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## Item No. 15.6.4

Request for Regional Council Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Agenda Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least 5 working days prior to the meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least one working day prior to meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b>
<b>Date of Meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 2026</b>		
<b>Subject: Resources for Councillors' Support Office</b>		
<b>Motion for Halifax Regional Council to Consider:</b>  THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide staff report on the resources that would be required to provide Councillors with a comparable level and suite of political support services that is currently provided to Halifax's Mayor and Councillors in comparable jurisdictions - e.g., communications advice, social media support, policy research, speech writing, correspondence, etc.		
<b>Reason:</b>  The long-standing support for Councillors has been 0.5 FTE of administrative, non-political support. During our budget discussions around the Mayor's Office restructuring, many councillors expressed a desire to understand what resources would be required to provide councillors with the types of support that would be similar to the mayor, but scaled for a councillor.		
<b>Outcome Sought:</b>  A staff report that examines the resources available to Halifax's Mayor, councillors in other comparable municipal jurisdictions, as well as research in best-practices for Councillors' offices, and outlines the resources that would be required to achieve that level of support.		
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