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Item No. 14.1.12
Halifax Regional Council
June 21, 2016

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:

John Traves, Q.C. Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: June 13, 2016

SUBJECT: Councillor Appointment – Diverse Voices for Change Local Working Group

ORIGIN

Motion of the Regional Council passed on May 10, 2016

THAT Halifax Regional Council pass the resolution in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated April 15, 2016 to endorse HRM's participation and invite Council's participation in Federation of Canadian Municipality's (FCM) *Diverse Voices for Change* from March 8, 2016 to August 2018.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Administrative Order No. 1 – Section 119 – Motion for Procedure for An Appointment to a Committee

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council appoint Councillor Linda Mosher to the Diverse Voices for Change Local Working Group for a term to August 31, 2018.

BACKGROUND

Halifax Regional Council passed a resolution (Attachment # 1) to endorse HRM's participation and invite Council's participation in FCM's Diverse Voices for Change from March 8, 2016 to August, 2018.

DISCUSSION

As is practice, the Municipal Clerk's Office put forward an Expression of Interest on June 6, 2016 to all members of Regional Council in regard to serving on the Diverse Voices for Change Local Working Group of which Councillor Linda Mosher was the only respondent to the expression of interest.

This report recommends that Halifax Regional Council appoint Councillor Mosher to the Diverse Voices for Change Local Working Group for a term to August 31, 2018.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications to this report that are not already included in the Operating Budget for 2016-2017.

RISK CONSIDERATION

Not Applicable.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not Applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

No recommended alternative.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 1 – Resolution passed by Regional Council

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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Diverse Voices for Change

WHEREAS the Halifax Regional Municipality applied to FCM's new Women in Local Government initiative ***Diverse Voices for Change*** to increase the participation of women across diverse communities in municipal decision making processes, and

WHEREAS the Halifax Regional Municipality agrees to the participation of our community in ***Diverse Voices for Change*** initiative from March 8, 2016 to August 31, 2018, and

WHEREAS Council agrees to supporting community partnerships with one or more community organization(s) to further strengthen the commitment to increase women's participation in municipal decision making processes with urban Aboriginal, African Nova Scotian, racialized/visible minority and immigrant communities, and

WHEREAS the Halifax Regional Municipality designates the African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office as the municipal champions of the initiative to participate in regular communication with FCM, assist with baseline data collection, focus groups, workshops, and provide continuous information to the public as the project develops, and

WHEREAS Council is invited to designate members to participate on the ***Diverse Voices for Change*** local working group.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Halifax Regional Municipality supports ***Diverse Voices for Change***.