

Item No. 7.1

Request for Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agenda Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least 5 working days prior to the meeting)	<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 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Motion
Council or Committee: Halifax Board of Police Commissioners:		
Date of Meeting: January 17, 2022		
Subject: Special public engagement meeting regarding proposed HRP budget for fiscal 2022/23		
Motion for Council to Consider: That the Board of Police Commissioners hold a special online meeting to give members of the general public an opportunity to provide input and feedback regarding the proposed HRP budget for fiscal 2022/23.		
Reason: Under subsection 55(2) of the <i>Police Act</i> , the Board is obligated to “ensure that the budget prepared pursuant to [subsection 55(1)] is <u>consistent</u> with those matters referred to in subsection 55(3).” The matters under subsection 55(3) are as follows: (3) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a board shall (a) determine, in consultation with the chief officer, priorities, objectives and goals respecting police services in the community; (b) ensure the chief officer establishes programs and strategies to implement the priorities, objectives and goals respecting police services; (c) ensure that community needs and values are reflected in policing priorities, objectives, goals, programs and strategies; (d) ensure that police services are delivered in a manner consistent with community values, needs and expectations; (e) act as a conduit between the community and the police service providers; (f) recommend policies, administrative and organizational direction for the effective management of the police department; (g) review with the chief officer information provided by the chief officer respecting complaints and internal discipline; (h) ensure a strategic plan and business plan is in place; and (i) ensure the department is managed by the chief officer according to best practices and operates effectively and efficiently		
Holding a special online meeting of the Board to give members of the general public an opportunity to provide input and feedback regarding the proposed HRP budget for fiscal 2022/23 is consistent with the Board's duties to “act as a <u>conduit</u> between the community and the police service providers.”		

The meeting should also be conducted outside of regular business hours (i.e., in the late afternoon or evening) so as to promote accessibility. The meeting should be advertised online ahead of time through HRM social media so as to ensure the public is aware it is happening.

Members of the public should be provided multiple means to provide input and feedback as part of the meeting so as to solicit the broadest range of perspectives and insights:

- Written submissions or correspondence
- Oral presentations up to a maximum of ten (10) minutes in length

Outcome Sought: The Board of Police Commissioners will hold a special online meeting to give members of the general public an opportunity to provide input and feedback regarding the proposed HRP budget for fiscal 2022/23.

Commissioner Harry Critchley