



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
December 5, 2017**

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

REGRETS: Councillor: Lindell Smith

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 4:45 p.m. and reconvened at 5:08 p.m. Council adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. and Council stood for a moment of reflection.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted several special community announcements and acknowledgements. Regional Council requested that the Mayor's Office send a letter of condolence to the family of Margaret Blumson.

Mayor Savage joined the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

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

Additions:

17.1 Audit and Finance Standing Committee – Winter 2017/18 Funding for Snow Removal Program for Seniors

17.2 Ratification from Committee of the Whole - 2017-2020 Multi-year Priority Outcome Update

17.3 Ratification from Committee of the Whole Committee of the Whole – Integrated Mobility Plan

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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 – NONE

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 Committee of the Whole Item 3 and agenda item 14.2.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

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

12.2 Petitions – NONE

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

14. REPORTS

14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

14.1.1 Increase to Contract, Tender 17-062 Concrete Accessibility Improvements

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 3, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Craig

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize an increase to contract for Tender No. 17-062, Concrete Accessibility Improvements, for changes to the contracted scope of work, in the amount of \$51,296 (net HST included), with funding from Project Account No. CR990002, State of Good Repair as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated November 3, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

14.1.2 Administrative Order 50 Disposal of Surplus Real Property – PID 40028193 Gerard Island, Spry Bay

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 3, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the sale of PID 40028193 and authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with the Nova Scotia Nature Trust as per the terms and conditions set out in Table 1 of the staff report dated November 3, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

14.1.3 Second Reading Proposed By-Law B-203, an Amendment By-Law B-201, Respecting the Building Code – Incentives for Affordable Housing Projects

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 31, 2017
- An extract of draft minutes – Regional Council – November 14, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council Adopt the amendments to By-law B-201, the Building By-law, as set out in Attachment C of the staff report dated October 31, 2017, to exempt building permit fees for developments proposed by not-for-profit organizations or charities that include affordable units.

The following amendment to the staff recommendation was proposed:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a supplementary staff report regarding possible application of provisions of the Housing Act to allow consideration of multi year tax relief by Council for affordable housing projects.

The proposed amendment was deemed by Regional Council as friendly.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

The motion before Council now reads:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the amendments to By-law B-201, the Building By-law, as set out in Attachment C of the staff report dated October 31, 2017, to exempt building permit fees for developments proposed by not-for-profit organizations or charities that include affordable units; and**
- 2. Request a supplementary staff report regarding possible application of provisions of the Housing Act to allow consideration of multi year tax relief by Council for affordable housing projects.**

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

14.2 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Carriage of Two-Wheeled Devices on Halifax Transit Ferries

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee dated November 23, 2017 with attached supplementary staff report dated October 13, 2017
- Correspondence from Max Rastelli

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve modifications to the Halifax Transit ferries to accommodate an additional bicycle rack;**
- 2. Restrict the number of standard sized bicycles carried per crossing to the number that can be accommodated in bicycle racks;**
- 3. Approve the installation of tire sizing racks at the ferry terminals to ensure that bicycles can be accommodated prior to boarding; and**
- 4. Prohibit segways from the Halifax Transit ferries**

In response to concerns raised by Regional Council, Dave Reage, Director of Halifax Transit provided commentary on the following challenges with respect to:

- Removing pedestrian seating on Halifax Transit ferries to accommodate personal transporters.
- Transportation Canada regulations for the stowage of personal transporters on ferries.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council defer recommendation number 4 of the Transportation Standing Committee report dated November 23, 2017 pending the receipt of supplementary staff report on safely accommodating Segways on Halifax Transit ferries.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED (9 In favour; 7 against).

In Favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Mason; Councillors Hendsbee; Karsten; Nicoll; Austin; Mancini; Walker; Whitman

Against: Councillors Streach; Cleary; Adams; Zurawski; Blackburn; Craig; Outhit

Not Present: Councillor Smith

The motion before Council now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve modifications to the Halifax Transit ferries to accommodate an additional bicycle rack;**
- 2. Restrict the number of standard sized bicycles carried per crossing to the number that can be accommodated in bicycle racks;**
- 3. Approve the installation of tire sizing racks at the ferry terminals to ensure that bicycles can be accommodated prior to boarding; and**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

14.2.2 Pedestrian Connection, St. Margaret's Bay

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee dated November 23, 2017 with attached staff report dated September 11, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to continue planning pedestrian connections from St. Margaret's Bay Elementary to the St. Margaret's Bay Rails to Trails and the HRM ball field, playground and Bay waterfront access as identified in the Discussion section of the staff report dated September 11, 2017, and report back to the Transportation Standing Committee with a proposed pedestrian connection.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15. MOTIONS – NONE

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

Council may rise and go into a private In Camera session, in accordance with Section 19 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, for the purpose of dealing with the following:

16.1 Personnel Matter

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

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting. Please refer to page 8.

Not present: Councillor Smith

16.2 Property Matter

16.2.1 Permanent Access Easement – *Private and Confidential Report*

The following motion was passed in public session:

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the recommendation as outlined in the private and confidential report dated November 7, 2017 and further not release the private and confidential report dated November 7, 2017 to the public.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Administrative Order 50 Disposal of Surplus Real Property – PID 40028193 Gerard Island, Spry Bay

17. ADDED ITEMS

17.1 Audit and Finance Standing Committee – Winter 2017/18 Funding for Snow Removal Program for Seniors

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted from the Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated December 5, 2017 with attached staff report dated November 22, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve an increase to the Snow Removal Program for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (the “Program”) in an amount up to \$200,000, for a total 2017/18 operating budget of up to \$600,000, with funding to be found through operating efficiencies within Transportation and Public Works, or if operating efficiencies cannot be achieved, through the Risk Reserves: General Contingency Reserve, Q421, as per the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated November 22, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

17.2 2017-2020 Multi-year Priority Outcome Update

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

That Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

1. Proceed to prepare the 18/19 multi-year budget and business plan in support of Council's

Priority Outcomes and consistent with the Outcome Plans as presented or amended by COW.
2. Continue development of key performance indicators to inform progress in advancing Council's Priority Outcomes.

17.3 Committee of the Whole Ratification – Integrated Mobility Plan

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Authorize the direction contained in the Integrated Mobility Strategy as a framework for amending the existing Regional Plan and developing new planning documents as may be necessary to implement the Integrated Mobility Plan direction.
2. That staff be directed to prepare a supplementary report regarding:
 - a) Amending the IMP to set the target date for the Bike Network minimum grid for completion by end of summer 2020 construction; and
 - b) Amending the IMP to set the target date for implementation of the Young/Robie Transit Priority corridors to fiscal 2020/21.
3. Direct the IMP's Integrated Team to report annually on progress made on the actions listed in the IMP to Council through the Transportation Standing Committee and that future staff reports to Council on transportation projects include the IMP's Evaluation Scorecard".
4. Direct staff to prepare the long-term capital outlook, funding options and priorities, as directed by Regional Council on October 3rd, 2017, to include the Integrated Mobility Plan, and return to Halifax Regional Council for discussion of the capital outlook and its implications.
5. Direct that phased updates to the Municipal Design Guidelines (Redbook) be completed in 24 months beginning at the start of the 2018/2019 fiscal year and that staff report quarterly on progress to the Transportation Standing Committee.
6. Direct staff to include an implementation plan in the upcoming staff report on for Bayers & Gottingen Transit Priority corridors functional design to allow Council to consider construction in fiscal 2019/20.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Not present: Councillor Smith

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

18.1 Deputy Mayor Mason

"TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on December 12, 2017, I intend to:

1. Introduce proposed Administrative Order 2017-002-ADM, Respecting Charter of Governing Principles for Regulation; and
2. Move proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 32, Respecting the Procedures of Developing By-laws. The purpose of which is to set out considerations for the development, adoption, and implementation of new regulation in the Municipality".

18.2 Deputy Mayor Waye Mason

"TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on December 12, 2017, I propose to:

1. Introduce *Administrative Order 2017-013-OP, Respecting Off-Leash Dog Areas within Parks; and*
2. Move First Reading of proposed By-law P-601, amending By-law P-600, Respecting Municipal Parks. The purpose of which is to provide a clear framework to guide the establishment and implementation of off-leash areas within parks and sports fields".

18.3 Councillor Adams

"TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on December 12, 2017, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting Civic Addressing Policies, the purpose of which is to approve the naming of two new private lanes and the naming of one public streets".

18.4 Councillor Blackburn

"TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on December 12, 2017, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting Civic Addressing Policies, the purpose of which is to approve the naming of twelve new private lanes and the naming of nine public streets."

18.5 Councillor Walker

"TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on December 12, 2017, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM, Respecting Tax Relief to Non-Profit Organizations, the purpose of which is to repeal and replace schedules 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30."

Council convened to In Camera at 4:45 p.m.

Council reconvened to public session at 5:08 p.m.

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

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private). The following motion was ratified in public session:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations of the Standing Committees regarding the Citizen Appointments as outlined in Attachment 1 of the private and confidential report dated November 27, 2017 as amended at the December 5, 2017 In Camera session of Halifax Regional Council.**
2. **It is further recommended that the Citizen Appointments be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidates.**
3. **It is further recommended that the private and confidential report dated November 27, 2017 not be released to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

**Halifax Regional Council Minutes
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Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk