

# HALIFAX

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**Item No. 9.1.3**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**May 26, 2020**

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

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

**DATE:** May 5, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Councillor Appointments to the Women's Advisory Committee

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## **ORIGIN**

Requirement to fill two positions on the Women's Advisory Committee.

## **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.

Administrative Order Number 2019-004-GOV, Respecting the Women's Advisory Committee in the Halifax Regional Municipality

13. The Committee shall be comprised of ten (10) members:

(a) two (2) members of Council, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Standing Committee.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended Halifax Regional Council:

1. suspends the rules of procedure under Section 6, the Executive Standing Committee Terms of Reference, of Administrative Order One, the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order; and
2. appoint two Councillors, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Standing Committee, to the Women's Advisory Committee after a vote by individual ballot, as outlined in the Discussion section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

On November 26, 2019 Halifax Regional Council established the Women's Advisory Committee by adopting Administrative Order 2019-004-GOV to support the creation of a gender-inclusive municipality and provide advice to Council on matters relevant to the municipal mandate.

In accordance with the Administrative Order, the Committee is comprised of 10 members, 8 women appointed in accordance with the Public Appointment Policy with at least one woman from each of the rural, suburban, and urban areas of the municipality and two members of Council at least one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Standing Committee.

The current HRM appointments to the Women's Advisory Committee are as follows:

Haneen Al-Noman  
Lilian Barraclough  
Tanya Boudreau  
Charla Dorrington  
Holly Mathias  
Jane McKay-Nesbitt  
Michael Smith  
Christine Qin Yang

## **DISCUSSION**

The Municipal Clerk's Office called for expressions of interest from members of Council in regard to serving on the Committee by email on May 5, 2020.

The following members of Council indicated interest in this committee:

Councillor Nicoll  
Councillor Whitman  
Deputy Mayor Blackburn  
Councillor Russell

Councillor Nicoll and Deputy Mayor Blackburn are also members of the Executive Standing Committee.

This report recommends that Halifax Regional Council appoint two Councillors, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Standing Committee, to the Women's Advisory Committee after a vote by individual ballot.

## **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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