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Item No. 15.1.3
Halifax Regional Council
February 8, 2022

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

Original Signed by 

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: January 19, 2022

SUBJECT: Councillor Appointment to Community Planning and Economic Development
Standing Committee

ORIGIN

Staff initiated.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Administrative Order 1

4(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), any one or more of the rules of procedures contained herein except for sections 5 and 41 and subsections 12(5) and 59(3) may be suspended by Council, Committee of the Whole, Community Council or a Standing Committee by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Members present and voting.

Administrative Order 1 – Schedule 6

2(2) The Mayor and Deputy Mayor shall be Members of the Executive Standing Committee and the other Members shall be appointed by each Standing Committee.

4. The Executive Standing Committee shall act as the Membership Selection Committee of the Council with a mandate to function as the nomination committee for appointment to Boards and Committees, including at large nomination to Standing Committees, except as delegated to other Standing Committees by the Council.

Administrative Order 1 – Section 115 – Required Membership of Standing Committees

(1) For the purposes of this section, Standing Committee shall exclude the Committee of the Whole Council on Budget.

(2) Every Member shall be appointed to at least two Standing Committees.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Suspend the rules of procedures
 - a. requiring the Executive Standing Committee to review the nomination and make Recommendation to Regional Council, and
 - b. respecting the nominations of Members to committees; and
2. Remove Deputy Mayor Lovelace from the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee and appoint Councillor Outhit for a term to November 2022.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

On November 23, 2021 Councillor Pam Lovelace was appointed Deputy Mayor for the Halifax Regional Municipality. In accordance with Administrative Order 1 schedule 6, the Deputy Mayor is automatically a member of the Executive Standing Committee. As a result, Councillor Outhit no longer serves on the Executive Standing Committee.

Presently, Councillor Outhit serves on one Standing Committee and Deputy Mayor Lovelace serves on four. In accordance with Administrative Order 1 section 115, members shall be appointed to at least two Standing Committees. The Clerk's Office has consulted with Deputy Mayor Lovelace and Councillor Outhit and is recommending that Deputy Mayor Lovelace be replaced on Community Planning and Economic Standing Committee and Councillor Outhit be appointed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications.

RISK CONSIDERATION

No risk considerations were identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No community engagement was required.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental implications were identified.

ALTERNATIVES

Regional Council could choose not to approve the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments.

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