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Item No. 11.1.19
Halifax Regional Council
September 1, 2020

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

Original Signed by 

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: August 19, 2020

SUBJECT: Councillor Endorsement Table Officer – Federation of Canadian Municipalities
(FCM) Resolution

ORIGIN

Requirement of Regional Council to endorse Councillor Bill Karsten as a candidate from the Atlantic Regional Caucus for Table Officer of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

By-law No. 1 of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended Halifax Regional Council:

1. Endorse Councillor Bill Karsten as a candidate for President of the FCM for a term to October 15, 2020; and as a candidate for Past President for a term beginning October 16 until the Swearing in of Council following the October 17, 2020, Municipal Election; and
2. Adopt the resolution required by FCM, in regard to the appointments as provided in Attachment 1 of this report.

BACKGROUND

As per By-Law 1 of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, table officers include: the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, the Third Vice-President, and the Past President. Each table officer position is represented by a regional caucus, with Halifax Regional Municipality being part of the Atlantic Regional Caucus. The table officer positions rotate through the ranks.

In April 2016, Halifax Regional Council passed a motion to support Councillor Bill Karsten to represent Atlantic Canada as Table Officer, Third Vice-President for a one-year term to June 2017, with the understanding that this may be a four-year commitment to allow a table officer progression through FCM rank. Subsequently, in 2017 and 2018, resolutions were passed, allowing Councillor Karsten to proceed through the FCM executive. In April 2019, Halifax Regional Council passed a further motion endorsing Councillor Karsten for the position of President, for a term to June 2020.

The by-laws of FCM require that Council pass a resolution to this effect annually in advance of the Election of the Board of Directors.

As the FCM annual general meeting in Toronto this past June was cancelled because of COVID-19, FCM is doing virtual elections and an AGM in September and October respectively.

On August 18, 2020 Halifax Regional Council passed a motion nominating Councillor Lindell Smith to the FCM Board of Directors as the representative from Halifax Regional Municipality to June 2022.

DISCUSSION

Councillor Karsten has expressed interest to continue in the role as President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for a term to October 15, 2020; and moving into the role as Past President beginning October 16, 2020, for a term until new Council Swearing in following the October 17, 2020, municipal election.

Attachment #1 provides the resolution required for the selected member to stand for appointment as a Table Officer at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

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

Attachment 1 – Sample FCM Resolution

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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SAMPLE COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 2020

**FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES –
ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;

WHEREAS FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the prestige required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the **(INSERT NAME OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OR PROVINCIAL OR TERRITORIAL MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION)** endorse **(INSERT NAME OF ELECTED OFFICIAL)** to stand for election on FCM's Board of Directors for the period starting in June 2020 and ending **(INDICATE END DATE - must be at minimum until June 2021)**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council assumes all costs associated with **(INSERT NAME OF ELECTED OFFICIAL)** attending FCM's Board of Directors meetings.