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TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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DATE: November 25, 2013

SUBJECT: Appointment of Building Officials

ORIGIN

Pursuant to the *Nova Scotia Building Code Act*, all Building Officials must be appointed by Regional Council.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Nova Scotia Building Code Act, Section 5(2)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council appoint Andrew MacLellan, Brian Murray, Allison Patriquin and Corey Webb as a Building Official, pursuant to Section 5(2) of the *Nova Scotia Building Code Act*. This appointment is effective for the duration of their current conditions of employment with Halifax Regional Municipality.

BACKGROUND

Building Officials are required to administer and enforce provisions of the *Building Code Act* and Regulations on behalf of HRM. Four staff members were successfully promoted to the position of Building Official as a result of a recent competition. These individuals gained their certification and experience from working as Assistant Building Officials for the past 2.5 years. The Provincial *Building Code Act* requires that Building Officials be appointed by Regional Council.

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DISCUSSION

Building Officials are primarily responsible for the delivery of three programs: Construction Approvals, Maintenance of Residential Occupancies and Rooming House Licensing. Building Officials ensure consistent interpretation and application of the various by-laws, administrative orders and regulations to buildings and development in co-ordination with other HRM staff in the development approvals process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications. These are vacant, budgeted positions.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement is not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no alternatives as this is a requirement of the Provincial Building Code Act.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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