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Item No. 15.6.1

Request for Halifax Regional Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Council Meeting: February 24, 2026		
Subject: Letter requesting PNS revise legislation to require NSP to pay municipal property taxes in HRM		
Motion for Council to Consider: That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report and prepare a letter from Regional Council to the Province requesting legislative changes including a repeal of Section 18 of the NSP Privatization Act to require Nova Scotia Power to pay property taxes on its HRM properties.		
Reason: HRM is experiencing budget pressures related to rapid population growth and requires more diversified revenue sources. Currently NSP pays a grant in lieu of taxes of approximately \$6.5 million a year. If taxed, NSP would pay approximately \$7.6 million a year in property taxes to HRM an increase of \$1.1 million a year. As a for-profit utility, NSP has capacity to pay commercial property taxes.		
Outcome Sought: A letter dated no later than June 30/26 from the Mayor's Office on behalf of Regional Council to the Province of Nova Scotia requesting legislative changes requiring Nova Scotia Power to pay property taxes to HRM rather than a grant in lieu of taxes.		
<i>Councillor Kathryn Morse</i>	<i>District 10</i>	