

Item No. 11.3.2
Halifax Regional Council
November 12, 2013

TO: Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Mayor Mike Savage, Chair, Executive Standing Committee

DATE: October 28, 2013

SUBJECT: Appointments – Board of Police Commissioners

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council – November 20, 2012 and December 4, 2012 appointments to Board of Police Commissioners.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Halifax Regional Municipality Administrative Order 1 – Section 67 – Respecting the Procedure for Appointments to Committees.

RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council

1. Confirm the terms for all three (3) members of Regional Council on the Board of Police Commissioners to November 30, 2014.
2. And, further recommend that one (1) Council term be extended to November 30, 2015 and that the choice of member whose term would extend be confirmed by draw or as otherwise agreed among the members.

BACKGROUND

Following the municipal election in October 2012 there were three (3) vacancies on the Board of Police Commissioners designated for members of Regional Council. Halifax Regional Council appointed Councillors Mosher, Outhit and Dalrymple to these vacancies on November 20th and December 4th respectively. One of the vacant terms was to replace Mayor Kelly (term to expire November 2013) and two (2) were further appointments (terms to expire November 2014). In an oversight Regional Council was not asked to direct which of the new appointments would be for which term.

DISCUSSION

As per By Law P-100, the Board of Police Commissioners is comprised of three (3) Councillors and three (3) citizen members approved by Regional Council. Traditionally terms have been staggered allowing for transition.

The Board of Police Commissioners is currently working on a number of initiatives:

- 2014 Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference;
- Anti-Bullying By-law;
- Governance Review, and
- 10 year Strategic Plan.

The Board has been diligently planning the 2014 Canadian Association of Police Boards Conference which will take place in HRM during the month of August 2014. All members of the Board, including members of Regional Council, are involved in many aspects of the Conference as well as the governance review, by-law proposals and strategic planning.

The Executive Standing Committee determined that it would be appropriate for members of Council currently serving on the Board to have their terms extended to November 2014 in order to complete those commitments. Further the Executive Standing Committee recommends to Regional Council that one (1) of the terms be extended to November 2015 to allow for staggered appointments. The extension of appointments would be in keeping with Regional Council's decision to extend appointments to Standing Committees and to reestablish staggered appointments in the interest of good governance.

If Council agrees to the extension of one (1) member of Council to November 2015 a determination as to which member of Council's term would be extended would be determined by draw or other means agreed to by the sitting members.

Should Council decide not to extend all three (3) terms to at least November 2014 (or beyond) it would be recommended that the determination of member of Council whose term will expire in November of this year (2013) equally be done by draw of the current sitting members.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

None required

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

ALTERNATIVES

None Recommended.

Should Regional Council choose not to extend the expiring appointment to November 2014, Council would be required to determine which of the sitting members terms should expire in November 2013.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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