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**Item No. 15.3.1**

<b>Request for Council's Consideration</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Included on Agenda</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b>
<b>Date of Council Meeting: Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b>		
<b>Subject: Removal of X as a Social Media Platform for HRM</b>		
<b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b>  That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to write a staff report to determine the feasibility of removing X as a social media platform used by the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) to distribute information to residents. The staff report should provide a timeline of when HRM will be off the social media platform X and provide alternate options to distribute information to residents including looking at other social media platforms that we currently do not use.  <b>Reason:</b> In the past two-plus years since Elon Musk acquired Twitter (now X) the platform has become less congenial, informative and useful, and more toxic. With Musk now a "special government employee" of the Trump administration, it is very clear that platform goes against our municipal values of evidence-based decision making and diversity, equity, inclusion & accessibility, to name a few. X is no longer a medium that many reputable organizations are comfortable associating with.  <b>Outcome Sought:</b> A staff report that determines the feasibility of removing X as a social media platform used by the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) to distribute information to residents. The staff report should provide a timeline of when HRM will be off the social media platform X and provide alternate options to distribute information to residents including looking at other social media platforms that we currently do not use.		
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