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Item No. 14.3.1

Request for Council's Consideration	
	n □ Request from the Floor to Municipal ice by Noon
Date of Council Meeting: April 26, 2016	
Subject: Campaign Finance Reform	
Motion for Council to Consider:	
Move that staff initiate a process to consult the public on the provincial government's recently tabled Bill 154, which is to allow the municipality to enact a bylaw regarding campaign finance reform, and to report back to council with recommendations. The public consultation is to include, but not be limited to the following: election campaign spending limits; maximum contribution amounts; disclosure requirements; eligibility to contribute; and dates for making contributions. 	
Reason:	
To consult the public regarding the provincial government's recently tabled Bill 154: Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows: 1 Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, is amended by adding immediately after Section 60 the following Section: 60A The Council may make by-laws, not inconsistent with Sections 49A and 49B of the Municipal Elections Act, respecting contributions and expenses for the election campaigns of candidates for the office of Mayor or councillor including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, election campaign spending limits, maximum contribution amounts, disclosure requirements, eligibility to contribute and dates for making contributions.	
Outcome Sought:	
Consultation with the public on the provincial government's recently tabled Bill 154 and a report back to Regional Council with recommendations.	
Councillor Waye Mason	District 7