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**Item No. 14.5.1**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**October 30, 2018**

**TO:** Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Co-Chair Chief Rod Googoo, Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and  
Recognition of Commemoration of Indigenous History Special Advisory  
Committee

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Co-Chair Monica MacDonald, Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and  
Recognition of Commemoration of Indigenous History Special Advisory  
Committee

**DATE:** October 22, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and Recognition of Commemoration of  
Indigenous History Special Advisory Committee Governance Structure

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### **ORIGIN**

Motion from the Co-Chairs put and approved by the Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and Recognition of Commemoration of Indigenous History Special Advisory Committee (the Committee) at their meeting on October 22, 2018 regarding the Committee's governance structure.

### **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter Section 21 respecting Standing, Special and Advisory Committees.

Administrative Order Number 2017-2012-GOV Respecting the Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and the Recognition and Commemoration of Indigenous History Special Advisory Committee.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council authorize the establishment of a joint committee that will reflect an equal partnership between Halifax Regional Council and the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs and further the joint committee, constituted with the existing members of the Commemoration committee, will be responsible for its own determination of the process and procedures by which it will fulfill the existing mandate, and the funding will be a joint and equal responsibility of HRM and the Assembly of Chiefs.

## **BACKGROUND**

A motion from the Committee's Co-Chairs regarding potential changes to its governance structure was brought forward. In a motion memorandum, the Co-Chairs have outlined their rationale for why the structure should be amended. Please refer to the motion memorandum attached as Attachment A to this report.

## **DISCUSSION**

The motion was brought forward for discussion at the Committee's first meeting, dated October 22, 2018. Members of the Committee voted unanimously to bring forward the matter to Regional Council for discussion.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

As noted in the reports of October 3, 2017 and July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 funding will be accommodated through Fiscal Services, cost centre M310. The motion from the Committee does not propose additional funding from HRM, towards the facilitation of its mandate.

## **RISK CONSIDERATION**

Risk considerations could be evaluated by way of a staff report should Regional Council approve this motion.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and Recognition of Commemoration of Indigenous History Special Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. The Committee is comprised of ten (10) members of the public. The agenda, minutes and reports for the Committee are posted on the HRM website.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

## **ALTERNATIVES**

No alternatives identified by the Committee.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – Motion Memorandum from Co-Chairs of the Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and the Recognition and Commemoration of Indigenous History Special Advisory Committee.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca) or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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Item No. 8.1

<b>Request for <i>Committee on the Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and the Recognition and Commemoration of Indigenous History</i> Consideration</b>		
<p>X <b>Agenda Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least 5 working days prior to the meeting)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least one day prior to meeting)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b></p>
<p><b>Date of Meeting:</b> October 22, 2018</p> <p><b>Subject:</b> Proposed Motion from Co-Chairs – Governance Structure</p>		
<p><b>Motion for the <i>Committee on the Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and the Recognition and Commemoration of Indigenous History</i> to Consider:</b></p> <p>It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council authorize the establishment of a joint committee that will reflect an equal partnership between Halifax Regional Council and the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs and further the joint committee, constituted with the existing members of the Commemoration committee, will be responsible for its own determination of the process and procedures by which it will fulfill the existing mandate, and the funding will be a joint and equal responsibility of HRM and the Assembly of Chiefs.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The existing committee (<i>Committee on the Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and the Recognition and Commemoration of Indigenous History</i>) is a committee of council created by Halifax Regional Council in the spirit of reconciliation, following the Halifax Regional Council's Statement of Reconciliation, and in respect of the report and Calls to Action of the National Truth and Reconciliation Commission. An equal number of Mi'kmaq and non-Mi'kmaq representatives have been invited by Council to form this committee.</p> <p>This committee is nonetheless a creation of Halifax Regional Council. In the true spirit of reconciliation, the mandate with which this group has been tasked calls for an equal partnership between Halifax Regional Municipality and the Mi'kmaw community, as represented by the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs. The membership of the group and the mandate with which it has been tasked will not change, however the funding mechanism will be an equal responsibility of the two, and the group will be a joint committee responsible for its own determination of the process and procedures by which it will fulfill the mandate.</p> <p><b>Outcome Sought:</b> To create, from the existing above-noted committee of council, a joint committee representing an equal partnership between Halifax Regional Council and the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs, which will determine its own process and procedures for fulfilling the existing mandate.</p>		
<p><i>MEMBER</i> Chief Roderick Googoo Monica MacDonald</p>		