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Item No. 14.1.7
Halifax Regional Council
June 19, 2018

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed by 
Jane Fraser, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: June 4, 2018

SUBJECT: Appointment of Building Official

ORIGIN

Pursuant to the *Nova Scotia Building Code Act*, all Building Officials must be appointed by Regional Council.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Nova Scotia Building Code Act, Section 5(2)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council appoint Kristiana Brideau as a Building Official, pursuant to Section 5(2) of the *Nova Scotia Building Code Act*. This appointment is effective for the duration of her current conditions of employment with Halifax Regional Municipality.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Building Officials are required to administer and enforce provisions of the Building Code Act and Regulations on behalf of HRM. This staff member was the successful applicant in a recent competition for a vacant Building Official position. This individual meets the qualifications of the job description in addition to any Provincial requirements. The *Nova Scotia Building Code Act* requires that Building Officials be appointed by Regional Council.

Building Officials are primarily responsible for the delivery of three programs: Construction Approvals, Maintenance of Residential Occupancies and Rooming House Licensing. Building Officials ensure consistent interpretation and application of the various by-laws, administrative orders and regulations to buildings and development in co-ordination with other HRM staff in the development approvals process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications. This was a vacant, budgeted position.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There is no significant risk associated with this recommendation as the employee was vetted in the selection process and criminal records checks are done per normal hiring practices.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement is not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives applicable as a Council appointment is required for Building Officials to have the necessary authority to enforce compliance to applicable codes, laws and by-laws.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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