


Item No. 10.1.4
Halifax Regional Council
February 26, 2013

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: February 18, 2013

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 Councillor Craig and Councillor Karsten to the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee for terms to expire no later than June 30, 2013.
- 2) Appoint Councillor Craig to Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM for term to November, 2014.

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 and Committees on which members of Regional Council are required to serve in accordance with the Terms of Reference of those 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 Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee. Attachment 1 of this staff report indicates the area of interest expressed by members of Council in regard to the Standing Committee. Councillor Craig also expressed interest in serving on the Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM.

Regional Council is required, by motion, to confirm the appointment of members of Council to the Standing Committee and the Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

None Required

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

ALTERNATIVES

None Recommended

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Expressions of Interest Re: Councillor Appointments to Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee & Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM

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Attachment 1 - Nominations for Council Appointments to Standing Committees & HRM Committees – February 25, 2013

Board/Committee	Current Members	Action Required	Interested
Environment & Sustainability	Councillor Dalrymple Councillor Watts Councillor Fisher Councillor Nicoll Deputy Mayor Rankin	No Appointments are required – three Appointments are available	Councillor Craig Councillor Karsten
Accessibility in HRM	Councillor Watts	Appoint one Member of Council	Councillor Craig