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Item No. 14.4.1
Halifax Regional Council
May 24, 2016

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

Original Signed

SUBMITTED BY:

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Councillor Jennifer Watts
Chair, Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

DATE: May 16, 2016

SUBJECT: National Zero Waste Council Management Board Alternate

ORIGIN

Motion from the May 12, 2016 meeting of Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 3 of the Terms of Reference of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee which states that the Committee "shall a) advise the Council on matters respecting solid waste management, including the responsibility to receive reports and to keep the Council informed respecting all matters related to the solid waste management program in the municipality."

The Public Appointments Policy – Governing citizen appointments to HRM agencies, boards, committees and commissions and external bodies approved by Halifax Regional Council in August 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council appoint the Manager of Solid Waste Resources as an alternate to the National Zero Waste Council Management Board, Council appointment for a term up to October 31, 2016.

BACKGROUND

The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee considered the staff report dated April 20, 2016 at their meeting held on May 12, 2016.

DISCUSSION

The Standing Committee determined to recommend that Halifax Regional Council appoint the Manager of Solid Waste Resources as an alternate to the National Zero Waste Council Management Board for a term up to October 31, 2016. For additional detail, please refer to the staff report dated April 20, 2016.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

RISK CONSIDERATION

Not Applicable.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee is comprised of six (6) Members of Council. Meetings are held in public unless otherwise indicated and the agendas and reports are posted to the HRM website. All standing committees (except Appeals Committee) are streamed on the HRM website and have a public participation item which allows for comment from the public.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

By participating on the National Zero Waste Council Management Board, HRM will help advocate for waste prevention and reduction in the design, production and use of goods.

ALTERNATIVES

The Committee did not provide alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Staff report dated April 20, 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. 12.1.2
Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee
May 12, 2016

TO: Chair and Members of Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed

Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk

DATE: April 20, 2016

SUBJECT: National Zero Waste Council Management Board Alternate

ORIGIN

On March 31, 2016 the Municipal Clerk's Office received a request from the National Zero Waste Council (NZWC) to appoint an alternate to the National Zero Waste Council Management Board.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Administrative Order 1 – Schedule 5

The Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee shall advise the Council on matters respecting solid waste management, including the responsibility to receive reports and to keep the Council informed respecting all matters related to the solid waste management program in the municipality.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee:

Recommend that Halifax Regional Council appoint the Manager of Solid Waste Resources as an alternate to the National Zero Waste Council Management Board, Council appointment for a term up to October 31, 2016.

BACKGROUND

The National Zero Waste Council membership is open to Government, including local, provincial, and/or federal as well as business, business organizations, and industry; not-for profit and other organizations or specialists.

Halifax Regional Council passed a motion on December 8, 2015 appointing Councillor Watts to the National Zero Waste Council Management Board for a term to October 31, 2016.

DISCUSSION

On March 31, 2016 the Municipal Clerk's Office received a request from an Administrator from the NWZC requesting that Halifax Regional Council appoint an alternate to the Board, should Councillor Watts be unavailable to participate. The correspondence identified that continuity on the Board as a concern, and indicated that it has suggested that all Board members identify an alternate, to serve in their place. On April 18, 2016 the National Zero Waste Council Management Board, amended their Operating Guidelines (terms of reference) to include a provision to allow for alternate members, and recognized them as full voting members when acting for the elected board member.

Based on the subject matter, and that the primary seat would be held by an elected official, it is recommended that the Manager of Solid Waste Resources be appointed as the alternate. Currently, the Manager of Solid Waste Resources sits on a number of boards and commissions in their professional capacity and can accommodate the duties and responsibilities associated with this appointment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to this report. There is no membership fee and required meetings of the National Zero Waste Council may be joined via telecommunication at no cost to the municipality.

RISK CONSIDERATION

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

By participating on the National Zero Waste Council Management Board, HRM will help advocate for waste prevention and reduction in the design, production and use of goods.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternative provided.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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