TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed by
Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: May 5, 2020

SUBJECT: Councillor Appointments to the Women’s Advisory Committee

ORIGIN
Requirement to fill two positions on the Women’s Advisory Committee.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
Administrative Order One -The Procedures of the Council Administrative Order:
119. A report with recommendations for nomination and appointment shall be brought forward to the appropriate nominating or appointing body in accordance with the HRM Charter, the Public Appointment Policy and Terms of Reference adopted by the Council.

Administrative Order Number 2019-004-GOV, Respecting the Women’s Advisory Committee in the Halifax Regional Municipality
13. The Committee shall be comprised of ten (10) members:
(a) two (2) members of Council, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Standing Committee.

RECOMMENDATION
It is recommended Halifax Regional Council:

1. suspends the rules of procedure under Section 6, the Executive Standing Committee Terms of Reference, of Administrative Order One, the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order; and
2. appoint two Councillors, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Standing Committee, to the Women’s Advisory Committee after a vote by individual ballot, as outlined in the Discussion section of this report.
BACKGROUND

On November 26, 2019 Halifax Regional Council established the Women’s Advisory Committee by adopting Administrative Order 2019-004-GOV to support the creation of a gender-inclusive municipality and provide advice to Council on matters relevant to the municipal mandate.

In accordance with the Administrative Order, the Committee is comprised of 10 members, 8 women appointed in accordance with the Public Appointment Policy with at least one woman from each of the rural, suburban, and urban areas of the municipality and two members of Council at least one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Standing Committee.

The current HRM appointments to the Women’s Advisory Committee are as follows:

Haneen Al-Noman
Lilian Barraclough
Tanya Boudreau
Charla Dorrington
Holly Mathias
Jane McKay-Nesbitt
Michael Smith
Christine Qin Yang

DISCUSSION

The Municipal Clerk’s Office called for expressions of interest from members of Council in regard to serving on the Committee by email on May 5, 2020.

The following members of Council indicated interest in this committee:
Councillor Nicoll
Councillor Whitman
Deputy Mayor Blackburn
Councillor Russell

Councillor Nicoll and Deputy Mayor Blackburn are also members of the Executive Standing Committee.

This report recommends that Halifax Regional Council appoint two Councillors, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Standing Committee, to the Women’s Advisory Committee after a vote by individual ballot.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to this report that are not included in the operating budget.

RISK CONSIDERATION

Not applicable.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not applicable.
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

None

ATTACHMENTS

None

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