

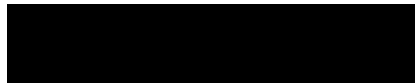


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**Item No. 12.3.1**  
**Executive Standing Committee**  
**July 25, 2022**

**TO:** Mayor Savage and Members of Executive Standing Committee

**SUBMITTED BY:**



Jane MacKay-Nesbitt, Chair, Women's Advisory Committee

**DATE:** July 15, 2022

**SUBJECT:** HRM Support for Access to Abortion Services in Canada

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**ORIGIN**

July 7, 2022 meeting of Women's Advisory Committee, Item 9.2.2.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Administrative Order Number 2019-004-GOV, respecting the Women's Advisory Committee in the Halifax Regional Municipality section 6  
(e) advise and make recommendations about strategies designed to achieve the objectives of the Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Women's Advisory Committee recommends that the Executive Standing Committee recommends to Halifax Regional Council that the Mayor be asked to write a letter to the Federal Minister of Health opposing any bill or motion that is intended to restrict abortion or reduce access to abortions in Canada.

## **BACKGROUND**

While developing their 2022 Work Plan, the Women's Advisory Committee agreed to address issue impacting women in HRM.

The Women's Advisory Committee has received numerous presentations related to public safety and the impact on women. The Committee noted how a letter to the Federal Minister allows for HRM to be seen as an inclusive and safe place for women to live. As well, reinforces HRM's commitment to safe cities and the UN Women Safe Cities, Safe Public Spaces for Women and Girls Global Flagship Programme started in 2019.

## **DISCUSSION**

Women's Advisory Committee members expressed interest in forming a statement opposing the overturn of the Roe v. Wade law in the United States at their July 7, 2022 meeting. The Committee considered former presentations and discussions around public safety and the impact on women and approved the motion outlined in this report.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial implications at this time.

## **RISK CONSIDERATION**

No risk considerations were identified.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Women's Advisory Committee is comprised of six citizen members and two Councillors. Meetings are live webcast on Halifax.ca. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

No risk considerations were identified.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

Women's Advisory Committee did not provide alternatives.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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