & Committees as outlined in Attachment 1 of this report.
- 2) Amend the Terms of Reference of the Purcell's Cove Community Steering Committee to allow Councillors from both District 9 (currently serving) and District 11 (due to boundary alignment) to serve as ex officio members of the Steering Committee until the completion of the project and appoint Councillor Mosher and Councillor Adams to the Committee.
- 3) Appoint Councillor McCluskey and Councillor Mason to the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee for terms to expire no later than June 30, 2013.
- 4) Appoint Deputy Mayor Rankin to the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2013.
- 5) Appoint Councillors Outhit, Dalrymple, Mason and Walker to the Transportation Standing Committee for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2013.
- 6) Appoint Councillor Whitman to the Appeals Standing Committee and immediately proceed, by nominations from the floor or appointment by the Office of the Mayor, to fill three (3) outstanding vacancies on the Appeals Standing Committee in order to comply with the requirements of Bylaw A-100 and the HRM Charter, and
- 7) Proceed to fill vacancies on the Audit & Finance Standing Committee and Executive Committee by way of secret ballot, for terms to expire no later than June 30, 2013, from the Councillors who have expressed interest in serving on those Standing Committees as outlined in Attachment 2 of this report.

BACKGROUND

In November 2010 Halifax Regional Council adopted a Standing Committee structure to continue to fulfill Council's requirements in regards to having an Appeals and Audit Committee of Council (with expanded mandates) and to better align the work of Council to focus Council's efforts on several strategic areas including Community Planning & Economic Development, Transportation and the Environment & Sustainability. Six (6) Standing Committees of Council were established and the work of the Standing Committees commenced in December 2010. In preparing for the transition to the new Council, Regional Council by motion of October 9, 2012 determined that:

- The Terms of Reference of each of the six (6) Standing Committees would be amended to allow for no less than five (5) and no more than eight (8) members of Regional Council on each Standing Committee, except for the Appeals Standing Committee which requires eight (8) members of Council in accordance with Bylaw A-100.
- That the terms of appointment of those members whose appointments expire on November 30, 2012 and who are re-elected in the municipal election are extended to no later than June 30, 2013, and
- That any vacancies following the municipal election on October 20, 2012 may be filled by Regional Council from among its members, having due regard for maintaining geographic representation where possible, for a term that will expire no later than June 30, 2013.

In addition Regional Council has a number of other Boards & Committees on which members of Regional Council are required to serve in accordance with the Terms of Reference of those Committees. November is the usual time of year at which appointments expire and new appointments are required to fill any vacancies on those Boards & Committees.

DISCUSSION

The appointment process put forward in this report complies with the motion and direction of Regional Council and with the usual process of filling vacancies through expression of interest by members of Council and appointment by motion of Regional Council.

An expression of interest was put forward from the Clerk's Office to all duly elected members of Regional Council as to their interest in serving on the various Standing Committees, Boards and Committees of Council. Attachments 1 and 2 of this staff report indicate the areas of interest expressed by members of Council in regard to the Standing Committees and several specific Boards and/or Committees which can be filled at this time.

A further report will be provided to Regional Council on November 27, 2012 in regard to other Boards & Committee appointments to be made by Regional Council such as the Board of Police Commissioners, Bridge Commission, Water Commission and all remaining Boards or Committees which require the appointment of Members of Regional Council at this time.

Regional Council is required, by motion, to confirm the appointment of members of Council to the Standing Committees, Boards and Committees of Council. Where a number of nominations have been put forward it is the general practice of Council to 1) consider the geographic and community representation reflected on each committee and 2) make the selection by way of secret ballot.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications to this report.

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

None Required

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

ALTERNATIVES

None Recommended

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Expressions of Interest Re: Councillor Appointments to various HRM Boards & Committees of Council

Attachment 2 – Expressions of Interest Re: Councillor Appointments to Standing Committees of Council.

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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Nominations for Councillor Appointments to various HRM Boards & Committees – November 20, 2012

Board/Committee	Current Members	Action Required	Very Interested	Interested	Councillor(s) Appointed
Shubenacadie Canal Commission	Councillor Fisher Councillor Dalrymple	Appoint two members of Council to Nov. 2014	Councillor Dalrymple Councillor Fisher		Councillor Dalrymple Councillor Fisher
Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee	None	Appoint Area Councillor – District 7 (Ex Officio)			Councillor Mason (Ex Officio)
Purcell's Cove Community Steering Committee	Councillor Mosher	Appoint one member of Council from District 9 or 11 (Ex Officio)	Councillor Adams		Amend the Terms of Reference and appoint Councillors from both District 9 and 11 (Ex Officio)
St. Margarets Bay Coastal Planning Advisory Committee	Vacant based on new Council	Appoint Area Councillor – District 13 (by TOR)			Councillor Whitman
Former District 12 Planning Advisory Committee	None	Appoint Area Councillor District 7 or Councillor District 8 (by TOR)			Councillor Mason
Heritage Advisory Committee	None	Appoint two members of Regional Council	Councillor Mason Councillor Hendsbee		Councillor Mason Councillor Hendsbee
Halifax Regional Library Board	Councillor Watts	Appoint four area Councillors	Councillor Watts Councillor Mason Councillor Mosher Councillor Whitman		Councillor Watts Councillor Mason Councillor Mosher Councillor Whitman
Community Monitoring Committee	Councillor Rankin(by TOR) Councillor Adams (by Tor)	Appoint Councillors from adjacent Districts 11 & 12 Appoint Councillor from District not adjacent	Councillor Rankin (by TOR) Councillor Adams (by TOR) Councillor Walker		Councillor Rankin Councillor Adams Councillor Walker
Community Design Advisory Committee	Councillor Watts (to 2015) Councillor Nicoll (to 2015)	Appoint three members of Council who's districts lie within the Regional Centre	Councillor Mason		Councillor Mason
Alderney Landing	None	Appoint up to two member of Council	Councillor McCluskey		Councillor McCluskey
Advisory Committee on Accessibility in HRM	None	Appoint up to two members of Council	Councillor Watts		Councillor Watts

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Board/Committee	Current Members	Action Required	Very Interested	Interested	Councillor(s) Appointed
North West Planning Advisory Committee	Councillor Outhit	Appoint two members of Council from Districts 1, 12, 13, 14, 15, or 16		Councillor Craig	Councillor Craig
North West Transit Advisory Committee	Councillor Johns	Appoint one member of Council from Districts 1, 12, 13, 14, 15, or 16	Councillor Johns		Councillor Johns
Investment Policy Advisory Committee	Councillor Outhit	Appoint one member of the Audit & Finance Committee	Councillor Outhit		Councillor Outhit

Nominations for Councillor Appointments to Standing Committees – November 20, 2012

Standing Committee	Current Members	Action Required	Interested	Councillor(s) Appointed (recommended)
Appeals	Councillor Hendsbee Councillor Adams Councillor McCluskey Councillor John	Appoint four Members of Council	Councillor Whitman	Councillor Whitman 3 appointments required
Community Planning & Economic Development	Councillor Nicoll Councillor Outhit Councillor Fisher	Appoint at least two and no more than five Members of Council	Councillor McCluskey Councillor Mason	Councillor McCluskey Councillor Mason
Environment & Sustainability	Councillor Dalrymple Councillor Watts Councillor Fisher Councillor Nicoll	Appoint at least one and no more than four Members of Council	Councillor Karsten* Deputy Mayor Rankin	Deputy Mayor Rankin
Transportation	Councillor Hendsbee Councillor Fisher Deputy Mayor Rankin Councillor Watts	Appoint at least one and no more than four Members of Council	Councillor Outhit Councillor Dalrymple Councillor Mason Councillor Walker	Councillor Outhit Councillor Dalrymple Councillor Mason Councillor Walker
Audit & Finance	Councillor Walker Councillor Dalrymple Councillor McCluskey Councillor Outhit Councillor Adams Councillor Mosher Councillor Karsten*	No Appointments are required – one Appointment is available	Councillor Mason Councillor Nicoll Councillor Johns	One Appointment by Ballot
Executive	Mayor Savage Councillor Mosher Councillor Johns Deputy Mayor Rankin Councillor Walker Councillor Karsten*	No Appointments are required – two Appointments are available	Councillor Craig Councillor Watts Councillor Nicoll Councillor McCluskey Councillor Whitman	Two appointments by Ballot

*pending results of recount in District 3