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Item No. 14.6.1

Request for Council's Consideration	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)
<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor	
Date of Council Meeting: July 31, 2018	
Subject: Consent Agendas	
Motion for Council to Consider: That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on amending Administrative Order 1 to introduce Consent Agendas at Regional Council	
Reason: A consent agenda allows for streamlined meetings by grouping routine business into one motion. Some examples of routine business that often doesn't generate questions or debate at Regional Council includes procurement, request for a staff report, and first reading of bylaws. By reducing the time spent on routine business, Council meetings would be better focused on items that require explanation and debate. Council oversight could still be maintained by providing Councillors with the right to remove any item that they wish to discuss from the consent agenda, either in advance or at the beginning of the meeting. Variations on consent agendas are used by other municipal councils in Canada including Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Saskatoon, and Montreal. Introducing consent agendas in HRM could streamline Council meetings and free up staff and council resources.	
Outcome Sought: Staff recommendation	
<i>Councillor</i> Sam Austin	<i>District</i> 05