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Item No. 15.4.2

Request for Council's Consideration

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(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday) | <input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor |
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Date of Council Meeting: May 7, 2024

Subject: Public Hearing Start Time - Housing Accelerator Fund

Motion for Council to Consider:

That Halifax Regional Council:

1. Waive section 17 of Administrative Order One, requiring a staff report from the Chief Administrative Officer;
2. Waive Appendix A Section 4 (2) and (4) of Administrative Order One, regarding written submissions; and
3. Commence the Housing Accelerator Fund Public Hearing at 1:00 p.m. on May 21, 2024 and require that written submissions must be received by the Clerk's Office by 10:00 a.m. on May 21, 2024 and that all submissions received by the deadline will be distributed by the Clerk to Council.

Reason:

In accordance with Administrative Order One, *The Procedures of Council Administrative Order*, Appendix A Section 2. (1) "A public hearing held by Council shall be advertised to commence at 6:00 p.m., or such other time as set by resolution of the Council."

As this public hearing could be lengthy, commencing the public hearing at 1:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. would allow for more speakers to be heard on the first day of the hearing.

Based on the change to start time, a change to the correspondence deadline is also being proposed and the time in advance mirrors the existing rule of three hours before the start of the hearing.

Outcome Sought:

A start time of 1:00 p.m. for the Housing Accelerator Fund Public Hearing

Councillor Mason

District 7