



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

Information ☐	Recommendation ☒	Decision Request ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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To: Council

Submitted by: Mayor Abraham Zebian

Date: July 23, 2024

Subject: Committee Terms of Reference-Public Participation

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

Council direct staff to amend the West Hants Meeting and Committee Procedural Policy to reflect an opportunity for public participation during all Committee meetings.

BACKGROUND

The Region of West Hants has various committees that do work on behalf of and advise council on various topics. Some committees (Committee of the Whole, PAC/HAC) allow an opportunity for public participation during the meeting but most others do not.

Property ☐	Public Opinion ☐	Environment ☐	Social ☐	Economic ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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DISCUSSION

A local resident had recently reached out inquiring about an opportunity to participate in an Audit committee meeting where no opportunity presently existed. The request highlighted an opportunity for increased participation and resident involvement with the Municipality if there was an opportunity for residents to take part in, ask questions, and participate in all committee meetings.

NEXT STEPS

TBD

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications if council approves this motion.

ALTERNATIVES

Council may not approve the motion.

Council may suggest something else.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

Pending CAO review and comments

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