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Item No. 9.2.1

Request for Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee Consideration				
✓ Agenda Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Wednesday the week prior to the meeting)	(Submitted Clerk's Office	to Municipal ce by Noon at orking day prior		Request from the Floor
Date of Meeting: December 5, 2024				
Subject: Mayor Letter Request re: Municipal Conflict of Interest Act				
Motion for Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee to Consider:				
That the Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee recommend that Executive Standing Committee request a staff report with respect to requesting that the Mayor write a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request the definition of "spouse" in the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act be amended to adopt gender neutral language.				
<b>Reason:</b> This piece of provincial legislation which applies to the Municipality uses outdated language to describe the definition of spouse. This legislation applies to the Committee and the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act is distributed as part of Committee orientation.				
Outcome Sought: That Mayor Fillmore write a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request the definition of "spouse" in the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act be amended. The letter may also note that another piece of provincial legislation, the Matrimonial Property Act, uses the same definition.				
Rhiannon Makohoniuk				