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Item No. 6
Halifax Regional Council
June 18, 2019

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:

John Traves, Director of Legal, Municipal Clerk, and External Affairs

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Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: May 29, 2019

SUBJECT: Canadian Capital Cities Organization

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

May 17, 2019 request from Deputy Mayor Mancini to the Chief Administrative Officer for an information report describing the role and membership details for the Canadian Capital Cities Organization (CCCO).

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, Section 79, Power to expend money.

BACKGROUND

As noted in the Origin section of this report, deputy Mayor Mancini requested further information on the Canadian Capital Cities Organization (CCCO), including its role and membership details. This report has been prepared in response to that request, and the information in the Discussion section originates primarily from material presented on the CCCO web site (<https://ccco-occ.ca/>).

DISCUSSION

Founded in 1995, the CCCO serves as a network to help Canada's 14 provincial, territorial and federal capital cities define and express their identities. The CCCO includes participants from the federal, provincial, territorial and municipal public sectors, as well as the private sector, who work together to promote the historic, cultural, economic and symbolic heritage of the capitals of Canada. Mayors, city councillors, tourism and economic development officers, provincial capital commissions, representatives of Legislative Assemblies and others from national, provincial and municipal public and private sectors all contribute to the organization. Current membership of the organization is 53% municipal and the Board of Directors (as follows) primarily consists of municipal representatives:

- Ric Mercer, Pippy Park Commission, City of St. Johns;
- Clifford Lee, Mayor, City of Charlottetown;
- Dona Hurry, City of Charlottetown;
- Marilyn Kerton, City Councillor City of Fredericton;
- Francoise Mercure, Presidente and Directrice General, Commission De La Capitale Nationale Du Quebec, Quebec;
- Bob Monette, City Councillor, City of Ottawa;
- Matt Allard, Councillor, St. Boniface, Winnipeg;
- Nancy Cherney, Provincial Capital Commission, Regina;
- Al Chapman, Legislative Assembly, Edmonton;
- Robin Campbell, Sustainability Coordinator, Iqaluit;
- Madeleine Redfern, Mayor Iqaluit;
- Charlayne Thornton-Joe, City Councillor, Victoria;
- Mike Gladish, City Councillor, Whitehorse.

The CCCO's mandate is to "promote and support the unique and symbolic significance of the capitals so as to reflect the pride, unity, history, democratic traditions, and aspirations of the people living in the provinces and territories of Canada." The goal of the organization is to "further a greater knowledge of Canada's heritage, culture and political development by supporting opportunities for Canadians to be more fully engaged with all of Canada's capitals." The CCCO aims to provide a forum for discussion of issues that are unique to capital cities and has worked on various pan-Canadian projects with an aim to link and unify capital cities across the country.

If Regional Council pursues membership in the CCCO, An Institutional Membership (i.e. for cities, capital commissions, Legislative Assemblies, tourism organizations, economic development organizations, etc.) which allows for up to five representatives from the same institution, one institutional vote at Board meetings and Annual General meeting would cost \$500 annually. An Associate Membership, which is a non-voting membership but entitles one member to attend CCCO events, costs \$250 annually.

Currently, Halifax Regional Councillors and/or the Mayor belong to other similar national organizations including the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Big City Mayors Caucus, and the Canadian Urban Transit Association, as well as provincial membership in the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications resulting from the content of this report. As noted in the Discussion section of this report, the cost of membership in the CCCO ranges from \$250 annually for an Associate Membership to \$500 annually for an Institutional Membership. A funding source would need to be identified if Regional Council wishes to pursue membership.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

n/a

ATTACHMENTS

None

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