



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
March 9, 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
Jill McGillicuddy, Legislative Assistant

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The special meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m., and recessed at 12:17 p.m. Council reconvened in at 1:15 p.m. Council recessed at 3:20 p.m. Council reconvened at 3:40 p.m. Council adjourned at 5:37p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 9, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the minutes of February 9, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

Councillor Smith requested item 11.4.1 be considered prior to item 11.2.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

As set out in Section 41 (3) of *Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Cuttell removed item 11.3.1 and Councillor Smith removed item 11.4.1 from the consent agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve agenda items 11.1.2.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECISSION - NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

8. VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items 11.1.4 and 11.4.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

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

9.2 Petitions - NONE

9.3 Presentations - NONE

9.3.1 Halifax Water 2021-22 Business Plan

The following was before Council:

- A report from Halifax Water dated February 24, 2021 with attached 2021/22 Annual Business Plan dated January 28, 2021
- A staff presentation dated March 9, 2021

Cathy O'Toole, General Manager, Halifax Water provided Council with an overview presentation of the 2021/22 Annual Business Plan.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council endorse the 2021-22 Annual Business Plan of Halifax Water as described in Appendix A of the staff report dated February 24, 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.3.2 Development of 2022-27 Economic Strategy

The following was before Council:

- A report from Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee dated February 18, 2021 with attached Staff Recommendation Report dated February 8, 2021
- Presentation dated March 9, 2021

Wendy Luther, President & Chief Executive Officer, Halifax Partnership and Ian Munro, Chief Economist, Halifax Partnership provided Council with an overview of the Design and Development of Halifax's Economic Growth Plan, 2022-27.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a 2022-2027 Economic Strategy in collaboration with the Halifax Partnership, in accordance with the approach set out in the February 8, 2021 staff report and the related Halifax Partnership presentation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – February 23, 2021

10.1 Councillor Hendsbee – Establishing a Crosswalk Location on the William Porter Connector Road

The following was before Council:

- An information report from Transportation Standing Committee dated February 16, 2021 with attached staff report dated July 17, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council request that the Mayor send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Active Transit requesting:

1. A re-evaluation of the current provincial policy in establishing a pedestrian crosswalk on William Porter Connector Road at Inspiration Drive. The evaluation should follow Transportation Association of Canada guidelines and take into consideration pedestrian desire lines and connectivity to the Porter's Lake Elementary School, Community Centre, Park, Trail System, and Transit Park & Ride to the Sandy Point Subdivision; and
2. A speed limit reduction to 60 km/h on William Porter Connector Rd that encompasses the existing school zone area.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Award – Tender 20-190 – Mackintosh Depot Replacement

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 8, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Award Tender No. 20-190, Mackintosh Depot Replacement, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Bird Construction Group at a cost of \$16,511,602 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No. CB000089 – Mackintosh Depot Replacement as outlined in the Financial section of the staff report dated February 8, 2021.
2. Increase Purchase Order No. 2070799716 by \$283,042.63 (net HST included) to EXP Services from Project No. CB000089 – Mackintosh Depot Replacement as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated February 8, 2021.
3. Increase Purchase Order No. 2070805687 by \$70,024 (net HST included) to WSP Canada from Project No. CB000089 – Mackintosh Depot Replacement as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated February 8, 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.2 Award – Request for Quotation 21-004 Generator Inspection, Repair and Maintenance

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council award RFQ (Request for Quotation) 21-004 to Eastern Alternative Power Systems for a total price of \$1,893,751 (net HST included), with funding from B034, P316, P425, R680, R681, R683 and W213 as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated February 17, 2021, for a five-year term commencing May 1, 2021, through April 30, 2026.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.3 First Reading Proposed By-law S-612, an Amendment to By-law S-600, Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-law – Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 25, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law S-612, the purpose of which is to amend By-law S-600, Respecting Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated February 25, 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.4 Feasibility of Fall River Turf Project

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 2, 2021
- Correspondence from Rita Nigam

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to:
1. Forgo leading the Fall River Turf Project at Lockview High School in Fall River to upgrade the existing natural field to a multi-use artificial turf facility; and
2. Consider the provision of future artificial turf fields through the municipality's Playing Field Strategy.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, advised the alternative motion suggests there would be an application for federal funding for this project through the *Infrastructure Canada Covid-19 Resiliency Stream*.

As set out in Section 90 of *Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, when the question under consideration contains distinct propositions, upon the request of any Member, the vote upon each proposition shall be taken separately.

The question was called on Part 1 of the motion as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to:
1. Forgo leading the Fall River Turf Project at Lockview High School in Fall River to upgrade the existing natural field to a multi-use artificial turf facility.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

In favour: Councillor Russell

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

Not present: Councillor Smith

The question was called on Part 2 of the motion as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to:
2. Consider the provision of future artificial turf fields through the municipality's Playing Field Strategy.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

11.1.5 Case 22708 - Incentive or Bonus Zoning Agreement - 1325 Lower Water Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 25, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into and execute the Incentive or Bonus Zoning Agreement as provided in Attachment B of the staff report dated February 25, 2021 for the sixteen-storey, mixed-use building at 1325 Lower Water Street, Halifax.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

11.2 BUDGET COMMITTEE

11.2.1 Ratification from Budget Committee February 24, 2021 – 2021/22 Multi-Year Capital Plan

The following was before Council:

- Budget Committee report dated February 26, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated February 2, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the capital budget for 2021/22, and approve in-principle the 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 capital outlooks as per Attachment 2 and 3 of the February 2, 2021 staff report, subject to approval of external funding program applications;**
- 2. Approve the schedule of 2021/22 capital reserves withdrawals as per Attachment 4 of the February 2, 2021 staff report;**
- 3. Approve the schedule of 2021/22 multi-year capital projects as per Attachment 5 of the February 2, 2021 staff report;**
- 4. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2020-004-ADM, the Procurement Policy, and Administrative Order 2018-004-ADM, the Transaction Policy, as set out in Attachments 6, 7, and 8 to the February 2, 2021 staff report.**

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer answered questions regarding scheduling priorities and potential funding partners.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.3 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

11.3.1 Winter Maintenance to Walking Paths in Regional Parks

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Transportation Standing Committee dated March 1, 2021 with attached staff report dated January 20, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Add Sir Sandford Fleming Park Seawall Pathway to the regional park pathways that are winter maintained in 2021/22 winter works season;**
- 2. Approve the Park Snow and Ice Removal Guidelines (Attachment 2 of the staff report dated January 20, 2021) for all regional park pathways receiving winter maintenance;**
- 3. Include the paving of main pathways in Africville Park for consideration in the 2022/23 capital budget deliberations to further winter maintenance capabilities; and**
- 4. Undertake a review of the park pathways and guidelines in 5 years in association with the review of Transportation and Public Works winter operations service review standards previously approved by Council.**

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the motion be amended to include:

- 5. Review McIntosh Run Regional Park and any others found to be designated incorrectly and return to Council with a supplemental report with recommendations for those parks.**

Councillor Austin requested an addition to the amendment to include a review of Dartmouth Commons.

As set out in Section 53 (2) of *Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, this change to the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The question was called on the amendment to the motion as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the motion be amended to include:

- 5. Review McIntosh Run Regional Park, the Dartmouth Common and any others Regional Parks found to be designated incorrectly and return to Council with a supplemental report with recommendations for those parks.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

The question was called on the amended motion as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Add Sir Sandford Fleming Park Seawall Pathway to the regional park pathways that are winter maintained in 2021/22 winter works season;**
- 2. Approve the Park Snow and Ice Removal Guidelines (Attachment 2 of the staff report dated January 20, 2021) for all regional park pathways receiving winter maintenance;**
- 3. Include the paving of main pathways in Africville Park for consideration in the 2022/23 capital budget deliberations to further winter maintenance capabilities;**
- 4. Undertake a review of the park pathways and guidelines in 5 years in association with the review of Transportation and Public Works winter operations service review standards previously approved by Council.**
- 5. Review McIntosh Run Regional Park, the Dartmouth Common and any others Regional Parks found to be designated incorrectly and return to Council with a supplemental report with recommendations for those parks.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

11.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11.4.1 Case H00482 – Substantial Alteration to a Municipally Registered Heritage Property at 2438 Gottingen Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Heritage Advisory Committee with attached staff report dated February 10, 2021
- Correspondence from Andrew J, Murphy, Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia
- Staff Presentation dated March 9, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the substantial alteration of 2438 Gottingen Street, Halifax, known as Victoria Hall, as proposed in the February 10, 2021 staff report and its attachments.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. MOTIONS

12.1 Councillor Cuttell

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council request additional information on prioritizing the clearing of snow from the main sidewalks in school zone areas from P3 to P2 be included in the supplementary staff report requested by Regional Council on September 29, 2020 regarding sidewalk snow clearing standards for residential streets walkways.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

There was no In Camera (In Private) session convened.

13.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – January 26, 2021

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of January 26, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential

This matter was dealt with in public.

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff report dated February 16, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated February 16, 2021; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential staff report dated February 16, 2021 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

13.3 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public.

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff report dated February 24, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated February 24, 2021; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential staff report dated February 24, 2021 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to propose for approval Administrative Order 2020-005-ADM, Respecting a Financial Incentives Program for the Schmitville and Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation Districts, the purpose of which is to establish a financial incentives program that provides financial assistance to property owners in the Schmitville and Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation Districts to support the conservation of contributing heritage resources and the revitalization of all existing buildings in the districts.

14.2 Councillor Blackburn

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to propose amendments for approval to Administrative Order 2020-009-ADM, Respecting Covid-19, the purpose of which is to extend its application by one year.

14.3 Councillor Morse

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 Municipal Planning Strategy for Halifax and the Land Use By-law

for Halifax Mainland to rezone 60 and 62 Main Avenue to C-2C (Dutch Village Road Mixed Use) and to consider amendments to the C-2C Zone standards.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk