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**Item No. 15.7.1**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**November 12, 2019**

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

Original Signed

**SUBMITTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
For Richard Zurawski, Chair, Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee

**DATE:** November 7, 2019

**SUBJECT:** **Appointments – National Zero Waste Council and Halifax Regional Water Commission**

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#### **ORIGIN**

Requirement to fill positions on National Zero Waste Council and Halifax Regional Water Commission due to term expiration and resignation.

November 7, 2019 meeting of the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee, Item 12.1.3.

#### **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

*Administrative Order One -The Procedures of the Council Administrative Order.*

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.

Schedule 5 – Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

6. (b) liaison with Halifax Water including the nomination to the Council of one (1) Member of the Standing Committee as one (1) of the Council appointments to the Board of Halifax Water and the nominee shall act as a liaison between the Standing Committee and Halifax Water

*Administrative Order Number 2018-001-ADM, Respecting the Halifax Regional Water Commission*

12 (5) If there is a vacancy on the Commission Board for the Council member who is nominated by the Environment and Sustainability Committee, then, in accordance with its Terms of Reference as found in Schedule 5 of Administrative Order One, the Environment and Sustainability Committee shall nominate to Council one (1) member of the Environment and Sustainability Committee for appointment to the Commission Board.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Appoint Councillor Hendsbee of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee to the Halifax Regional Water Commission for a term to November, 2020; and
2. Appoint Councillor Zurawski to the National Zero Waste Council for a term to November, 2020, and appoint the Manager of Solid Waste as an alternative.

## **BACKGROUND**

On December 4, 2018, Councillor Richard Zurawski was appointed to the National Zero Waste Council for a term to November, 2019.

On November 1, 2019 Councillor Blackburn, resigned from the Halifax Regional Water Commission. Councillor Blackburn was previously appointed to the Commission as the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee member on December 4, 2018 for a term to November 2020. Due to this resignation, this vacancy needs to be filled by a member of Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

The current HRM appointments to Halifax Regional Water Commission are as follows:

Councillor Lorelei Nicoll  
Councillor Russell Walker  
Councillor Richard Zurawski  
Ted Farquhar  
Craig MacMullin  
Colleen Rollings

## **DISCUSSION**

As is practise, the Clerk's Office called for expressions of interest from members of Council in regard to serving on the National Zero Waste Council and the Halifax Regional Water Commission (by email October 28, 2019).

Councillor Zurawski indicated interested in sitting on the National Zero Waste Council.

For the Halifax Regional Water Commission vacancy, there was interest expressed from Councillor Adams and Russell; but as they were not also current members of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee, they were not eligible for consideration.

At the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee meeting on November 7, 2019, a motion was approved nominating Councillor Zurawski to the National Zero Waste Council; and following a call for nominations, a motion was approved nominating Councillor Hendsbee to the Halifax Regional Water Commission.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **RISK CONSIDERATION**

Not Applicable

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Meetings of the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee are open to public attendance and members of the public are invited to address the Standing Committee for up to five (5) minutes during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. Meetings are live webcast on Halifax.ca. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Executive Standing Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

**ALTERNATIVES**

None

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

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