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Item No. 14.3.2
Halifax Regional Council
August 2, 2016

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

Original Signed

SUBMITTED BY: _____
Councillor Tim Outhit, Chair, Transportation Standing Committee

DATE: July 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Request for a Staff Report – Roll Call on Halifax Regional Municipality
Committee Agendas

ORIGIN

Motion approved at the July 21, 2016 meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Transportation Standing Committee Terms of Reference:

*14. The following Committees shall be advisory or liaison with the Transportation standing Committee:
Accessibility Advisory Committee – Advisory*

RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council request a Staff Report regarding the inclusion of Roll Call on all Halifax Regional Municipality Advisory and Standing Committee Agendas.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Transportation Standing Committee reviewed a report from the Accessibility Advisory Committee on this matter at their meeting on July 21, 2016. The Transportation Standing Committee approved the Accessibility Advisory Committee's recommendation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this Report. The risks considered rate Low.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Transportation Standing Committee meetings are open to public attendance, a live webcast is provided of the meeting, and members of the public are invited to address the Committee for up to five minutes at the end of each meeting during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Transportation Standing Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

ALTERNATIVES

The Transportation Standing Committee did not identify any alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Accessibility Advisory Committee report dated July 11, 2016

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 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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Item No. 12.3.1
Transportation Standing Committee
July 21, 2016

TO: Chair and Members of the Transportation Standing Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
Pat Gates, Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee

DATE: July 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Request for a Staff Report Regarding the Inclusion of Roll Call on all
Halifax Regional Municipality Advisory and Standing Committee Agendas

ORIGIN

June 20, 2016 meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 1 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference: "The main responsibility of the Committee is to advise Halifax Regional Council, through the Transportation Standing Committee, on the impact of Municipal policies, programs and services on persons with disabilities.

- 1.1 To facilitate the full participation of all citizens with disabilities in civic and community affairs by ensuring that policies, programs and services do not impose barriers to such participation.
- 1.2 To increase civic and community awareness regarding the disability communities within HRM by promoting effective communication.
- 1.3 To work towards the elimination of physical and attitudinal barriers facing persons with disability by advising Halifax Regional Council, through the Transportation Standing Committee, on issues and concerns raised by citizens.
- 1.4 To ensure HRM's disability communities have an equitable opportunity to voice their views on disability and other issues affected by monitoring the effectiveness of HRM policies, programs and services.

RECOMMENDATION

The Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends that the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council request a Staff Report regarding the inclusion of Roll Call on all Halifax Regional Municipality Advisory and Standing Committee Agendas.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION

At the May 16, 2016 meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee the Committee discussed the importance of taking roll call at meetings in order to create a more equal experience of the meeting for persons with visual impairments in attendance. It was noted that being aware of those present at a meeting is important to the openness and transparency of the meeting. The Committee acknowledged how important this practise is for the Accessibility Advisory Committee and agreed that the practise of taking roll call at the beginning of each meeting should be done at every Halifax Regional Municipality Committee meeting. The Committee agreed that this practise should be formalized as part of the Agenda for HRM Advisory and Standing Committee meetings.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this Report. The risks considered rate Low.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) is comprised of eight volunteer citizen members and two members of Regional Council, plus staff liaison members from a number of HRM business units. Meetings are held monthly and are open to the public. Minutes, agendas, reports and other information on the AAC are posted on the HRM website.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES

The Accessibility Advisory Committee did not consider any alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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