

Request for Council's Consideration

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(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday) | <input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor |
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Date of Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Subject: Amendment to Administrative Order No 17, Respecting Remuneration for Members of Council

Motion for Regional Council to consider:

1. That Regional Council
 - a) establish an independent Halifax Regional Council Compensation Committee to be selected and convened by the Auditor General; and
 - b) that the Council Compensation Committee review previous recommendations, current compensation for elected members of Regional Council (Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors) and any relevant benchmark data; and
 - c) that the Council Compensation Committee be tasked to establish the remuneration and other compensation including benefits for elected members of Regional Council which may include change to the current formula; and
 - d) that the report from the Council Compensation Committee be submitted to Regional Council by the end of August 2015; and
 - e) that Regional Council consider and accept the recommendation of the Council Compensation Committee.
2. Direct staff to draft a report and recommendations to effect amendments to Administrative Order 17 to
 - a) ask the Council Compensation Committee to review and report to Regional Council by the end of August in the 3rd year of each of the subsequent term of that elected Regional Council in accordance with 1a) through 1e) above.

Reason:

To establish in policy an independent body to keep current, through a four year election cycle review, the ways and means for determining Regional Council remuneration. In principle elected officials ought not to determine the ways and means of setting their own remuneration; however, the independent process to enable this does require elected officials to establish a process that is open, transparent and seen without political interference.

Outcome Sought:

A scheduled four year cycle review for possible changes to Regional Council remuneration as determined and recommended by an independent body.

Councillor Steve Craik

Original Signed

District 15

November 10, 2014