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Item No. 15.3.1

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agenda Item (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 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Motion
Date of Council Meeting: Tuesday May 21, 2024		
Subject: Ferry Staffing		
Motion: That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on ferry staffing levels. The report should include: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. An overview of current staffing levels2. Options to increase the number of relief staff to provide more capacity in the system and3. Revisit the possibility of adding an additional crew, which could be used to allow for increased service levels during special events like Pride and Canada Day		
Reason: Over recent weeks ferry staffing levels have reached a crisis situation leading to abrupt cancellations of service, sometimes with some advanced notice and an alternative shuttle option, sometimes without. To convince people to leave the car at home or forgo a car purchase entirely, the alternative options need to be reliable. That hasn't been the case with the ferry over recent weeks. If HRM is going to meet its transportation and climate change goals, staffing that allows for reliable service is essential.		
Outcome Sought: Staff recommendation report		
<i>Councillor Sam Austin</i>	<i>District 5</i>	