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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

**Original Signed**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk

**DATE:** April 20, 2016

**SUBJECT:** **National Zero Waste Council Management Board Alternate**

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**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**

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**

No alternative provided.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None

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