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Item No. 11.4.2
Halifax Regional Council
October 6, 2015

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:


Councillor Wayne Mason, Chair
Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee

DATE: September 22, 2015

SUBJECT: Membership on the Economic Strategy Advisory Committee

ORIGIN

Request by the Chair of the Economic Strategy Advisory Committee, Halifax Partnership.

Motion passed by the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee at its September 17, 2015 meeting.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 6b(i) of the Committee's Terms of Reference – 'The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee shall have an active interest in the agencies and initiatives that support community and economic development throughout HRM by engaging, at a governance level, the agencies, boards and committee funded by HRM and under the mandate of the Standing Committee to ensure they meet community needs and expectations including the Halifax Partnership.'

RECOMMENDATION

Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommends Halifax Regional Council appoint the Chair of Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee to the Economic Strategy Advisory Committee, Halifax Partnership.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At the September 17, 2015 meeting of the Community Planning and Economic Development (CP & ED) Standing Committee, the Committee considered a request by the Chair of the Economic Strategy Advisory Committee, Halifax Partnership to name the Chair of CP & ED Standing Committee to the Advisory Committee. The Economic Strategy Advisory Committee is a committee that will assist in the development of the next economic strategy for Halifax. CPED Standing Committee considered the request as in keeping with the mandate of the Standing Committee and passed a motion recommending that Regional Council approve the appointment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications in regard to this matter.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee is a Committee of Regional Council comprised of six Councillors. The meetings are open to the public and the Committee's agendas, minutes, and reports can be viewed at Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ALTERNATIVES

The Committee did not provide alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 'A': Correspondence dated July 31, 2015 from Matt Hebb, Chair Economic Strategy Advisory Committee, Halifax Partnership.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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July 31, 2015

Mayor Mike Savage
Halifax Regional Municipality
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Via: E-mail

Dear Mayor Savage,

I write to you in my capacity as the Chair of the Economic Strategy Advisory Committee of the Halifax Partnership. As you know, the Partnership is about to embark on the process to develop for Council's consideration the next economic strategy for Halifax.

One of my early tasks as Chair is to assemble a dynamic committee capable of adding real value to the planning process. The response among people I've approached so far has been excellent - I think this is a testament to Halifax's very promising future, and your leadership and that of Council is no small part of that.

To help ensure as we develop the strategy, including the laying of the groundwork for successful implementation, I would like to name the Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development to the Economic Strategy Advisory Committee, as well, I would also like to invite you to take a place on the Committee.

I look forward to hearing back from you on this matter of committee membership at your earliest convenience.

I am honoured to be in a position to help with this effort and very much looking forward to working with you as we build on the tremendous momentum and opportunity we have here in Halifax.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

Matt Hebb, Chair
Economic Strategy Advisory Committee
Halifax Partnership

cc: Councillor Wayne Mason, Chair CPED, HRM
Richard Butts, CAO, HRM