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Item No. 14.3.2
Halifax Regional Council
April 11, 2017

TO: Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
Mayor Savage, Chair of the Executive Standing Committee

DATE: March 27, 2017

SUBJECT: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Resolution – Councillor
Endorsement Table Officer

ORIGIN

Motion of the Executive Standing Committee In Camera meeting held on March 20, 2017.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

By-law No. 1 of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Administrative Order No. 1 – Schedule 6

The Executive Standing Committee shall act as the Membership Selection Committee of the Council with a mandate to function as the nomination committee for appointments to Boards and Committees, including at large nomination to Standing Committees, except as delegated to other Standing Committees by the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Standing Committee recommends Halifax Regional Council:

1. Support Councillor Bill Karsten as a candidate for Second Vice President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for a one year term to June 2018.
2. Adopt the resolution required by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities as provided in Attachment 1 of this report.

BACKGROUND

As per By-law 1 for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, table officers include; the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, the Third Vice-President, and the Past-President. Each table officer position is represented by a regional caucus, with Halifax Regional Municipality being part of the Atlantic Caucus. The table officer positions rotate through the ranks.

In April 5, 2016 Halifax Regional Council passed a motion to support Councillor Bill Karsten to represent Atlantic Canada as Table Office, Third Vice-President for a one year term to June 2017, with the understanding that this may be a four year commitment to allow a table officer progression through FCM rank.

The Bylaws of Federation of Canadian Municipalities require that Council pass a resolution to that effect annually in advance of the Election of the Table Officers.

DISCUSSION

In consultation with Councillor Bill Karsten, he has expressed interest to stand as a candidate for Second Vice President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities representing the Atlantic Caucus for a one year term to June 2018.

Attachment 1 provides the resolution required by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities that Halifax Regional Council support Councillor Karsten in representing Atlantic Canada as Table Officer, Second Vice President for a term to June 2018.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The anticipated cost in serving as table office is approximately \$7000.00 per year. Staff have confirmed with the Manager of Council Support that there is a sufficient budgeted amount to cover any anticipated expenses.

RISK CONSIDERATION

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not Applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

The Executive Standing Committee did not provide an alternative.

ATTACHMENTS

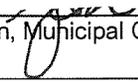
Attachment # 1 – FCM Resolution

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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Resolution of Halifax Regional Council

The following resolution was passed at a meeting of the Regional Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality this _____ day of April, 2017.

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;

WHEREAS FCM's Table Officers is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the prestige required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

WHEREAS in accordance with By-law No. 1 of the *Federation of Canadian Municipalities*, one of the Table Officers representing Atlantic Canada may be supported by the Halifax Regional Municipality.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality supports Councillor Karsten to represent Atlantic Canada as Table Officer, Second Vice-President for a term to June 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council assumes all costs associated with Councillor Karsten attending FCM meetings.

Signed this _____ day of April, 2017

Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk