



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
November 22, 2022**

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Sam Austin
Councillors: Cathy Deagle Gammon
David Hendsbee
Trish Purdy
Tony Mancini
Waye Mason
Lindell Smith
Shawn Cleary
Kathryn Morse
Iona Stoddard
Pam Lovelace
Lisa Blackburn
Paul Russell
Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillors: Becky Kent
Patty Cuttell

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Karen Brown, Acting Municipal Solicitor
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m., and recessed at 12:00 p.m. Council reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Council recessed at 3:13 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 3:33 p.m. Council reconvened at 4:03 p.m. Council recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:01 p.m. Council recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:25 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 9:06 p.m. Council reconvened at 10:31 p.m. Council adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 11:05 am and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Savage thanked Deputy Mayor Pam Lovelace for serving Halifax Regional Municipality as Deputy Mayor over the past year.

Mayor Savage opened the floor for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Councillor Austin be nominated as Deputy Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Councillor Austin accepted the nomination.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell

Mayor Savage called three times for further nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor; there were none.

Nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor were closed.

Councillor Austin was declared Deputy Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 8, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the minutes of November 8, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- Item 18.1 Deputy Mayor Austin – Repeal of By-laws Respecting Junk Dealers

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell

Later in the meeting, as provided for in section 37(1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Regional Council requested that item 16.2 be considered after item 15.1.9.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

As provided for in section 41 (3) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*:

- Items 15.1.3 and 15.1.10 were removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Hendsbee
- Item 15.1.7 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve recommendations in the following agenda items:

- **15.1.1 – Increase to Contract – PO 2070837986 for Environmental Testing for the Halifax Commons Aquatic Project;**
- **15.1.2 – Award – Province of Nova Scotia Request For Proposal (RFP) Doc767243048, Supply and Delivery of Furnace Oil, Propane, Jet Fuel, Diesel and Gasoline; and**
- **15.1.11 – Community Benefit Agreements.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

7. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

8. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

9. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

10. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – October 18, 2022

10.1 Broad Street North Roundabout – Construction Alternatives (Supplementary Report)

The following was before Council:

- Staff supplementary recommendation report dated November 16, 2022
- Report from Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated October 6, 2022 with attached staff recommendation report dated September 16, 2022
- Extract from the October 18, 2022 Regional Council minutes
- Correspondence from David Lea, Joni Guptill, Chintan Prajapati, Charbel Khattar, Bassel Al Jamil, Jennifer Houle, Robert Marryatt, Nicky Boudreau, Julie Bernier, Gloria Kelly, Randy Townsend, Christine Frigault, Greg Taves, Chintan Prajapati, Helen Clark, Jay Hackney, David Wimberly

The following motion was on the floor:

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve a budget transfer of \$2,205,000 from Capital Account CT190003 – Downtown Dartmouth Infrastructure Renewal to Capital Account CTU01006 – Bedford West Road Oversizing;
2. Increase the amount of the March 1, 2022 Award of Alternative Procurement 22-1024 for the design and construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Larry Uteck Boulevard and Broad Street (North) to West Bedford Holdings Limited from a maximum value of \$3,250,000 to a maximum value of \$5,943,572 (net HST included) as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff recommendation report dated September 16, 2022.

Adam Lanigan, Senior Transportation Engineer and Peter Duncan, Director, Infrastructure Planning responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (2 in favour, 12 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillor Cleary

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Purdy, Mancini, Mason, Morse, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Not present: Councillors Kent, Smith, Cuttall

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve a budget transfer of \$2,465,715 from Capital Account CT190003 – Downtown Dartmouth Infrastructure Renewal to Capital Account CTU01006 – Bedford West Road Oversizing;
2. Increase the amount of the March 1, 2022 Award of Alternative Procurement 22-1024 for the design and construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Larry Uteck Boulevard and Broad Street (North) to West Bedford Holdings Limited from a maximum value of \$3,250,000 to a maximum value of \$6,204,287 (net HST included) as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated November 16, 2022.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Purdy, Mancini, Mason, Morse, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Against: Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillor Cleary

Not present: Councillors Kent, Smith, Cuttall

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. HEARINGS

12.1 Case H00537: Request to include 1102 Purcell's Cove Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- Report from Heritage Advisory Committee dated June 23, 2022 with attached staff recommendation report dated June 9, 2022

- Extract from the July 12, 2022 Regional Council minutes
- Staff presentation dated November 22, 2022
- Property owner presentation dated November 22, 2022

Aaron Murnaghan, Principal Planner, Heritage Property Program gave a presentation on Case H00537 and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

The hearing opened at 1:08 p.m.

Mayor Savage invited the property owner to come forward and address Council.

Danny Chedrawe, property owner spoke to the property's architectural significance, the building's historic role in the neighbourhood, and their wish to restore the buildings façade to its original state and make the building a community hub. **David Paterson, Fowler Bauld and Mitchell** gave a presentation regarding the property owner's development goals for the property.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the hearing be closed.

The hearing closed at 1:12 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the request to include 1102 Purcell's Cove Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the June 9, 2022 staff report, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Smith, Cuttell

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for item 10.1.

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

13.2 Petitions

13.2.1 Deputy Mayor Austin

Deputy Mayor Austin submitted a petition from residents on Chestnut Lane with 47 signatures requesting traffic calming and a dedicated turn signal at Portland Street, Chestnut Lane and Manor Drive.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – November 8, 2022

14.1 Councillor Cleary – Strategic Road Safety Plan – 2022 Annual Report

The following was before Council:

- Report from Transportation Standing Committee dated October 28, 2022 with attached staff information report dated October 21, 2022
- Staff presentation dated November 22, 2022

Lucas Pitts, Director, Traffic Management gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Roddy MacIntyre, Manager, Traffic Services & Road Safety responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Mayor Savage thanked Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer for their service to Halifax Regional Municipality over the past six years.

Dubé expressed their gratitude to Mayor Savage and Regional Council for the privilege of serving Halifax Regional Municipality. Dubé acknowledged the contributions and commitment of Mayor Savage, Regional Council and the municipality's employees in the accomplishment of numerous projects that impacted the lives of the municipality's residents.

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Increase to Contract – PO 2070837986 for Environmental Testing for the Halifax Commons Aquatic Project

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated September 29, 2022

The following motion was approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve an increase to the contract with Strum Environmental Ltd. (PO 2070837986) in the amount of \$30,000 (net HST included) with funding from CP200002 Halifax Common Upgrades as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated September 29, 2022.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell

15.1.2 Award – Province of Nova Scotia Request For Proposal (RFP) Doc767243048, Supply and Delivery of Furnace Oil, Propane, Jet Fuel, Diesel and Gasoline

The following was before Council:

- Revised staff recommendation report dated October 31, 2022
- Staff recommendation report dated October 31, 2022

The following motion was approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the standing offer agreement related to the Province of Nova Scotia's RFP Doc767243048 for Heating Fuel/Propane/Jet Fuel/Diesel/Gasoline, to Highland Fuel Delivery G.P./ Irving Oil Commercial G.P o/a Irving Energy for the furnace oil, diesel fuel, propane and gasoline for a three (3) year period ending August 31, 2025 with the option to renew annually for two (2) additional one year terms for the approximate total three (3) year spend of \$42,000,000 and \$28,000,000 for the two (2) option years. This will result in**

an approximate \$14,000,000 per year spend with funding as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the revised staff report dated October 31, 2022.

2. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to execute the services contract with terms and conditions acceptable to the CAO and subject to review and approval as to form and authority by Legal Services.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell

15.1.3 Student Transit Pass Pilot Program - Phases 2 & 3

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 8, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve the implementation of Phase 2 of the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program as outlined in the staff report dated November 8, 2022; and**
2. **Accept a contribution of \$200,000 from Halifax Regional Centre for Education towards the pilot program and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and execute a contribution agreement.**

Patricia Hughes, Director, Planning & Customer Engagement, Halifax Transit responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Smith, Cuttell

15.1.4 Proposed Administrative Order 2022-013-GOV and Amendments to the HRM Grants Committee Terms of Reference – 2022 Councillor Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 4, 2022
- Extract from the November 8, 2022 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt Administrative Order 2022-013-GOV, the CAO Selection Committee Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated November 4, 2022; and**
2. **Adopt the amendments to the HRM Grants Committee Terms of Reference, as set out in Attachment 5 of the staff report dated November 4, 2022.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Smith, Cuttell

15.1.5 Proposed Administrative Order 2022-012-ADM, Procurement Administrative Order

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 14, 2022
- Extract from the October 25, 2022 Regional Council minutes
- Staff presentation dated November 22, 2022

Jane Pryor, Director, Procurement and Stephen Terry, Strategic Portfolios & Policies Consultant gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Repeal Administrative Order #2020-004-ADM – the Procurement Policy;**
- 2. Repeal the Changes to Cost Sharing for Capital Projects Policy;**
- 3. Adopt Administrative Order 2022-012-ADM as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 14, 2022 to establish a new Procurement Policy for the Municipality.**

MOVED BY Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Regional Council defer item 15.1.5 pending receipt of a supplemental staff report regarding how often the revised policy would reduce procurement items brought forward for Regional Council consideration.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (1 in favour, 14 against)

In favour: Councillor Russell

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Purdy, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Outhit

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell

The question was called on the main motion:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Repeal Administrative Order #2020-004-ADM – the Procurement Policy;**
- 2. Repeal the Changes to Cost Sharing for Capital Projects Policy;**
- 3. Adopt Administrative Order 2022-012-ADM as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 14, 2022 to establish a new Procurement Policy for the Municipality.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell

15.1.6 Sobering Centre Pilot

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 16, 2022

Amy Siciliano, Public Safety Advisor and Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve implementation of a three-year Sobering Centre pilot, commencing this fiscal year, in partnership with the Nova Scotia Office of Addictions and Mental Health;**
2. **For fiscal years 2023-2024, and 2024-2025, the continuation of the pilot project be conditional on Municipal and Provincial budget approval. Approve the allocation of up to \$139,215 for a shared cost approach to a sobering centre pilot in 2022/23 with the Nova Scotia Office of Addictions and Mental Health, contingent on Provincial approval; and**
3. **Approve an additional two-year allocation of \$490,768 each year for a shared cost approach to ongoing operating costs of a sobering centre pilot with the Nova Scotia Office of Addictions and Mental Health, contingent on Provincial approval and Municipal budget approval.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 3 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Stoddard, Blackburn, Outhit

Against: Councillors Purdy, Lovelace, Russell

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell

As provided for in section 82 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Mancini rose on a point of privilege to introduce the East Dartmouth Rotary Club, represented by Kevin Connors, who provided a special presentation of the Paul Harris Fellowship award to Mayor Savage.

15.1.7 Case 23617: Review of the Upper Hammonds Plains Land Use Designation and the GU-1 Zone

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 17, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, and Upper Sackville, as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated November 17, 2022, to amend the Upper Hammonds Plains Designation and the GU-1 (General Use) Zone, and to rezone a portion of lands within the designation from the GU-1 Zone to the R-1 (Single Unit Dwelling) Zone, and schedule a public hearing.

Maureen Ryan, Planner III, Thea Langille, Principal Planner and Kate Greene, Director, Regional Planning responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell

15.1.8 Supplementary Information on the Municipal Design Guidelines

The following was before Council:

- Staff supplementary recommendation report dated November 17, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to continue to update the Municipal Design Guidelines to meet industry best practice, as described in the November 9, 2021 Council Report dated June 16, 2021; and,**
- 2. Request the Mayor to write a letter to the Minister of Public Works requesting that the authority to set speed limits below 50 km/hr be delegated to the HRM Traffic Authority.**

Anne Sherwood, Director, Transportation Design & Construction Services, Brad Anguish, Executive Director, Public Works and Roddy MacIntyre, Manager, Traffic Services & Road Safety responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell

15.1.9 Lived Experience Committee and Consultation

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 22, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to:

- 1. continue to seek lived experience expertise from those living in encampments to guide municipal work to address homelessness and its impacts; and**
- 2. respond to the recommendations of the HRM Lived Experience Consultation Report with additional analysis as part of the broader report on HRM's approach to homelessness which staff are preparing.**

Max Chauvin, Special Projects Manager, Parks & Recreation and Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director, Parks & Recreation responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell

15.1.10 Increase to Contract – Request For Proposal (RFP) 18-370, Macdonald Bridge Bikeway

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 17, 2022
- Staff presentation dated November 22, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve an increase to the Design Services component of RFP No. 18-370 (Detailed Design for Macdonald Bridge Bikeway Connectors Project) to WSP Canada Inc. (P.O. No. 2070809983) in the amount of \$113,469 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No.CR200007, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated November 17, 2022.

David MacIsaac, Manager of Active Transportation, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Against: Councillors Hendsbee, Purdy

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cuttall

15.1.11 Community Benefit Agreements

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 18, 2022

The following motion was approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Mayor to write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, requesting that the power to develop, enter into and enforce Community Benefit Agreements be added to the HRM Charter, and that the Province work with the Municipality to do so.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttall

15.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Annual Investment Policy Review

The following was before Council:

- Report from Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated October 31, 2022 with attached staff recommendation report dated October 11, 2022
- Extract from the November 8, 2022 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to the Investment Policy as set out in Appendix B of the staff recommendation report dated October 11, 2022.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cuttall

15.3 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Proposed Administrative Order 2022-007-OP, Respecting the Community Garden Program

The following was before Council:

- Report from Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee dated November 10, 2022 with attached staff recommendation report dated September 29, 2022
- Extract from the November 8, 2022 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order 2022-007-OP, Respecting the Community Garden Program, including repealing Administrative Order 2014-009-OP, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated September 29, 2022.

Angela Green, Director of Recreation Programming and Darren Hirtle, Community Developer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cuttall

15.3.2 HalifACT 2021-22 Annual Progress Report

The following was before Council:

- Report from Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee dated November 10, 2022 with attached staff recommendation report dated October 27, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council accept the staff report, dated October 27, 2022 as information.

Shannon Miedema, Director of Environment and Climate Change responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cuttall

15.4 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

15.4.1 Second Reading Proposed By-Law U-112, an Amendment to By-Law U-100, Respecting User Charges – Transit Electronic Fare Options

The following was before Council:

- Report from Transportation Standing Committee dated October 4, 2022 with attached staff recommendation report dated September 8, 2022
- Extracts from the October 18 and 25, 2022 Regional Council minutes

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law U-112, amending By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law, as set out in Attachment D of the staff report dated September 8, 2022.

Marc Santilli, Manager of Technical Services responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cuttall

15.5 BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

15.5.1 Committee of Council to Review the Subcommittee on Defunding the Police Report Recommendations

The following was before Council:

- Report from Board of Police Commissioners dated November 4, 2022 with handout dated November 2, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to request a staff report on forming a committee of Council to work on the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Defunding the Police report on de-tasking police:

- 1. The role of the Committee will be to review the report recommendations in line with the Working Group's report and determine how each recommendation could be implemented.**
- 2. The Membership of the Committee would include:**
 - a. Two Board of Police Commissioners members;**
 - b. Two HRM Councillors;**
 - c. Two representatives from HRM (CAO's office, Public Safety Office, Social Policy, etc);**
 - d. Representative from the Province of Nova Scotia Department of Justice;**
 - e. Representative from Halifax Regional Police;**
 - f. Representative from Halifax District RCMP; and**
 - g. Four members at large from the community with relevant experience.**
- 3. The Committee will provide regular updates to the Board of Police Commissioners.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cuttall

15.6 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.6.1 Councillor Russell – Request a Letter to the Province to Amend the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council consideration form from Councillor Russell

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **waive section 17 of Administrative Order One, requiring a staff report from the Chief Administrative Officer;**
2. **request the Mayor to write a letter to the province requesting an amendment to the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter to provide a retroactive change so the term of the Municipal Auditor General would be for a 10-year period.**

As provided for in section 90 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion was separated for voting purposes.

The Clerk clarified that if part 1 of the motion was defeated, part 2 could be modified to change the request to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to request a staff report.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **waive section 17 of Administrative Order One, requiring a staff report from the Chief Administrative Officer;**

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (6 in favour, 8 against)

In favour: Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Purdy, Smith, Morse, Russell

Against: Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillors Mancini, Mason, Cleary, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Outhit

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cuttall

Councillor Deagle Gammon proposed an amendment to change part 2 of the motion to request to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to request a staff report. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to request a staff report to request the Mayor to write a letter to the province requesting an amendment to the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter to provide a retroactive change so the term of the Municipal Auditor General would be for a 10-year period.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cuttall

Deputy Mayor Austin stepped down from the Chair and Councillor Lovelace assumed the Chair.

15.6.2 Deputy Mayor Austin – Amendments to Allow Boardwalk Usage at 300 Prince Albert Road

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council consideration form from Deputy Mayor Austin

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on amending the Regional Plan and/or The Regional Centre Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw to allow for a relaxation of the required watercourse setback at 300 Prince Albert Road to allow for the establishment of a boardwalk space via the appropriate planning process.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Morse, Cuttell

Deputy Mayor Austin resumed the Chair.

16. MOTIONS

16.1 Councillor Lovelace

The following was before Council:

- Handout from Councillor Russell

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report and return to Council with options to require construction projects to lessen impacts and risks to public safety due to prolonged public street closures. The report should include options to fine contractors for work in the right of way that extends well beyond the approved permit duration.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the motion be amended to read: “work in the right of way and sidewalk”.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (9 in favour, 4 against)

In favour: Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Purdy, Cleary, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Against: Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillor Mancini, Mason, Smith

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Morse, Cuttell

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report and return to Council with options to require construction projects to lessen impacts and risks to public safety due to prolonged public street closures. The report should include options to fine contractors for work in the right of way and sidewalk that extends well beyond the approved permit duration.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Morse, Cuttell

Mayor Savage stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Mayor Austin assumed the Chair.

16.2 Mayor Mike Savage

MOVED by Mayor Mike Savage, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a strategy with the Halifax Partnership to proactively attract, house, and retain the skilled talent required to address our economy's acute labour shortages, with a focus on skilled tradespeople and labourers needed by the construction industry for housing construction.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell

Mayor Savage resumed the Chair.

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 17.7 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Items 17.2 PROPERTY MATTER, 17.3 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, 17.4 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, 17.6 PROPERTY MATTER, and 17.8 PROPERTY MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – November 8, 2022

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Mason and seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of November 8, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Morse, Cuttell

17.2 PROPERTY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential recommendation report dated November 14, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated November 14, 2022; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated November 14, 2022 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Morse, Cuttell

17.3 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential report dated November 22, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated November 22, 2022; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated November 22, 2022 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Morse, Cuttell

17.4 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential recommendation report dated October 31, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated October 31, 2022; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated October 31, 2022 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (11 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Outhit

Against: Councillors Purdy, Russell

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Morse, Cuttell

17.5 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public.

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential recommendation report dated November 14, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated November 14, 2022; and**
2. **Release the private and confidential report dated November 14, 2022 to the public once the conditions as outlined in the report have been met.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Morse, Cuttell

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council extend the time of the meeting past 10:00 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.6 PROPERTY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential recommendation report dated November 17, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the motion passed during their November 22, 2022 In Camera session; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated November 17, 2022 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Morse, Cuttell

17.7 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential recommendation report dated November 17, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated November 17, 2022; and**
2. **Release the private and confidential report dated November 17, 2022 to the public once the conditions as outlined in the report have been met.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Morse, Cuttell

17.8 PROPERTY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential recommendation report dated November 18, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated November 18, 2022; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated November 18, 2022 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Morse, Cuttell

18. ADDED ITEMS

18.1 Deputy Mayor Austin – Repeal of By-laws Respecting Junk Dealers

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council consideration form from Deputy Mayor Austin

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on the repeal of City of Dartmouth Bylaw J-101 “Respecting the Licensing of Junk Dealers, Second Hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers,” City of Halifax Bylaw Ordinance 43 “For the Regulation of Pawnbrokers,” and City of Halifax Bylaw Ordinance 17 “Respecting Junk Dealers.”

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Morse, Cuttell

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Deagle Gammon

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move proposed Administrative Order 2022-005-ADM, Respecting the Community Grants Program, the purpose of which is to support the volunteer participation of residents of HRM in local non-profit and charitable organizations that develop or deliver a project, program, service, or amenity to benefit members of the public and that aligns with elements of the Municipality's 5-Year Strategic Priorities Plan.

19.2 Councillor Blackburn

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move the First Reading of By-Law C-901, the Charges for Stormwater from Municipal Streets By-law, the purpose of which is to repeal By-Law C-900 and implement new stormwater right-of-way area rate.

19.3 Councillor Mancini

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move proposed Administrative Order 2022-011-ADM, Respecting Public Participation for Planning Documents and Engagement with Abutting Municipalities, the purpose of which is to set minimum standards for public engagement, set requirements for engaging with neighbouring municipalities, and direct how the Public Engagement Guidebook should be used to develop public participation programs.

19.4 Deputy Mayor Austin

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move that Council consider adopting, by policy, a Public Participation Program, the purpose of which is to establish a program to consider amendments to the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law, to enable comprehensive development of the M District Future Growth Node located between Micmac Boulevard and Horizon Court, Dartmouth.

19.5 Councillor Russell

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move the adoption of the following:

1. Amendments to Administrative Order 2014-020-GOV, Respecting Marketing Levy Special Event Reserve Grants; and
2. Amendments to Administrative Order 2014-021-GOV, Respecting Regional Special Events Grants,

the purpose of which is the inclusion of a clause specific to an "interruption" to multi-year and annual funding as a means of clarifying this process to potential event grant applicants, particularly as pertains to potential future states of emergency.

19.6 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move that Council consider adopting, By-law R-400 - Respecting Registration of Residential Rental Properties, the purpose of which is to establish a municipal residential rental registry.

19.7 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting Civic Addressing Policies, the purpose of which is to approve the renaming of Cornwallis Street, Halifax to Nora Bernard Street, Halifax.

19.8 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move the First Reading of By-Law V-300, the Vehicle Noise By-law, the purpose of which is to define what constitutes objectionable noise, establish a method for determining or measuring objectionable noise, and prohibit the operation of vehicles that produce objectionable noise.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk