

## Request for Council's Consideration



**Included on Agenda**  
(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)

**Added Item**  
(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)

**Request from the Floor**

**Date of Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 27, 2018**

**Subject: Code of Conduct – EXTERNAL CONSULTANT**

### **Motion for Council to Consider:**

That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report and recommendations with respect to HRM entering into a retainer agreement with an External Consultant as set out in s. 19 of the Code of Conduct to:

1. Review and investigate, where an investigation is necessary, reported violations of the Code of Conduct;
2. Attempt to resolve reported violations with the parties involved where possible;
3. Where, after an investigation, the Consultant is of the view there is further action required provide a confidential report and recommendation to Council in respect of the matter; and
4. Maintain confidentiality with respect to the parties and issues raised in the reported violation.

### **Reason:**

Administrative Order 52: The Code of Conduct provides: 19. Any reported violations of this Code will be subject to an investigation by Council. Council may retain an external consultant or panel with relevant experience to conduct an investigation and provide a report and recommendation to Council. If an investigation finds a Member has breached a provision of this Code, Council may take corrective action which may include censure of the Member, an apology to those affected by the breach, counselling, and withdrawal of appointment from any committee of Council.

As the result of recently debated incidents involving the conduct of elected officials, I request that Regional Council consider implementing Section 19 of Administrative Order 52 in relation to retaining an External Consultant to investigate, when necessary, reported violations of the Code of Conduct.

### **Outcome Sought:**

Staff report and recommendation respecting retaining an external consultant to deal with complaints pertaining the breach of the Code of Conduct.

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