

Request for Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Agenda Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Wednesday the week prior to the meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least one working day prior to meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b>
<b>Date of Meeting: December 5, 2024</b>		
<b>Subject: WGEAC Letter to the Regional Council and CAO</b>		
<b>Motion for Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee to Consider:</b>		
THAT the Women's Advisory Committee request the Chair write a letter to Halifax Regional Council and the Chief Administrative Officer requesting policies be forwarded to the Committee for review.		
<b>Reason:</b> The Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee Terms of Reference outline the following:		
<b><u>Duties of the Committee</u></b>		
6. (a) receive and review municipal policies, priorities and decisions using a gender lens, for items directed to the Committee by Council or a Standing Committee of Council, or on its own initiative with direction from the Executive Standing Committee, and to make recommendations;		
7. The Committee shall advise business units, through the Chief Administrative Officer, in responding to gender-based issues and concerns of women and gender diverse individuals when requested to do so by the Chief Administrative Officer.		
The Committee does not currently receive or review policies for Council or Standing Committees or receive requests from the Chief Administrative Officer to advise business units on gender-based issues and concerns.		
<b>Outcome Sought:</b> That the Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee play an active role in the policy development and review process at Halifax Regional Municipality as outlined in the Committee's Terms of Reference.		
Jacquie Gahagan, Chair		