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Item No. 15.5.1

Request for Halifax Regional Council Consideration							
Х	Agenda Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)		Added Iten (Submitted Clerk's Offic Monday)	to Municipal		Request from the Floor	
Date of Meeting: June 4, 2019							
Subject: Leave for Elections							
Motion for Halifax Regional Council to Consider:							
That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on implementing recommendation #2 in the Elections Nova Scotia report released on May 29, 2019, which would require Councillors to take a leave of absence if they register as a candidate in an election at another level of government.							
Reason:							
Given that we want the public to have confidence in our electoral systems and that accountability, transparency, and fairness are bedrock principles we share for our democratic institutions, updating our rules to promote these principles is of utmost importance, especially as this change is a recommendation from Nova Scotia's Chief Electoral Officer.							
Outcome Sought:							
A staff report that addresses recommendation #2 in the Elections Nova Scotia report dated May 29, 2019.							
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