



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 21, 2017**

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

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Martin Ward, Acting Municipal Solicitor
Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk
Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant
Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and recessed at 3:22 p.m. Council reconvened in at 3:42 p.m. and recessed at 5:25 p.m. Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and Council stood for a moment of reflection.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements. The Mayor acknowledged the recent passing of Mr. Tim Adams.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Committee of the Whole February 7, 2017 & Regional Council February 7, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole February 7, 2017 & Regional Council February 7, 2017 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: 17.1 Councillor Mason – Loading & Staging of Harbour Hopper

Information Item 5. Proclamation – World Down Syndrome Day – March 21st, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor 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 – December 6, 2016**

9.1 Case 19626 – Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-Law (LUB) Amendments – Development Agreement for Multiple Unit Residential and Commercial Development at 836 and 842 Portland Street, Dartmouth (Supplementary Report)

The following was before Council:

- Memorandum from Tyson Simms, Planner II dated December 6, 2016 re: Recommendation and Revised Council Motion
- An extract of minutes from the December 6, 2016 meeting of Regional Council
- A staff supplementary recommendation report dated February 10, 2017
- A report submitted by the Chair of Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council dated September 23, 2016 with attached staff recommendation report dated August 16, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed amendments to the Dartmouth Municipal Planning Strategy and the Dartmouth Land Use By-law as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated August 16, 2016.

Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk noted that a memorandum had been circulated to all members of Regional Council regarding administrative amendments to the motion deemed by Legal to be non-substantive.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Whitman

**THAT Attachment A be amended as follows:
Delete Policy ML-36, subsection (j), and replace it with the following:
(j) That vehicular access to Portland Street from the Lands shall not be permitted**

**THAT Attachment C be amended as follows:
Delete Section 3.7.4, and replace it with the following:
3.7.4 Vehicular access from the lands to Portland Street shall not be permitted.**

Tyson Simms, Planner II clarified that the amendment allows for right-in-only access from Portland Street.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

11. PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 P.M.

11.1 Proposed Administrative Order SC-84, Respecting Closure of a Portion of Lower Water Street, Halifax

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting. See page 11 for details.

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

12.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items: 11.1 and 14.3.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council. Later in the meeting, correspondence was circulated regarding item 15.1.

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

12.2 Petitions

12.2.1 Councillor Hendsbee

Councillor Hendsbee submitted a petition signed by approximately twenty-nine property owners in Porters Lake, Nova Scotia requesting street paving for Loriann Drive.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

14. REPORTS

14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

14.1.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies – Case CA0111 – Street Naming from December 1, 2016 – January 31, 2017

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 21, 2017

Notice of motion was given March 7, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Streach

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 29 Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated February 21, 2017 in order to approve:

1. **The naming of one new public street and three new private lanes as identified in Attachment B and Maps 1-4 of the staff report dated February 21, 2017 and;**
2. **The renaming of St. Cecelia Drive, Halifax to St. Cecilia Lane, Halifax as identified in Attachment B and Map 5 of the staff report dated February 21, 2017.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.1.2 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 45, Respecting Private Road Maintenance – Road Maintenance Fee for South West Grand Lake Property Owners Association

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 10, 2017
- A revised Appendix A to the staff report dated February 10, 2017

Notice of motion was given March 7, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 45, Respecting Private Road Maintenance, as set out in Appendix A of the staff report dated February 10, 2017, including repealing Schedule 4 and adding Schedule 4A.

Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk noted that a revised Appendix A had been circulated to all members of Regional Council.

An amendment to reflect the revised Appendix A was accepted by Council as friendly. The motion now reads:

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 45, Respecting Private Road Maintenance, as set out in the Revised Appendix A as circulated at the March 21, 2017 Council meeting, including repealing Schedule 4 and adding Schedule 4A.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.1.3 Case 20151 – Amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS), 31 and 33 Brewer Court, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 21, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Initiate the process to consider amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy to alter the boundaries of the land use designations on the Generalized Future Land Use Map in the area of Brewer Court and the Stoneridge on the Park Subdivision, Halifax; and**
2. **Follow the public participation program for Municipal Planning Strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 27, 1997.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.1.4 Case 20662 – Amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS), the Regional Subdivision By-Law and the Sackville Land Use By-law (LUB), First Lake Drive and Settlers Lane, Lower Sackville

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 21, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Craig, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Initiate the process to consider amending the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, the Regional Subdivision By-law and the Sackville Land Use By-law, to permit residential development and an extension of the municipal water service boundary on the lands identified as PID #41404096 and PID #40507824 in Lower Sackville, and;**
2. **Follow the public participation program for Municipal Planning Strategy amendments that was adopted by Regional Council on February 27, 1997.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Budget Increase to CVD01087 – Fleet Vehicle Replacement

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated March 9, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee, with attached staff report dated January 12, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve an increase to Project Account CVD01087 – Fleet Vehicle Replacement in the amount of \$165,815; and**
2. **Approve an unbudgeted withdrawal in the amount of \$129,906 from the Obligation Reserve, Fleet Vehicles and Equipment reserve Q531, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the January 12, 2017 staff report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.2.2 Write-off of Uncollectible Accounts

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated March 9, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee, with attached staff report dated February 20, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the following:

1. The real property tax accounts in the amount of \$33,768.43 comprised of \$24,742.50 principal and \$9,025.93 interest as summarized in Schedule 1 of the staff report dated February 20, 2017 be formally written out of the books of account;
2. The general revenue accounts in the amount of \$19,128.58 comprised of \$17,898.49 principal and \$1,230.09 interest as summarized in Schedule 1 of the staff report dated February 20, 2017 be formally written out of the books of account;
3. The recreation accounts in the amount of \$20,083.42 comprised of \$20,083.42 principal and \$0.00 interest as summarized in Schedule 1 of the staff report dated February 20, 2017 be formally written out of the books of account.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.3 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

14.3.1 Case 18966 – Amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-Law (LUB) for 6009 and 6017 Quinpool Road, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated March 13, 2017 submitted by the Vice Chair of the Halifax and West Community Council, with attached staff report dated January 20, 2017
- A staff presentation dated March 21, 2017
- Correspondence received from Stephen Archibald, Janet Shotwell, Ruth and Bill Cruden, Rebecca Granat, Ken Dewar, Sophie Pilipczuk, Dr. Ian G. Stewart, Alison Cullingham, Joanne Light (2), Greg Woolner, Dr. Judy Haiven, Michael Speraw, Kristine McCutcheon, Carolyn Smedley, Tim Leary, Ronald Bourgeois, Sandy Greenberg (2), Margot Metcalfe, Molly Hurd, Heather McCleave, Oliver Doepner, Dr. Marilynne Bell, Sandra Selva, Taiya Barss, Dr. Martha Radice, Elizabeth Burke, John Kirk, Felicia Guitton, Julie Post, Joan Dawson, Deborah Jones, Hilary Marentette, Jeanne-Eline Sures, Norma Taussig, Leslie Hauck, Paul Lenarczyk, Sharon Davis, Deena Duggan, Kim McTaggart, Allan Robertson, Peter Lavell, Peter McCurdy, Alvin Comiter, Vivien Shotwell, Peter Nelson, Janet Shotwell, Elizabeth McCarthy, Marilyn Perdue, Karla Nicholson, Kathy Moggridge, Anthony Edwards, Richard Peisinger, Alan Wilson, Michael McFadden, Susan Sherwin, Steve Parcell (2), Friends of Halifax Common, Ken Macinnis, Arthur and Eileen Irwin, Margie Macdonald, Sheilagh Hunt, Patrick Moan, Judith Fingard, Peggy Cameron, Elizabeth Heffelfinger, Margo Grant, Candace Stevenson, Ruth Gamberg, Peter Fillmore, Laura MacLean, Sue Dirani, Mary-Jo MacKay, Pat Whitman, Susan Yeadon Smith, Scott Robson, Katrin MacPhee, Shari-Lynn Hiltz, Tania Sures, Wendy Scott, Janet Morris, Debra Garland, Sheila Davis, Phyllis Cox, Charlene Gillis, Liz MacDougall, Janis Wood Catano, Gary and Sue Brumwell, Margo Kirk, Julie Berkowitz, Pat Kipping, Andrew J. Murphy, Dawn Carson, Sophie Brauer, Kay Crinean, Dr. Lois E. Murray, Victoria Brumwell, Pamela Hancock and David Hancock, Janet M. Stevenson, Gwen Davies, Rebecca Jamieson and Christopher Beaumont, Tarah Wright, Coalition for Responsible Development in HRM, Andrea Arbic, Margaret Casey, June Trenholm, Ian Porter, and Trevor Brumwell.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land Use By-law for the Halifax Peninsula, as set out in Attachments A and B of the January 20, 2017 report, with the exception that the overall height of the development as referenced in 2.10.1(c) of the proposed policy be amended to allow for a building no greater than 62 metres, and schedule a public hearing.

Carl Purvis, Planning Applications Program Manager, provided a staff presentation regarding Case 18966 as outlined in the staff report dated March 13, 2017.

A discussion ensued. It was noted that Council had provided direction to staff to create site specific amendments to allow a 29 storey building; however Halifax and West Community Council had passed a motion recommending that the overall height of the development be no greater than 62 metres in height. A few Councillors expressed opposition to the motion on the floor, suggesting that the public hearing should be to consider a 29 story building.

Carl Purvis responded to questions of clarification, noting that the draft centre plan suggests that 20 stories would be appropriate at the location. Purvis also noted that wind and shadow impact would be considered as part of the development agreement evaluation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 4 against)

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

Against: Councillors: Hendsbee, Karsten, Adams and Whitman

14.4 BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

14.4.1 Creation of the Halifax Regional Police Foundation (HRPF)

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated March 6, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners, with attached staff report dated February 22, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Craig, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Endorse the establishment of a Halifax Regional Police Foundation (HRPF) under the auspices of the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia;**
- 2. Approve the direction of all future proceeds from the sale of HRP-crested merchandise and related logoed items to the Foundation;**
- 3. Endorse the transfer of all non-HRM budgeted monies presently under the control of the Chief of Police intended for community-related programming to the new Foundation once established.**

Council entered into a discussion with Jean-Michel Blais, Chief of Police, responding to questions of clarification. Chief Blais noted that the intention of the motion is to ensure accountability for non-HRM funds and advised that the monies would be used to increase involvement and support programming in the community through registered charities.

Councillor Whitman left the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Whitman

Council recessed at 3:22 p.m. and reconvened at 3:42 p.m. Councillor Mancini was not present. Councillor Whitman returned to the meeting.

14.5 GRANTS COMMITTEE

14.5.1 Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Grants Program Recommended Awards – Fiscal Year 2016

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated March 9, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Grants Committee, with attached staff report dated February 1, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the ten (10) grants as detailed in the Discussion section of the February 1, 2017 staff report, plus an application from the Atlantic Book Awards Society, as outlined on page 11 of the staff report, for a total of eleven (11) grants with a combined total of \$76,480 from Account M311-8004.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mancini

14.5.2 Request from the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia to partner in the Community Foundations of Canada 150 Fund

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated March 8, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Grants Committee

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the request by the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia to partner with the HRM Community Grants Program in regard to the Community Fund for Canada's 150th.

Councillor Walker advised that there is an issue of timing, as the grant applications would be due in May 2017. Councillor Walker requested that Council defeat the motion and indicated they would come forward with a motion that would expedite the process.

Martin Ward, Acting Municipal Solicitor advised that since there was no alternative motion listed in the report, notice of motion would need to be provided.

Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk added that a staff report would be needed in order for Council to receive advice regarding potential administrative and liability concerns.

Councillor Walker withdrew the motion with the agreement of Regional Council.

Council returned to this item later in the meeting. See page 12 for details.

Councillor Mancini returned to the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

14.5.3 Volunteer Search and Rescue Grants Program – Recommended Awards – Fiscal Year 2016-17

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated March 9, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Grants Committee, with attached staff report dated January 18, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve:

1. The award of four (4) operating grants as described in the Discussion section of the January 18, 2017 staff report for a combined total of \$125,148 from Account C801-8004;
2. The award of three (3) capital grants as described in the Discussion section of the January 18, 2017 staff report for a combined total of \$14,975 from Account C801-8004; and
3. The allocation of \$8,377 towards Emergency Management Organization (EMO) Joint Emergency Management Teams (JEM) as described in the Discussion section of the January 18, 2017 staff report from Account C801-8004.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.6 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

14.6.1 Councillor Karsten – Request for a Staff Report Regarding the Reinstatement of a Halifax Regional Municipality Youth Advisory Council

The following was before Council:

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

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report with recommendations addressing the possibility of reinstating a Youth Advisory Council.

Councillor Zurawski requested that the motion be amended to consider the possibility of forming a Youth Advisory Council or liaising with existing youth groups within the purview of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

The amendment was accepted as friendly. The motion now reads:

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report with recommendations addressing the possibility of forming a Youth Advisory Council or liaising with existing youth groups within the purview of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.6.2 Councillor Mancini – Aquatic Facilities in HRM

The following was before Council:

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

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council Request a staff report to look at the possibility of building a 50-meter pool in HRM. Staff should consult with Swim Nova Scotia (SNS) in preparing the report to benefit by technical information, including options and other considerations to inform recommendations for the construction of a 50-metre pool. Options should include looking at building a pool within an existing HRM facility or a stand-alone facility.

Councillor Smith requested the motion be revised such that staff are directed to consult with community stakeholders including Swim Nova Scotia.

The amendment was accepted as friendly. The motion now reads:

THAT Halifax Regional Council Request a staff report to look at the possibility of building a 50-meter pool in HRM. Staff should consult with community stakeholders including Swim Nova Scotia (SNS) in preparing the report to benefit by technical information, including options and other considerations to inform recommendations for the construction of a 50-metre pool. Options should include looking at building a pool within an existing HRM facility or a stand-alone facility.

A few members of Council expressed concern with the motion, noting that Council has been going through a budgeting process taking into account different recreational needs within the Municipality.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that if the motion is approved staff will return with a report that examines all options including temporary pools and partnership opportunities.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (16 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Deputy Mayor Craig

15. MOTIONS

15.1 Councillor Cleary

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence dated March 21, 2017 from Pat Shaw

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council move amendments AO17 to restrict any further increases to Council remuneration until the earlier of:

- a) The staff report is received by Regional Council respecting its November 22, 2016 motion; or**
- b) November 1, 2017.**

Martin Ward, Acting Municipal Solicitor, advised that in order to proceed without a staff report, Council must waive the rules of order. Ward noted further that the motion should direct staff to prepare amendments.

Council entered into a brief discussion, noting that the next pay period adjustment would be November 1, 2017, and there is a staff report coming forward on the subject.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the motion be deferred pending a forthcoming staff report.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED. (10 in favour, 7 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Craig, Councillors: Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Adams, Blackburn and Outhit

Against: Councillors: Streach, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Zurawski and Whitman

Council recessed at 5:25 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m., with Deputy Mayor Craig in the Chair. Mayor Savage and Councillor Streach were not present.

11. PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 P.M.

11.1 Proposed Administrative Order SC-84, Respecting Closure of a Portion of Lower Water Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- An extract of draft minutes from the Regional Council meeting on March 7, 2016
- A staff recommendation report dated February 21, 2017
- Correspondence received from John Wesley Chisholm dated March 18, 2017 and Clarence Whynot dated March 20, 2017
- Staff presentation dated March 21, 2017

Tom Crouse, Acquisition & Disposal Manager, Corporate Real Estate, Operations Support, presented the proposed Administrative Order SC-84, Respecting Closure of a Portion of Lower Water Street, Halifax. The presentation is available online and on file.

Staff responded to questions of clarification from members of Council.

Deputy Mayor Craig reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings and invited the Applicant to speak, opened the public hearing for anyone wishing to speak on the matter.

Jennifer Angel, Acting President of Waterfront Development Corporation Limited, Applicant in partnership with Armour Group, addressed members of Council, discussing the Armour Group partnership and the Queen's Marque development. Angel reviewed the universal principles of planning that guide the Waterfront Development Corporation along with local values. Angel noted the following during her presentation:

- That the Queen's Marque project has been in the works for 10 years through substantial public consultation, and considerable professional input, and is a \$200 million investment in the downtown.
- That the waterfront businesses along the boardwalk in the area of the project have been successfully relocated, parking on the site will increase from 100 to 300 parking spaces.
- Clarification that Waterfront Development Corporation will continue to own, manage, and program the land, and maintain public access to the waters' edge.

Jennifer Angel asked Council to support the partial street closure in support of the Queen's Marque project, and responded to questions of clarification from members of Council.

Deputy Mayor Craig opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak on the matter.

Douglas MacDonald, Halifax, advised that they live blocks from the subject area and spoke of concerns relating to the impact the street closure will have on the downtown. MacDonald commented that the proposal will cause the previously existing sidewalk to be reduced or eliminated on the Queen's Marque side of the street, causing pedestrian traffic to have to cross the street at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. MacDonald further commented on the increasing need for width on Lower Water Street because of bicycles, and the proposed hop-on hop-off trolley, which will presumably be a slow moving vehicle congesting traffic. MacDonald expressed concern with encroachments granted to developers, and questioned whether the Municipality is charging a fee for use.

Dave Miller, Halifax, noted concern with the number of street closures in the downtown area, which they counted at 26, and which affect the flow of car and pedestrian traffic in the downtown, and have a negative impact on business. Miller suggested that allowing a development to be built close to a sidewalk creates a canyon effect, and the application will make it difficult for people to access the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, noting that Halifax will be hosting the Tall Ships festival on the waterfront this

summer. Miller urged Council to act in the best interests of citizens, area businesses and the city that will be affected by this application.

Robert Ripley, advised that they are involved in the tourism industry six months out of the year. Ripley indicated that they have difficulty with this proposal because of already existing traffic congestion on Lower Water Street, which they feel will be made worse with the proposal. Ripley suggested that businesses will be affected adversely with the construction of Queens Marque. Ripley noted that there is an anticipated increase in cruise ship traffic this coming season, and many cruise ship passengers are moved downtown via Lower Water Street. Ripley also noted the movement of shipping containers from one end of the city to the other takes place along Lower Water Street. Ripley indicated that they are in favour of development but that which is in the best interests of citizens, noting with the closure of the Cogswell interchange in October, it will make it more difficult to move traffic through the downtown. Ripley encouraged Council to keep in mind what impression people will take back with them when visiting Halifax.

The Deputy Mayor called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak on the matter. No members of the public came forward.

At the invitation of the Chair, Peter Bigelow, Planner, Waterfront Development Corporation Limited (WDCL), responded to points raised by the speakers, noting the following:

- That WDCL is working with HRM staff to ensure there will be adequate sidewalks on the east side of Lower Water Street and ensure it more than meets HRM standards and the standards of other engineering bodies.
- Clarification that there will not be much difference in the travel-ways for cars, and the bicycle lane will be afforded additional space.
- That WDCL considers traffic moving slow on Lower Water Street as a good thing for pedestrians, and will try to alleviate closures of Lower Water Street sidewalks, and to facilitate pedestrian traffic are constructing a seasonal temporary floating boardwalk.
- That a business and construction mitigation plan has been prepared for the development and submitted to HRM.

Peter Bigelow assured Council that WDCL will work with businesses every day to ensure they remain viable, and that issues are resolved immediately, and responded to questions of clarification from members of Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the public hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order SC-84 to close a portion of Lower Water Street that is in front of PID 00003509 Lower Water Street, as shown in yellow on Attachment "A" of the staff report dated February 21, 2017.

At the request of members of Council, Tom Crouse clarified that this application is for a partial street closure, not an encroachment.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage and Councillor Streach

Council agreed to address the remaining items on the agenda, and then address the In Camera items.

14.5.2 Request from the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia to partner in the Community Foundations of Canada 150 Fund

This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting. Refer to page 8.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the request by the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia to partner with the HRM Community Grants Program in regard to the Community Fund for Canada's 150th.

Councillor Walker indicated, as per the earlier discussion on this matter, that this will be the fastest way to move this item forward.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Savage and Councillors Streach and Smith were not present.

17. ADDED ITEMS

17.1 Councillor Mason – Loading & Staging of Harbour Hopper

The following information was before Council:

- A Request for Council's Consideration form from Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Regional Council direct staff to identify options and financial considerations for accommodating the loading and staging of Harbour Hopper vehicles within the public right-of-way for the consideration of Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Savage and Councillor Streach were not present.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

18.1 Councillor Nicoll

"Take notice that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on March 28, 2017, I propose to move a motion that Regional Council request that retail and commercial policy considerations for development projects that propose a significant quantity of new commercial development be included when preparing staff reports for possible amendments to HRM's Municipal Planning Strategies. These considerations should also include discussion on the option of a requirement for developers to provide a commercial space demand study or other tools to inform decision making for these types of applications, and that a report be brought back to Council for consideration."

18.2 Councillor Walker

"Take notice that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on March 28, 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 adopt amendments Schedule 29."

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

In Camera items were dealt with during the public session. No In Camera session was held.

16.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – February 7, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of Minutes – February 7, 2017 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16.2 Personnel Matter

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

The following information was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff report dated March 13, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations of the Standing Committee regarding the Citizen Appointments as outlined in Attachment # 1 of the private and confidential staff report dated March 13, 2017.**
- 2. Waive the limit on maximum length of service and ratify the appointments to the Investment Policy Advisory Committee.**
- 3. It is further recommended that the Citizen Appointments be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidates.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage and Councillor Streach

16.3 Property Matters

16.3.1 Private & Confidential Information Report, Cogswell Lands Plan, March 25, 2014 – *Private and Confidential Report*

The following information was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff report dated January 30, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

That Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the release of a copy of the Private & Confidential Information Report regarding the Cogswell Lands Plan dated the March 25, 2014 with severing in accordance with section 477(1)(b) and the 477(1)(e) as shown in attachment 1 of the private and confidential report dated January 30, 2017, in response to the access application dated June 5, 2014; and**
- 2. Declassify the Private & Confidential Information Report regarding the Cogswell Lands Plan dated the March 25, 2014 and the Private and Confidential Report dated January 30, 2017 after all Cogswell lands transactions have been closed.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage and Councillor Streach

16.3.2 Industrial Lot Re-Purchase – Private and Confidential Report

The following information was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff report dated March 9, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the recommendation as outlined in the Private and Confidential staff report dated January 27, 2017.**
- 2. It is further recommended that the private and confidential staff report dated January 27, 2017 not be released to the public.**

Councillor Austin questioned why this matter was classified as In Camera. The Municipal Solicitor indicated he would speak privately with the Councillor following the meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage and Councillor Streach

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk