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Item No. 15.1.3
Halifax Regional Council
February 26, 2019

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed by 

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: February 13, 2019

SUBJECT: Councillor Designate – Indigenous Community Liaison

ORIGIN

The current Councillor Designate Appointment is set to expire on February 27, 2019.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Administrative Order 1 - Motion for Procedure for An Appointment to a Committee

119. A report with recommendations for nomination and appointment shall be brought forward to the appropriate nominating or appointing body in accordance with the *HRM Charter*, the Public Appointment Policy and Terms of Reference adopted by the Council.

120. (1) The motion for the election of Members by the Council to Standing Committees shall be made in November of every second year.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council appoint Councillor Wayne Mason to serve as the designate to act on behalf of the Mayor, when requested, as Regional Council's Indigenous Community liaison for a term to November 2020.

BACKGROUND

At the January 16, 2017 of Regional Council the following motion was passed:

14.1.5 Update and Next Steps - HRM Activity Related to Indigenous Affairs

Regional Council approved the following amended motion to:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to continue to develop a Municipal Strategy to engage First Nations that is in alignment with the action summary set out in the staff report dated June 28, 2017.**
- 2. With support of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, initiate a dialogue with Indigenous governing organizations with a view to developing relationships with them.**
- 3. Designate a Councillor as a representative to act on behalf of the Mayor, when requested by the Mayor, as principal representative, for government to government interactions requiring a political representative as Regional Council's Indigenous Community liaison**
- 4. Direct staff to report annually to the Executive Committee regarding progress and next steps.**

Part three of the motion requires that Regional Council designate a Councillor as a representative when requested by the Mayor (as principle representative) as Regional Council's Indigenous Community liaison.

On February 27, 2018 Regional Council passed a motion appointing Deputy Mayor Waye Mason to serve as designate until February 27, 2019.

DISCUSSION

The current designate appointment is set to expire on February 27, 2019. To fill this vacancy, the Municipal Clerk's Office on February 4, 2019 conducted a call for expression of interest amongst members of Council with a deadline of 9:00 a.m. on Monday February 11, 2019. By the deadline, only Councillor Waye Mason expressed interest in this position.

To align this appointment with the two-year Councillor Appointments as outlined in Administrative Order 1 section 120 (1), staff are also recommending that Councillor Waye Mason be appointed to November 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RISK CONSIDERATION

N/A

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

Regional Council could select additional nominees from the floor during the selection process.

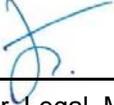
ATTACHMENTS

None

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