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**Item No. 18.3**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**September 24, 2019**

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

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**SUBMITTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** September 23, 2019

**SUBJECT:** **Councillor Appointment - Board of Police Commissioners**

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## **ORIGIN**

Requirement to fill a vacancy on the Board of Police Commissioners following the resignation of Councillor Craig.

## **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

*Police Board By-law*, subsection 4(1):

4. (1) The Council shall appoint six members to the Board who shall hold office for such term as Council may direct, not to exceed three years.

Administrative Order 1 – Schedule 6

4. The Executive Standing Committee shall act as the Membership Selection Committee of the Council with a mandate to function as the nomination committee for appointment to Boards and Committees, including at large nomination to Standing Committees, except as delegated to other Standing Committees by the Council.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Suspend the rules of procedures requiring the Executive Standing Committee to review the nominations and make Recommendation to Regional Council; and
2. Appoint one (1) Councillor to the Board of Police Commissioners for a term to November 2020, after a vote by secret ballot, as outlined in the discussion section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

Councillor Steve Craig, resigned as a member of Council on July 10, 2019. This resignation left a vacancy on the Board of Police Commissioners, that must be filled by a member of Council.

Vacancies were also created on the North West Community Council, Audit and Finance Standing Committee, and Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee and these positions will be filled by the incoming Councillor following the District 15 Special Election.

The current composition of the Board of Police Commissioners is as follows:

Natalie Borden (Chair)  
Carole McDougall (Vice Chair)  
Deputy Mayor Mancini  
Councillor Smith  
Carlos Beals  
Anthony Thomas (Provincial Appointee)

## **DISCUSSION**

As is practise the Clerk's Office called for expressions of interest from members of Council in regard to serving on the Board of Police Commissioners (by email September 17, 2019).

The following Councillors indicated interest in this position:

Councillor David Hendsbee  
Councillor Shawn Cleary  
Councillor Lisa Blackburn

When there is more interest then positions available Clerk's Office staff will conduct a vote through secret ballot. The steps for this process are outlined below:

1. The slate of interested candidates as outlined in the report can be moved and seconded as a group;
2. The Mayor calls three times for any nominations from the floor for any other interested candidates, a mover and a seconder are required;
3. Prior to the voting process any member may remove their name from consideration;
4. Ballots are distributed to members for voting purposes and collected by Clerk's Office staff. If during this process there is a tie, another round of voting will occur until there is a successful candidate;
5. The successful candidate is announced by the Clerk; and
6. Regional Council passes a motion to appoint the successful candidate to the Board of Police Commissioners for a term to November 2020.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications to this report that are not included in the operating budget.

## **RISK CONSIDERATION**

Not Applicable

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Not Applicable

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

**ALTERNATIVES**

None

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

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