

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Council Meeting: January 10, 2023		
Subject: Amendment to AO1 to Revise Order of Business		
Motion for Council to Consider: That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report evaluating revisions of AO1 section 114(2) Agenda for Standing Committees and Schedule 8 section 5, Order of Business of the Community Councils Rules Governing Procedures, to remove the requirement for Public Participation to follow Notices of Motion on agendas.		
Reason: To offer Standing Committees and Community Councils the opportunity to, by default, permit Public Participation to occur before Staff Reports are discussed for better public involvement. Members of the public would have greater impact on local government decisions if their insights were offered and received before motions are decided by community council and standing committees. Waiting to hear from the public until after reports and motions are decided disregards the principle purpose of community engagement.		
Outcome Sought: Staff Report on AO1 amendment of Public Participation on Agendas for Community Councils and Standing Committees.		
<i>Councillor</i> Pam Lovelace	<i>District</i> 13	