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Item No. 14.1.1
Halifax Regional Council
November 13, 2018

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: October 25, 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 Dawson Patterson as a Building Official, pursuant to Section 5(2) of the *Nova Scotia Building Code Act*. This appointment is effective for the duration of his assignment to the duties of a Building Official 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 1 position. Mr. Patterson 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 financial implications of this report. This Building Official filled a vacant, budgeted position.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There is no significant risk associated with this recommendation as this a current employee qualified to fill the position he is appointed to.

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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