



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
January 12, 2021**

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Liam Power, Legislative Assistant

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The special meeting was called to order at 3:52 p.m., and recessed at 5:11 p.m. Council reconvened in at 6:00 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 6:57 and reconvened at 7:27 p.m. Council adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:52 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 15, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the minutes of December 15, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

14.1 Councillor Lovelace - Amendment to Schedule 6 (St. Margaret's Village) of Administrative Order 2018-003-ADM

14.2 Ratification from Committee of the Whole January 12, 2021 – Review of Report Requests

14.3 Ratification from Budget Committee January 12, 2021-22 Advanced Capital Tender Report

As per to Section 10 (1) and (2) of the Administrative Order One, all members of Regional Council must consent to consider or decide on an additional matter.

As per Section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, Councillor Lovelace requested that Information Item Number Three - *Memorandum from the Acting Executive Director of Planning and Development* dated November 27, 2020 re: HalifACT Interim Report be brought forward at the next Council Meeting

Deletions:

None

Deferred to the next regular meeting of Regional Council on January 26, 2021:

11.1.6 Case 20396 – Planning Policy Review of the Burnside Comprehensive Development District

11.4.1 Case 22332 – Amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland near Dunbrack Street, Halifax

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Outhit

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

As per section 41 (3) of Administrative Order One, items 11.1.3, 11.1.6, and 11.2.2 were removed from the consent agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve agenda items 11.1.5, 11.1.8, and 11.2.1.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

8.1 Proposed Administrative Order SC-99, Respecting Closure of a Portion of St Margarets Bay Road, Halifax - Proposed Surplus Property, Parcel A

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 30, 2020
- An extract from Special Regional Council Minutes from December 1, 2020
- A staff presentation dated January 12, 2021

Notice of Motion given on November 17, 2020.

Colin Walsh, Acting Project Manager, Corporate Real Estate, gave an overview of the project, noting that should the closure be approved the applicant will consolidate properties of Parcel A with abutting properties. Staff also noted if Parcel A is consolidated the bus stop will remain municipal property.

Mayor Savage opened the public hearing and noted that there was no applicant wishing to address Council.

Mayor Savage reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings and opened the public hearing for anyone wishing to speak on the matter.

There were no registered speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the public hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order SC-99, Respecting Closure of a Portion of St Margarets Bay Road, Halifax as set out in Attachment 'C' of the staff report dated September 30, 2020 to close that portion of the St Margarets Bay Road right-of-way, Halifax, shown as Parcel A in Attachment "B" of the staff report dated September 30, 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that there was no correspondence received.

9.2 Petitions - NONE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD - NONE

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Second Reading Proposed By-law C-1002, an Amendment to By-law C-1000, Respecting Charges for the Resolution of Inadequate Water Supply and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees.

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 30, 2020
- An extract from the draft Special Regional Council Minutes of December 15, 2020

First Reading was given December 15, 2020.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt:

1. **By-Law C-1002, amending By-Law C-1000, Respecting Charges for the Resolution of Inadequate Water Supply as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated November 30, 2020; and**
2. **Amending Administrative Order 15, the purpose of which is to replace the table in section 25 of Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, as set out in Attachment 4 of the staff report dated November 30, 2020.**

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the motion be amended to amend section 11 of By-Law C-1002, which amends section 8 of By-law C-1000 as follows:

1. **By striking out the words in subclause (vi) repealing clause 8(b);**
2. **By adding the following words to subclause (vi) to amend clause 8(b) as follows: amend clause (b) by adding the words and comma "or an on-site sewage disposal system," after the word and comma "equipment," and before the word "less"; and striking out the period and adding a semi-colon and the word "or" at the end of the clause.**

As per Section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The question was called on the amended motion as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt:

1. **By-Law C-1002, amending By-Law C-1000, Respecting Charges for the Resolution of Inadequate Water Supply as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated November 30, 2020, as amended:**
 - a. **By striking out the words in subclause (vi) repealing clause 8(b);**
 - b. **By adding the following words to subclause (vi) to amend clause 8(b) as follows: amend clause (b) by adding the words and comma "or an on-site sewage disposal system," after the word and comma "equipment," and before the word "less"; and striking out the period and adding a semi-colon and the word "or" at the end of the clause; and**

2. Amending Administrative Order 15, the purpose of which is to replace the table in section 25 of Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, as set out in Attachment 4 of the staff report dated November 30, 2020.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.2 Proposed Amendment to Administrative Order 2020-011-ADM, Respecting HRM's Grant Programs for Active Transportation and Recreational Trails

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 3, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendment to Administrative Order 2020-011-ADM, Respecting HRM's Grant Programs for Active Transportation and Recreational Trails as proposed in the Attachments of the staff report dated December 3, 2020.

David MacIsaac, Supervisor of Active Transportation, responded to questions from Council and noted that that motorized and shared trails can apply for funding through multiple avenues. Staff also clarified the administrative order prioritized funds to groups building on HRM land and not provincial land.

The Municipal Solicitor advised that typically the Municipality does not contribute funding to provincial property.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.3 Kindness Meter Agreement

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated August 16, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the Contribution Agreement between United Way Halifax Region (UWH) and Halifax Regional Municipality as per Attachment 1 of the staff report dated August 16, 2020.

Scott Sheffield, Community Developer, responded to questions from Council and explained currently the kindness meter funds will continue to go to the United Way Halifax Region unless otherwise advised by Council, and it will remain that way for the next six years.

Victoria Horne, Manager of Parking, responded to questions from Council and explained the technology as it is currently set up may receive funds but would not allow citizens to select between charities should Council decide to add organizations to the kindness meter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.4 Second Reading Proposed By-law P-1202, an Amendment to By-law P-1200, Respecting On-Street Parking Permits - Parking Permit By-law Changes and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 26, 2020
- An extract of draft minutes from Special Regional Council Minutes December 15, 2020

First Reading was given December 15, 2020.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt:

- 1. By-law P-1202, the purpose of which is to amend By-law P-1200, the On-Street Parking Permits By-law, as set out in Attachment B to the staff report dated November 26, 2020; and**
- 2. Amending Administrative Order 15, the purpose of which is to amend section 9A of Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, as set out in Attachment D to the staff report dated November 26, 2020.**

Victoria Horne, Manager of Parking, responded to questions from Council and explained that permits can be easily managed online.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 7, 2020

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

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve an increase to the contract with Strum Environmental Ltd. (PO 2070837986) in the amount of \$31,691 (net HST included) with funding from CP200002 Halifax Commons Upgrades as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated December 7, 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.6 Case 20396 – Planning Policy Review of the Burnside Comprehensive Development District

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 18, 2020

During the approval of the agenda, this matter was deferred to the next regular meeting of Regional Council on January 26, 2021.

11.1.7 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2018-010-ADM, Respecting Interim Grants to Community Museums - Proposed Addition of Capital Grant Awards Category

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 1, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2018-010-ADM, Respecting Interim Grants to Community Museums, as detailed in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated October 1, 2020.

Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead Grants & Contributions, responded to questions from Council and explained there are programs that allow for purchase of property. Two of those programs offer capital funding.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.8 Appointment of Building Official January 2021

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 2, 2020
- A private and confidential memorandum dated December 2, 2020

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

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council appoint Adrian Cleveland as a Building Official, pursuant to Section 5(2) of the Nova Scotia Building Code Act. This appointment is effective for the duration of their assignment to the duties of a Building Official with Halifax Regional Municipality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.9 Case 23285 – Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Amendments for 5853 College Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 18, 2020
- A revised Attachment B dated January 8, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (RMPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) for Halifax Peninsula, as set out in Attachment A and revised Attachment B of the staff report dated December 18, 2020, to allow the development of an emergency shelter, shared housing use, multiple unit residential use and community facility use at 5853 College Street, Halifax, and schedule a public hearing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE

11.2.1 Ecological Lens

The following was before Council:

- An Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee report dated December 24, 2020 with attached staff report dated November 5, 2020

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

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Update the Implementation Guidelines for the Environmental Implications Section of Regional Council and Committee Reports; and**
- 2. Develop mandatory training to educate staff on the implementation guidelines and additional resources and requirements for environmental decision-making.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2.2 Supplemental Report - Regional Watersheds Advisory Board Review

The following was before Council:

- An Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee report dated December 24, 2020 with attached staff report dated March 10, 2020

Notice of Motion was given on December 15, 2020.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the amendments to the Regional Watershed Advisory Board Terms of Reference as set out Attachment 4 of the staff report dated March 10, 2020; and**
- 2. Request a supplemental report to examine addition of members of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee to the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board membership.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.3 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

11.3.1 Second Reading Proposed By-law U-107, an Amendment to By-law U-100, Respecting User Charges - Child Transit Fares and Housekeeping Amendments

The following was before Council:

- A Transportation Standing Committee recommendation report dated December 1, 2020 with attached staff report dated August 10, 2020
- An extract of draft minutes from the Special Regional Council meeting December 15, 2020

First Reading was given on December 15, 2020.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt By-law U-107, the purpose of which is to amend Schedule 1 of By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law, establishing a permanent fare change for children twelve years of age and under, and adopting several housekeeping changes, as set out in Attachment E of the staff report dated August 10, 2020; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report considering the potential for discounting bulk purchases of single transit fares (ie tickets) for both non-profit agencies, and promotional events.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.4 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11.4.1 Case 22332 – Amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland near Dunbrack Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A Halifax and West Community Council report dated December 24, 2020 with attached staff report dated October 15, 2020

During the approval of the agenda, this matter was deferred to the next regular meeting of Regional Council on January 26, 2021.

11.5 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11.5.1 Case H00479 - Request to Include 6215 Coburg Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- A Heritage Advisory Committee recommendation report dated December 22, 2020 with attached staff recommendation report dated October 20, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of 6215 Coburg Road, Halifax, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated October 20, 2020, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.6 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11.6.1 Councillor Cleary - Temporary Rock Breaking/Crushing Permit Process

The following was before Council:

- A request for Regional Council consideration form from Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on a Permit Process for Temporary Rock Breaking/Crushing for landscaping and site prep work involving rock breaking/crushing on private property. The report is to consider environmental impact of the rock breaking/crushing (air quality/dust mitigation, protection of water bodies, etc.) as well as issues with noise, duration of rock breaking/crushing, and whether a municipal engineer and/or provincial Department of Environment should be engaged to review the proposed project and property for stability, safety, and other factors prior to permitting temporary rock breaking/crushing activity.

Council suggested the report consider rocks, or other such materials being brought in to a property for the purpose of construction, and the impact of equipment used to transport rocks or other such materials.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.6.2 Councillor Cleary - Creation of Bylaw for Demolition Permits

The following was before Council:

- A request for Regional Council consideration form from Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on a Bylaw for a Permit Process covering demolitions of buildings that include leased units to ensure demolition permits are not granted until such time as municipal staff are satisfied that the provincial Residential Tenancies eviction order process has reached its conclusion, including any appeals that are lawfully made by tenants.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. MOTIONS

12.1 Councillor Lovelace

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to include costs and potential funding sources on building community connector roads for neighborhoods restricted by limited emergency access routes, whereas climate change, drought, and absence of piped fire hydrants pose increased risk to life and property.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

13.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – December 1, 2020

This matter was dealt with in public:

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of December 1, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council may convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss items designated in subsection 19 (2) of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 13.2 PROPERTY MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 PROPERTY MATTER – *Private and Confidential Report*

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the recommendations from the private and confidential staff report dated January 7, 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. ADDED ITEMS

14.1 Councillor Lovelace - Amendment to Schedule 6 (St. Margaret's Village) of Administrative Order 2018-003-ADM

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to consider the proposed amendments to Schedule 6 (St. Margaret's Village) of Administrative Order 2018-003-ADM and apply the Uniform Charge to all properties in the sub-division as submitted by the Saint Margaret's Village Community Association.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.2 Ratification from Committee of the Whole January 12, 2021 – Review of Report Requests

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council That Halifax Regional Council remove reports numbered 1, 2b, 16, 37, 61, 80, and 104 from the list of outstanding report requests as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated October 26, 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.3 Ratification from Budget Committee January 12, 2021 - 2021-22 Advanced Capital Tender Report

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the schedule of 2021/22 advanced tender projects as per Attachment 1 of the staff report dated December 18, 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION

15.1 Councillor Lovelace

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting, I will move a motion to request a staff report to fund a portion of the Hubbards Streetscape Plans.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk