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## Item No. 18.2

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Included on Agenda</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input checked="" 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:</b> 27 January 2026		
<b>Subject:</b> Residents vs Citizens in HRM Mission Statement		
<b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b>		
THAT Halifax Regional Council:		
1. waive Section 17 of Administrative Order One, requiring a staff report from the Chief Administrative Officer; and		
2. direct the CAO to modify the wording of the HRM Mission statement in the 2026 – 2030 Strategic Plan to replace “our citizens” with “residents”:		
<i>Currently:</i> “We take pride in providing high-quality public service to benefit <i>our citizens</i> .”		
<i>Revised:</i> “We take pride in providing high-quality public service to benefit <i>residents</i> .”		
<b>Reason:</b> To align the wording of the 2026 – 2030 HRM strategic plan mission statement with the rest of the approved document to be a more inclusive statement. The Strategic plan refers to “residents” or “all residents”. It does not use the word “citizens” nor the phrase “our residents”.		
This minor change is being requested as an added item, so staff can make this change without delay to the planned printing of strategic plan documents.		
<b>Outcome Sought:</b> Agreement from council to change the HRM Mission statement as indicated. Requesting the requirement for a staff report be waived (2/3 vote) based on the report Council received on August 5, 2025 - <a href="https://pub-halifax.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=2587">https://pub-halifax.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=2587</a>		
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