

Item No. 10.1.2
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: Adjustments to HRM's Polling District Names

ORIGIN

The motion of Halifax Regional Council of November 13, 2012 requesting a poll of members of Regional Council and a staff report in order to adopt for usage and advance to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board changes in HRM's Polling District names.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council adopt for use and submit to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) for approval the following name changes to HRM's Polling Districts:

District 2	PRESTON – CHEZZETCOOK – EASTERN SHORE
District 6	HARBOURVIEW- BURNSIDE – EAST DARTMOUTH
District 9	ARMDALE – PENINSULA WEST
District 10	HALIFAX - BEDFORD BASIN WEST
District 11	SPRYFIELD – SAMBRO LOOP- PROSPECT ROAD
District 12	TIMBERLEA- BEECHVILLE- CLAYTON PARK
District 14	MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE- BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE

All other Polling District names would remain unchanged from those previously ordered by the NSUARB.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

In December 2011 the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board confirmed the establishment of 16 Polling Districts in HRM and established the boundaries and names of those Polling Districts. In keeping with the order the municipal elections held on October 20, 2012 were conducted in accordance with the boundaries and names contained in that order. The new Districts came into effect on November 6, 2012. The new Polling District boundaries and associated names will stay in effect until the next boundary review process scheduled for 2018.

There is an opportunity to adjust the district names to represent the aspirations expressed by communities during the electoral process. By motion of Regional Council November 13, 2012 the Office of the Municipal Clerk was asked to poll Councillors on any proposed adjustments to the names of HRM's Districts. The recommendation provided in this report are the changes put forward by members of Regional Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications to this report. Any changes in Polling District names can be adjusted internally to HRM.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

ALTERNATIVES

Halifax Regional Council could determine not to put into practice or request the changes recommended to HRM's Polling District names. This is not the recommended approach as the adjustments proposed are minor and serve to respond to community interests.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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