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Item No. 15.1.2
Halifax Regional Council
March 19, 2024

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: March 7, 2024

SUBJECT: **Councillor Appointments to Canadian Capital Cities Organization**

ORIGIN

Staff initiated report preceded by approval of the following motion from the January 9, 2024, meeting of Regional Council, Item 15.1.3:

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Renew membership with the Canadian Capital Cities Organization; and,
2. Provide a proposal to host the organization's annual member conference for the 2025 annual conference event in September 2025

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Administrative Order One – *The Procedures of the Council Administrative Order*, Schedule 6, Membership Selection:

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 One – *The Procedures of the Council Administrative Order*:

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.

119. A report with recommendations for nomination and appointment shall be brought forward to the appropriate nominating or appointing body in accordance with the HRM Charter, the Public Appointment Policy and Terms of Reference adopted by the Council.

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It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Suspend the rules of procedures under Schedule 6 of Administrative Order One, Executive Standing Committee Terms of Reference, requiring the Executive Standing Committee to act as the Membership Selection Committee of the Council with a mandate to function as the nomination committee for appointment to Boards and Committees; and
2. Appoint Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillor Morse, and Councillor Lovelace to serve as the Regional Council representatives to the Canadian Capital Cities Organization, for a term to the end of the Council term.

BACKGROUND

The Canadian Capital Cities Organization (CCCO) is an intergovernmental network founded in 1995 open to Canada's 14 provincial, territorial and federal capital cities. CCCO participants includes political and administrative representatives from the federal, provincial, territorial and municipal public sectors, as well as private sector stakeholders, who work together to promote the historic, cultural, economic and symbolic heritage of the capitals of Canada.

On January 9, 2024, Regional Council passed a motion to renew the membership with the Canadian Capital Cities Organization. Halifax representation on the Canadian Capital Cities Organization includes up to five representatives: two members of staff and up to three members of Regional Council.

DISCUSSION

An expression of interest was issued from the Office of the Municipal Clerk to all members of Regional Council regarding the opportunity to serve as the representatives to the Canadian Capital Cities Organization. The following Councillors put their names forward:

- Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon
- Councillor Kathryn Morse
- Councillor Pam Lovelace

It is customary for the nomination of Members of Council to be presented to the Executive Standing Committee for review, however, staff have recommended that Council Suspend section 4, Membership Selection of Schedule 6 of Administrative Order One (AO 1), Executive Standing Committee Terms of Reference, to avoid delays in the appointment process. Section 4 states:

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Halifax Regional Council action required:

- Appoint three (3) Councillors to serve as the Regional Council representatives on the Canadian Capital Cities Organization to the end of the Council term.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications at this time.

RISK CONSIDERATION

No risks were identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No community engagement was required.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental implications were identified.

ALTERNATIVES

Regional Council could choose to accept additional names for nominations, conduct a vote by secret ballot, and amend section 2 of the motion to read as follows:

2. Appoint three (3) Councillors, who are successful candidates receiving the most votes, after a vote by secret ballot, as the Regional Council Representatives to the sit on the Canadian Capital Cities Organization, for a term to the end of the Council term.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments.

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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