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Item No. 15.1.4
Halifax Regional Council
October 22, 2019

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed by 
Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: September 23, 2019

SUBJECT: **Councillor Appointment to Standing Committees**

ORIGIN

Requirement to fill a vacancy on the Audit and Finance Standing Committee and Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee following the resignation of Councillor Craig.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Administrative Order 1

4(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), any one or more of the rules of procedures contained herein except for sections 5 and 41 and subsections 12(5) and 59(3) may be suspended by Council, Committee of the Whole, Community Council or a Standing Committee by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Members present and voting.

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.

Administrative Order 1 – Section 115 - Required Membership of Standing Committees

(1) For the purposes of this section, Standing Committee shall exclude the Committee of the Whole Council on Budget.

(2) Every Member shall be appointed to at least two Standing Committees.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Suspend the rules of procedures
 - a. requiring the Executive Standing Committee to review the nominations and make Recommendation to Regional Council, and
 - b. respecting the nominations of Members to committees; and
2. Subject to being Officially Sworn In as the Councillor for District 15, appoint Councillor Paul Russell to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee and Community Planning Economic Development Standing Committee for a term to November 2020.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Councillor Steve Craig, resigned as a member of Council on July 10, 2019. This resignation left a vacancy on the Audit and Finance Standing Committee, and Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

In accordance with Administrative Order 1 section 115, where members shall be appointed to at least two Standing Committees it is recommended that Councillor Paul Russell fill these vacancies.

Councillor Russell is required serve on the North West Community Council and ratification is not required by Regional Council for this appointment.

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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