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Item No. 17.1

| Request for Council's Consideration | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday) | X | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday) | <input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor |
| Date of Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 | | | |
| Subject: Standing Committee Authority | | | |
| Motion for Council to Consider: | | | |
| <p>Regional Council request a staff report examining how reports are dealt with at standing committees. The report shall consider staff report requests that originate from Regional Council and are assigned to a standing committee. The report shall include a policy recommendation regarding the process by which the originating body ultimately deals with the report following consideration by the standing committee.</p> | | | |
| <p>Reason: If a request for a staff report is made at Regional Council and approved by the majority of Council, the report may go to a standing committee if the request falls under the committee's responsibility under the Administrative Order #1. The majority of the standing committee may vote against the report recommendation and the request expires at the standing committee and does not make it back to Regional Council, the originating body for the request. This is contrary to the intent of requesting the report at Regional Council. A report should not be voted against and end at the standing committee level, it must go back to the originating body where the request was made.</p> | | | |
| Outcome Sought: | | | |
| <p>If the majority of a standing committee votes against a report recommendation the report must still go forward to Regional Council. In this case it would go forward with a negative recommendation from the committee. However, all members of Council would be afforded the opportunity to discuss and vote on the report.</p> | | | |
| <i>Councillor Linda Mosher</i> | | <i>District 9 – Halifax West Armdale</i> | |