



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 7, 2017**

PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Steve Craig
Councillors: Steve Streach
David Hendsbee
Bill Karsten
Lorelei Nicoll
Sam Austin
Tony Mancini
Waye Mason
Lindell Smith
Shawn Cleary
Russell Walker
Stephen Adams
Richard Zurawski
Matt Whitman
Lisa Blackburn
Tim Outhit

STAFF:

Mr. Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Mr. Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 11:51 a.m., and Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 11:56 a.m. Council reconvened at 1:30 p.m., and recessed at 4:00 p.m. Council reconvened at 4:19 p.m. and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 6:03 p.m. Council reconvened at 6:58 p.m. and adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 11:51 a.m. and Council stood for a moment of reflection.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This matter was addressed later in the meeting. See page 3 for details.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

- Additions:
- 17.1 Herring Cove Water Servicing Phase 2N – Revised Scope
 - 17.2 Councillor Hendsbee – Staff Report Review of Local Improvement Charges (LIC) from By-law S434, an Amendment to By-Law S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements
 - 17.3 Ratification from Committee of the Whole – Proposed Administrative Order 2016-005-ADM – Procurement Policy
 - 17.4 Ratification from Committee of the Whole – Supplemental Report Regarding Expansion of Procurement Policy Criteria Scoring

 - 16.3 Contract Negotiations
 - 16.3.1 Sponsorship Agreement – Canada 150 Project – Dartmouth North Community Centre – Private and Confidential Report

 - 16.4 Personnel Matter
 - 16.4.1 Personnel Matter (Verbal Update) – Private and Confidential Report

 - 16.5 Legal Advice
 - 16.5.1 Award – Request for Proposals (RFP) P14-360, Public Wifi (Verbal Update)

Council agreed to convene an In Camera (In Private) session as the first order of business to address items 16.4.1 and 16.5.1.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, Council approved a motion to add item 16.5.2 to the agenda. See page 16.

- Addition:
- 16.5.2 Minutes of Settlement with respect to an application by Halifax Regional Water Commission – Private and Confidential Report

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Regional Council convene an In Camera session to consider items 16.4.1 and 16.5.1.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council recessed at 11:56 p.m. to convene to In Camera (In Private).

Council reconvened at 1:30 p.m. Councillor Zurawski was not present.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

8. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

9. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – January 24, 2017

9.1 Eastern Shore Recreation Needs Assessment / Sheet Harbour Lions Community Centre

The following was before Council:

- A staff supplementary information report dated January 12, 2017
- A report from the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee dated September 22, 2015, with attached staff report dated September 10, 2015
- An Extract of Minutes from the Regional Council meeting held on October 6, 2015
- Correspondence dated February 3, 2017 from Cathy Farris

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council decline the request from the Province of Nova Scotia, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, and Halifax Regional School Board to fund a HRM enhancement or addition to the new Primary-12 Eastern Shore School.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (15 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Craig, Councillors: Streach, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Blackburn and Outhit.

Against: Councillor Hendsbee

Not present: Councillor Zurawski

10. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

12.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items: 9.1, 14.1.1, and 14.4.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

12.1.1 Fly-Past Request – HMCS ATHABASKAN Paying Off Ceremony

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence dated January 22, 2017 from Jean Couillard, Commanding Officer, HMCS ATHABASKAN

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council grant permission for the Royal Canadian Air Force to conduct a low-level flyby, as low as 500 feet over the land, of two CH-124 Sea Kings as they escort HMCS ATHABASKAN during the final sail past on Friday, March 10, 2017 in conjunction with the paying off ceremony.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Zurawski

12.2 Petitions

12.2.1 Councillor Cleary

Councillor Cleary submitted a petition with six signatures from residents of Saraguay Place, Halifax requesting the municipality stop the Bobcat snow-plowing of their communal sidewalk.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to prepare a report on exempting Saraguay Place, Halifax, Nova Scotia from sidewalk snow clearing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 3 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors: Streach, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Whitman, and Blackburn.

Against: Deputy Mayor Craig, Councillors Hendsbee and Outhit

Not present: Councillor Zurawski

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

14. REPORTS

14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

14.1.1 Award – Request for Proposals (RFP) P14-360, Public Wifi

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 20, 2017
- A staff presentation dated February 7, 2017

- Correspondence dated February 6, 2017 from Kerry Crofton

Ms. Amanda Whitewood, Director of Finance and ICT and Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Sarah Teal, Acting Manager of Strategy and Delivery, and Mr. Stephen Terry, Senior Procurement Consultant provided the staff presentation regarding Public Wifi as set out in the staff report dated January 20, 2017.

Councillor Zurawski joined the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Award RFP P14-360, Public Wifi to the highest scoring proponent, Bell Aliant for a five (5) year period at a total cost of \$2,631,665 including net HST as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated January 20, 2017.**
- 2. Direct the CAO to execute an amendment and schedule to the existing master agreement with Bell Aliant subject to the final negotiation of terms acceptable to the CAO, receipt of Ministerial approval, and approval to form and authority by Legal Services.**
- 3. Delegate authority to approve increases and changes to the services, as outlined in the RFP, to the CAO or his delegate, subject to budget availability.**

Council entered into a discussion with Ms. Whitewood, Ms. Teal, and Mr. Terry responding to questions of clarification, noting the following:

- The proposal is to use Bell Aliant Fibre infrastructure, which would deliver a connection speed of approximately 5.3G;
- Staff may request cost estimates related to expanding the service to other areas of interest; however these estimates could not be evaluated as part of the proposal without reopening the Request for Proposals; and
- Bell Aliant would collect information regarding usage, but not personal information. The information collected would be provided to the municipality in aggregate.

Several councillors spoke to the benefits of free wireless connectivity to residents, tourists, and the business community. Some Members acknowledged that the proposal is not ideal; however, they expressed support for moving forward and developing a foundation for further expansion.

Other councillors expressed the following reservations:

- The proposed geographical scope is more restricted than anticipated;
- It is unclear how much revenue may be generated through advertising; and
- There are risks associated with contracting the service to a telecommunications company, and it may be preferable to develop a municipality-owned and operated broadband service.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (9 in favour, 8 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Craig, Councillors: Streach, Mancini, Mason, Cleary, Walker, Blackburn and Outhit.

Against: Councillors: Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Smith, Adams, Zurawski and Whitman.

Council agreed to consider item 14.1.6 next on the agenda.

14.1.6 Property Disposal, PID 41287137 – Highway 101 and Margeson Drive, Middle Sackville – Cobequid Cultural Society

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 23, 2016

- A revised Attachment 'A' to the report dated December 23, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Craig

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Declare 2.0 acres of PID 41287137, Highway 101 and Margeson Drive, Middle Sackville, as shown on revised Attachment "A" as circulated, as no longer required for the purposes of the Municipality and surplus to municipal requirements, and categorize the parcel, as 'Economic Development', as per Administrative Order 50;**
2. **Direct Planning and Development staff to review and advise CCS respecting the planning application approvals required in order to facilitate the development proposal on this site inclusive of addressing land use, subdivision, shared parking, vehicle access and egress, proximity to Provincial right of ways, as well as the size and location of septic fields, and report back to Council as may be required; and**
3. **Following the resolution and determination of the planning approval process return to Council with the recommended terms of the shared parking agreement and terms of the property conveyance for final approval by Council.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council recessed at 4:00 p.m. and reconvened at 4:19 p.m.

Council agreed to deal with item 14.1.3 next.

14.1.3 Award – Tender 16-186 Canal Greenway Park

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 6, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council award Tender 16-186 Canal Greenway Park to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Schooner Excavation Limited, for a Total Price of \$620,396 net HST included, with funding from CDG00493, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated January 6, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Austin left the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

14.1.2 Award – Quotation 16-104, Purchase of one (1) Mobile Command Unit

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 2, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council award tender 16-104 for one (1) Mobile Command vehicle to Tri-Star Industries, the lowest bidder meeting specifications, for \$742,621 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No. CVJ01088 - Fire Apparatus Replacement, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated December 2, 2016.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Austin.

14.1.3 Award – Tender 16-186 Canal Greenway Park

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting; please see page 6 for details.

14.1.4 Case 20582 – Discharging Agreement – 5144 Morris Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 9, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve, by resolution, the proposed Discharging Agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated January 9, 2017; and
2. Require the Discharging Agreement be signed by the property owner within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Austin

14.1.5 Case 20850 – Discharging Agreement for 1343 Hollis Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 9, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve, by resolution, the proposed Discharging Agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated January 9, 2017; and
2. Require the Discharging Agreement be signed by the property owner within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Austin

14.1.6 Property Disposal, PID 41287137 – Highway 101 and Margeson Drive, Middle Sackville – Cobequid Cultural Society

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting, see pages 5-6 for details.

14.1.7 LiDAR Data Acquisition – Advanced Capital Funding

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 10, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Suspend the Terms of Reference of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee requiring the Committee to review and make a report and recommendation to Regional Council; and**
2. **Approve advanced funding for the Project CI000020 – LiDAR Data Acquisition in the amount of \$2,400,000, as per the financial implication section of the staff report dated January 10, 2017.**

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Austin

14.2 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Data Sources – Monitoring of Centre Plan

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee dated January 27, 2017, with attached Community Design Advisory Committee report dated December 13, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council request staff to provide a report which details the baseline data and sources that will be used in the monitoring of the Centre Plan as set out in Section 4.1.2 of the draft Centre Plan.

Councillor Mancini proposed an amendment to the motion to request that staff respond as part of the forthcoming Centre Plan report. The amendment was accepted as friendly.

Councillor Streach left meeting at 4:40 p.m.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Austin and Streach

14.2.2 Request from DEANS – STEP Program

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee dated January 27, 2017, with attached staff report dated December 21, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Support the Strategic Tourism Expansion Program (STEP) Phase 2 project, as requested in the May 26, 2016 submission from Destination Eastern & Northumberland Shore (DEANS), with a package of in-kind and financial support amounting to \$33,700, as described in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated December 21, 2016, and**
2. **Direct the CAO to nominate a staff member to sit on the project Phase 2 Working Committee.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Austin and Streach

14.2.3 Community Facility Master Plan 2

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee dated January 27, 2017, with attached staff report dated January 6, 2017
- Halifax Community Facility Master Plan 2 dated May 2016
- Halifax Community Facility Master Plan 2 Appendices dated May 2016

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Craig

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the use of the Community Facility Master Plan 2 (CFMP2) as a framework for municipal decision-making regarding recreation facilities; and**
- 2. Approve the categorization of the CFMP2 recommendations outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated January 6, 2017, and direct staff to incorporate the recommendations in future annual Business Plans for Council's consideration.**

Mr. Richard Harvey, Manager of Policy and Planning, Parks and Recreation responded to questions of clarification. Councillors asked whether facilities would have gender-neutral washrooms, whether there would be training for staff that considers the needs of the LGBTQ community, and whether bilingual staff would be more clearly identified than at present. Mr. Harvey responded that staff are considering a strategy that would address gender-neutral washrooms, diversity and inclusion training and better communication around bilingual services.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Austin and Streach

14.3 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

14.3.1 Trans Canada Trail Route in Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Transportation Standing Committee dated January 30, 2017, with attached staff report dated January 9, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council endorse the proposed interim alignment of the Trans Canada Trail through Halifax Regional Municipality and endorse ongoing collaboration between the Municipality, the Nova Scotia Trails Federation and the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) on the development of a connected and complete TCT route within the municipality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Austin and Streach

14.3.2 Low Income Transit Pass Pilot Program Extension & Expansion

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Transportation Standing Committee dated January 27, 2017, with attached staff report dated January 10, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Extend the completion date of the Low Income Transit Pass Pilot Program from March 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 for those accepted into the pilot program for September 2016;**
2. **Amend the program eligibility criteria to exclude the use of income from roommates in the calculation of household income as per Attachment A of the staff report dated January 10, 2017**
3. **Approve the implementation of an annual Low Income Transit Pass Program for up to 1,000 qualified applicants beginning July 1, 2017;**
4. **Direct Staff to enter into discussion with the Province of Nova Scotia to evaluate opportunities for offering transit passes to those currently receiving a transportation subsidy; and**
5. **That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding the possible inclusion of the following in relation to the Low Income Transit Pass Pilot Program Extension and Expansion:**
 - **Solicit the United Way to become one of the “community partners” referenced that helps citizen’s complete application;**
 - **Consider a “Fair Entry Halifax” program, modeled on similar program in Calgary, so that applicants do not have to repeatedly demonstrate low income in order to qualify for municipally subsidized programs; and**
 - **Consider including the Mobile Food Market as a drop location for Low Income Bus Pass applicants.**

Councillor Mancini proposed the following amendment to the motion:

6. **Amend the program eligibility to accept either Notice of Assessment or the Proof of Income “Option C” print from the Canada Revenue Agency as evidence of family/household income.**

The amendment was accepted as friendly.

Councillor Austin returned to the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the motion be amended to direct staff to prepare a report including amendments to By-law U-100, the By-law for User Charges, that would remove a person from the Low Income Bus Pass Program if that person does not purchase any bus passes within a 6-month period.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

The question was called on the amended motion as follows:

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Extend the completion date of the Low Income Transit Pass Pilot Program from March 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 for those accepted into the pilot program for September 2016;**
2. **Amend the program eligibility criteria to exclude the use of income from roommates in the calculation of household income as per Attachment A of the staff report dated January 10, 2017**

3. Approve the implementation of an annual Low Income Transit Pass Program for up to 1,000 qualified applicants beginning July 1, 2017;
4. Direct Staff to enter into discussion with the Province of Nova Scotia to evaluate opportunities for offering transit passes to those currently receiving a transportation subsidy; and
5. That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding the possible inclusion of the following in relation to the Low Income Transit Pass Pilot Program Extension and Expansion:
 - Solicit the United Way to become one of the “community partners” referenced that helps citizen’s complete application;
 - Consider a “Fair Entry Halifax” program, modeled on similar program in Calgary, so that applicants do not have to repeatedly demonstrate low income in order to qualify for municipally subsidized programs; and
 - Consider including the Mobile Food Market as a drop location for Low Income Bus Pass applicants.
6. Amend the program eligibility to accept either Notice of Assessment or the Proof of Income “Option C” print from the Canada Revenue Agency as evidence of family/household income.
7. Direct staff to prepare a report including amendments to By-law U-100, the By-law for User Charges, that would remove a person from the Low Income Bus Pass Program if that person does not purchase any bus passes within a 6-month period.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

14.4 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

14.4.1 Rodent Control

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Halifax and West Community Council dated January 18, 2017, with attached staff report dated December 21, 2016
- Correspondence dated January 15, 2017 from Pat Whitman and Chris Annand of the Park to Park Community Association

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

1. Continue to bait for rodent control, as required, on municipal property; and
2. Amend Administrative Order 2016-003-ADM, Respecting Construction Site Management to include rodent control in the form of pre-baiting for a period of 10-14 days prior to demolition or major construction.

Mr. Bob Bjerke, Chief Planner and Director of Planning and Development, and Mr. Bruce Zvaniga, Director of Transportation and Public Works responded to questions of clarification. Mr. Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that staff will be coming forward with a report providing additional information regarding a more comprehensive approach to rodent control.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

14.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

14.5.1 Councillor Walker – Possible Amendment to Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law

The following was before Council:

- A Request for Council's Consideration form submitted by Councillor Walker

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding possible amendments to the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law under the C-2 Zone (signs) to include the addition of 42(3).

42(3) in addition to signs permitted in (1) each C-1, C2-A, or C-2 use a business located in a corner unit shall be permitted an additional identification sign which may be illuminated.

Councillor Whitman left the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors: Streach, Mason, and Whitman.

14.5.2 Councillor Walker – Possible Amendment to By-Law C-501 Respecting Vending on Municipal Lands

The following was before Council:

- A Request for Council's Consideration form submitted by Councillor Walker

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Adams

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to consider amending By-Law C-501 Respecting Vending on Municipal Lands to include selling clothing from a motor vehicle on HRM property.

A brief discussion ensued. Some concern was expressed regarding limiting the motion to consideration of clothing rather than goods more generally.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Craig, Councillors: Hendsbee, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Blackburn and Outhit.

Against: Councillor Karsten

Not present: Councillors: Streach, Mason, and Whitman.

15. MOTIONS

15.1 Ratification of Committee of the Whole Motion from January 25, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Craig

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding options and opportunities for adjusting the Local Transit and Regional Transportation rates to better reflect service delivery in both areas and bring recommendations for consideration during the 2018/19 budget deliberations.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Whitman

Council agreed to consider added items next.

17. ADDED ITEMS

17.1 Herring Cove Water Servicing Phase 2B – Revised Scope

The following was before Council:

- A staff report dated January 16, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Change the scope of the Herring Cove Water Servicing Phase 2B project so that it connects John Brackett Drive (Highway 253) to water and wastewater servicing, using the hybrid system outlined in Option 3 of the staff report dated January 16, 2017 with a revised total project cost of \$4,561,952. This revised project is conditional upon final approval from Council following community consultation on the Local Improvement Charge (LIC).**
2. **Direct staff to send the revised scope to the Provincial and Federal governments for approval under the Clean Water & Wastewater Fund;**
3. **Request Halifax Water proceed with detailed design for the revised scope; and**
4. **Continue to pursue cost sharing for the full scope of Phase 2B with the provincial and federal governments as per Council's original funding application.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Whitman

17.2 Councillor Hendsbee – Staff Report Review of Local Improvement Charges (LIC) from By-law S434, an Amendment to By-Law S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements

The following was before Council:

- A Councillor Request for Consideration Form submitted by Councillor Hendsbee

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Craig

THAT Council request a staff report to determine whether the balance remaining on the Local Improvement Charge for paving at 51 Sandy Point Road in Porters Lake can be waived.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Whitman

17.3 Ratification from Committee of the Whole – Proposed Administrative Order 2016-005-ADM – Procurement Policy

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Craig, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve:

- a) **The repeal of Administrative Order #35 Procurement Policy; and**
- b) **The adoption of Administrative Order #2016-005-ADM – Procurement Policy as outlined in Appendix A of the staff report dated December 13, 2016 with the following amendments:**

- **Strike section 36.2 (a) “the CAO may approve a contract award of any amount when Council is on summer or December holiday break” and renumber the rest of the section accordingly;**
- **Note on page 15 indicating “Not exceeding \$2,000,000 if clause 36(2)(f) applies” be amended to reflect \$1,250,000.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Whitman

17.4 Ratification from Committee of the Whole – Supplemental Report regarding expansion Procurement Policy Criteria Scoring

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to return with a report that addresses options for scoring of local preference, social economic benefit, employee compensation/living wage, and environmental impact when evaluating proposals, and recommend any supporting amendments to the procurement policy as a result.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Whitman

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

The following matters were considered in public session.

16.1 Personnel Matter

16.1.1 Ratification of Citizen Appointments to Boards and Committees – *Private and Confidential Report*

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential recommendation report dated January 27, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations of the Standing Committees regarding the Citizen Appointments as outlined in Attachments # 1 of the private and confidential staff report dated January 27, 2017.**
- 2. Waive the limit on maximum length of service and ratify the appointments to the North West Planning Advisory Committee.**
- 3. It is further recommended that the Citizen Appointments be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidates.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Whitman

16.2 Property Matter

16.2.1 Buy-Back Agreement – 19077, Highway 7, Spry Harbour – *Private and Confidential Report*

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential recommendation report dated January 17, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Craig

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to release the Buy-Back Agreement registered against the property located at 19077, Highway 7, Spry Harbour; and**
2. **That the private and confidential report dated January 17, 2017 be released to the public following the release of the Buy-Back Agreement.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Whitman

16.2.2 Councillor Mancini – Property Matter – Strategic Purchase of Property – *Private and Confidential Report*

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential Councillor Request Form submitted by Councillor Mancini

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to:

1. **consider the possible acquisition of the property as outlined in the private and confidential Councillor Request Form.**
2. **consider options for the property as outlined in the private and confidential Councillor Request form.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Whitman

After a brief discussion, Council determined that the remaining In Camera matters would need to be dealt with during an In Camera session. Council agreed to consider notices of motion before recessing.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

18.1 Councillor Walker

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 21, 2017, I propose to introduce Administrative Order 2016-004-ADM, Respecting Variance Notification Distance, the purpose of which is to increase the notification distance for variance appeals from 30 metres to 100 metres throughout the Municipality.”

18.2 Councillor Mason

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 21, 2017, I propose to introduce Administrative Order 2016-008-ADM, Respecting the Reduction of Taxes Payable for Certain Residential Properties, the purpose of which is to provide certain residential properties a one-time tax reduction in April 2017.”

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT item 16.5.2 - Minutes of Settlement with respect to an application by Halifax Regional Water Commission be added to the agenda.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Craig

THAT Council convene and In Camera (In Private) session to consider agenda items 16.3.1 and 16.5.2.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council recessed at 6:03 p.m. to convene to In Camera (In Private).

Council reconvened at 6:58 p.m. to ratify the following motions.

16.3 Contract Negotiations

16.3.1 Sponsorship Agreement – Canada 150 Project – Dartmouth North Community Centre – Private and Confidential Report

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the TD Common Ground Project sponsorship of the Dartmouth North Community Centre as set out in the private and confidential report dated February 6, 2017; and**
- 2. Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Sponsorship Agreement between Halifax Regional Municipality and the Toronto-Dominion (TD) Bank, incorporating the key terms set out in Table 1 of the private and confidential report dated February 6, 2017.**
- 3. It is further recommended that the private and confidential report dated February 6, 2017 not be released to the public**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Whitman

16.4 Personnel Matter

16.4.1 Personnel Matter (Verbal Update) – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was considered during an In Camera session with no action required.

16.5 Legal Advice

16.5.1 Award – Request for Proposals (RFP) P14-360, Public Wifi (Verbal Update)

This matter was considered during an In Camera session with no action required.

16.5.2 Minutes of Settlement with respect to an application by Halifax Regional Water Commission – Private and Confidential Report

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Craig, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute minutes of settlement with respect to an application by Halifax Regional Water Commission with respect to matter NSUARB M07731.

It is further recommended that the private and confidential report dated February 7, 2017 not be released to the public.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Whitman

17. ADDED ITEMS

17.1 Herring Cove Water Servicing Phase 2B – Revised Scope

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting, see page 13 for details.

17.2 Councillor Hendsbee – Staff Report Review of Local Improvement Charges (LIC) from By-law S434, an Amendment to By-Law S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting, see page 13 for details.

17.3 Ratification from Committee of the Whole – Proposed Administrative Order 2016-005-ADM – Procurement Policy

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting, see pages 13-14 for details.

17.4 Supplemental Report regarding expansion Procurement Policy Criteria Scoring

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting, see page 14 for details.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting, see page 15 for details.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk