



P.O. Box 1749
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3J 3A5 Canada

Item No. 15.4.2

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: April 25, 2023		
Subject: Amendments for Bylaw C-1100		
Motion for Council to Consider:		
<p>THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report and return to Council with recommendations to amend Bylaw C-1100 Respecting Campaign Financing to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1/ restrict campaign contributions from foreign actors;2/ re-evaluate maximum campaign spending considering inflationary rise in expenses;3/ align the campaign Contribution Period with Nominated Candidacy;4/ manage or impede third-party contributions for election advertising; and,5/ address housekeeping amendments.		
Reason:		
<p>HRM is committed to increase accountability and transparency in municipal elections. Bylaw C-1100 was first enacted in 2019 prior to the 2020 municipal election. Considering the 8th HRM municipal election will occur in October 2024, and the contribution period begins in less than 12 months, and there are evolving concerns of foreign actors engaged in elections of all orders of government, modernized amendments could better prepare the municipality for a fair and democratic municipal election.</p> <p>Should provincial legislative changes be recommended in this staff report, the Fall sitting of the Legislature would be an appropriate time to adequately address concerns of foreign actor interference prior to the 2024 municipal election since the Contribution Period opens on March 1, 2024. Therefore, the timing of this report coming to council in 2023 is critical.</p>		
Outcome Sought:		
Staff report with recommendations to update Bylaw C-1100 Respecting Campaign Financing.		
Councillor Pam Lovelace		District 13