

**Item No. 10.1.3**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**November 27, 2012**

**TO:** Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Original signed  
Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** November 20, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Council Appointments to various Boards & Committees

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**ORIGIN**

The requirement to fill vacancies on various Boards & Committees (internal to HRM & external to HRM) on which Members of Halifax Regional Council are required to sit.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council;

- 1) Refer the nominations for Council representatives on the following committees to the respective Standing Committees for nomination to Regional Council, as provided for in the Terms of Reference of the Standing Committees, to fill the vacancies no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Regional Council in January 2013.
  - a. Council representatives on the Halifax- Dartmouth Bridge Commission, Canadian Urban Transit Association and the Active Transportation Standing Committee to the Transportation Standing Committee for nomination
  - b. Council Representatives on the Halifax Regional Water Commission to the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee for nomination
  - c. Council representatives on the Grants and Special Events Advisory Committees to the Audit & Finance Standing Committee for nomination
- 2) Proceed to fill the vacancies for Council representatives on the Destination Marketing Board, Neptune Theatre Board, FCM and Trade Centre by way of secret ballot for the terms as outlined in Attachment 1 of this report.

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**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

**Standing Committee Nominations**

On November 20, 2012 Halifax Regional Council appointed members of Regional Council to the vacancies on Standing Committees of Council thereby empowering the Standing Committees to commence the business of the Committees. Based on the Terms of Reference of the Standing Committees, as approved by Regional Council, each Committee has the mandate to be the nominating body (to Regional Council) for the members of a number of Boards and Committees.

This report recommends that the Standing Committees be tasked by Regional Council to bring back to Regional Council the nominations of members of Council for the committees for which they have nominating authority no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Council meeting in January 2013.

**Selection by Ballot**

There are a number of Boards & Committees which need to be filled expeditiously and, due to the interest expressed by members of Council, require that Council move to fill the vacancies by way of ballot. Where a number of nominations have been put forward the general practice of Council is to 1) consider which Councillors have served previously on the Board or Committee and provide opportunity for new Councillors to serve 2) consider the geographic and urban/suburban/rural representation of the Board or Committee and 3) make their selections by way of secret ballot.

The recommendation of this report is that Council proceeds to fill the vacancies on Destination Marketing Board, Neptune Theatre Board, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Trade Centre in this manner.

**FCM Appointment**

In 2011 the Bylaws of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) were changed to enable HRM to put forward the nomination for one of the four Nova Scotia Board members directly to FCM.

In 2012 Council appointed Councillor Sue Uteck to the Board for a two (2) year term to June 2014. As Councillor Uteck was not re-elected HRM's position on the Board of Directors of FCM is currently vacant.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is the national body advancing the interests of municipalities across Canada. FCM has the mandate to act as official spokesperson for Canadian cities, towns and municipal authorities on all municipal matters to the Government of Canada. As such it is imperative that the representative to the Board of FCM have a strong voice regarding the interest of the Region and in representing HRM's interests on the national stage.

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**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget implications to this report that are not already included in the Operating Budget.

**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**

Council could proceed to fill the Council appointments to the additional Boards & Committees without referring them to the various Standing Committees. This is not the recommended course of action as the Standing Committees by their Terms of Reference have the nominating authority for the Boards & Committees as provided for in this report.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Expressions of Interest for Council appointment to various Boards & Committees.

Attachment 2 – Resolution to Appoint a Member of Halifax Regional Council as HRM's representative to the Board of the Federal of Canadian Municipalities for a term to June 2014.

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**Original signed**

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# Attachment 1 - Nominations for Council Appointments to HRM Boards & Committees – November 27, 2012

Board/Committee	Current Members	Action Required	Very Interested	Interested	Councillor(s) Appointed
FCM	None	Appoint one (1) Member of Council to June 2014	Councillor Nicoll Councillor Whitman Councillor Karsten*	Councillor McCluskey Deputy Mayor Rankin	
Destination Marketing	Mayor (as of right of office) None	Appoint one (1) Member of Council to May 2014	Councillor Nicoll	Councillor Hendsbee Councillor Whitman	
Neptune Theatre	Councillor Outhit Councillor Fisher (Terms expire Nov. 2012)	Appoint two (2) members of Council to Nov. 2014	Councillor Whitman Councillor Walker Councillor Johns	Councillor Fisher Councillor Nicoll	
Trade Centre	Mayor (as of right of office)  Councillor Karsten (term expires Jan. 2013)	Nominate three (3) Members of Council in addition to the Mayor – appointments by Governor in Council	Councillor Karsten* Councillor Whitman Councillor Adams Councillor Fisher Councillor McCluskey Councillor Walker Councillor Mosher	Deputy Mayor Rankin Councillor Hendsbee Councillor Nicoll Councillor Craig	
<b>As per Terms of Reference move to the Transportation Standing Committee for Recommendation to Regional Council</b>					
Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission	Councillor Hendsbee (term expires April, 2013)	Appoint four (4) Members of Council to April 2015	Councillor Karsten* Councillor Watts Councillor Hendsbee	Councillor Fisher Councillor Walker	
Canadian Urban Transit Association	Councillor Fisher (term expires Nov. 2012)	Appoint one (1) Member of Transportation Standing Committee to Nov. 2014	<i>Nominees who are Members of Transportation Standing Committee:</i>  Councillor Fisher Deputy Mayor Rankin Councillor Walker Councillor Mason Councillor Watts	<i>Nominees who are Not members of Transportation Standing Committee:</i>  Councillor Karsten* Councillor Nicoll Councillor Whitman	

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<b>Active Transportation Advisory Committee</b>	Councillor Watts Councillor Hendsbee (terms expire Nov. 2012)	Appoint three (3) Members of Council to Nov. 2014	Councillor Hendsbee Councillor Nicoll Councillor Watts	Councillor Mason Councillor Craig Councillor Mosher Councillor Dalrymple	
<b><i>As per Terms of Reference move to the Environment &amp; Sustainability Standing Committee for Recommendation to Regional Council</i></b>					
<b>Halifax Regional Water Commission</b>	Councillor Hendsbee (term expires March of 2014) Councillor Walker (term expires March, 2014) Mayor (as of right of office)	Appoint one (1) additional member from the Environment & Sustainability Committee for a term to March, 2014	<i>Nominees who are members of E &amp; S Standing Committee:</i>  Councillor Watts Councillor Dalrymple Councillor Karsten*	<i>Nominees who are not members of E&amp;S Standing Committee:</i>  Councillor Adams Councillor Mason Councillor Johns Councillor Craig Councillor Mosher	
<b><i>As per Terms of Reference move to the Audit &amp; Finance Standing Committee for Recommendation to Regional Council</i></b>					
<b>Grants Committee</b>	Councillor Dalrymple Councillor Johns Councillor Watts Councillor Walker (All terms expire Nov. 2012)	Appoint six (6) Members of Council to Nov. 2014 Chair appointed from member of Audit & Finance	Councillor Hendsbee Councillor Walker Councillor Dalrymple Councillor Johns	Councillor Whitman Councillor Mason Councillor Mosher	
<b>Special Events Advisory Committee</b>	Councillor McCluskey (term expires Nov. 2013) Councillor Dalrymple (term expires Nov. 2014)	Appoint two (2) additional members of Council (ensure members represent the urban, suburban & rural areas of HRM)	Councillor Mason Councillor Johns	Councillor Hendsbee Councillor Whitman Councillor Nicoll	

\*pending recount in District 3

## Attachment 2 – Proposed FCM Resolution

**Whereas** the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;

**Whereas** FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to for a broad base of support and provide FCM with the prestige required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

**Whereas** in accordance with bylaw No. 1 of the Federation Canadian Municipalities, one of the Directors representing Nova Scotia shall be appointed by the Halifax Regional Municipality; and

**Whereas** the HRM Director's position is currently vacant;

**Be it resolved** that the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality appoints Councillor (INSERT) to the represent HRM on the Board of Directors of FCM for a term to June 2014; and

**Be it further resolved** that Council assume all costs associated with Councillor (INSERT) attending FCM's Board of Directors meetings.