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Item No. 16.2

Request for Halifax Regional Council Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agenda Item Notice of motion given on December 10, 2019	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least one day prior to meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Meeting: January 14, 2020		
Subject: Cooling Off Period before public office holders can accept positions with businesses that do with business with the municipality		
Motion for Halifax Regional Council to Consider:		
<p>That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on developing a policy for a "cooling off" period for elected and senior officials, as public office holders. This report should include a jurisdictional scan of best practices in Canadian municipal, provincial, and federal governments, an analysis of potential benefits and challenges, and a recommendation for an appropriate length of time that public office holders should wait before accepting positions from businesses that do business with the municipality or submit applications for development, especially ones that they had direct and significant dealings during their time as a public office holder.</p>		
Reason:		
<p>Cooling-off periods reduce real and perceived conflicts of interest that may arise from the possibility that public office holders would make decisions to benefit themselves after they have left office. Such prohibitions eliminate the possibility of real conflicts of interest in decision-making and the perception that a decision-maker is acting for any purpose but the public good.</p>		
Outcome Sought:		
<p>A staff report that analyzes the benefits and challenges of implementing a Cooling Off Period for public office holders and a recommendation for an appropriate length of a Cooling Off Period.</p>		
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