



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 6, 2018**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Bill Karsten
Councillor Russell Walker

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

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and recessed at 2:50 p.m. Council reconvened in at 3:05 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 5:25 p.m. and reconvened at 6:09 p.m. Council adjourned at 6:11 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.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

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

Additions:

17.1 Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee - Multi Service Youth Centre in Sackville

16.2.2 Intergovernmental Relations Matter – Oral Update, Economic Development – Private and Confidential

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Whitman

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

Deputy Mayor Mason noted a conflict of interest on Item 16.4.3 from the February 27, 2018 meeting of Regional Council.

Councillor Whitman noted a conflict of interest on item 16.4.1 from the February 27, 2018 meeting of Regional Council.

Councillor Cleary noted a conflict of interest on item 16.4.2 from the February 27, 2018 meeting of Regional Council.

7. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE

8. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE

9. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

10. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

12.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items: 14.1.6, 14.2.3, 14.3.1, 14.3.2 and 14.4.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

12.2 Petitions- None

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

14. REPORTS

14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

14.1.1 First Reading Proposed By-law U-103, Amending By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law - "Welcomed in Halifax" Program Criteria

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated January 31, 2018.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law U-103, further amending By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law as set out in Attachment C of the staff report dated January 31, 2018.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker and Karsten.

14.1.2 Proposed Administrative Order SC-87, Respecting Closure of a Portion of Lethbridge Avenue, Dartmouth - Lot LA

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated January 22, 2018.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve Administrative Order SC-87 as set out in Attachment 'B' of the staff report dated January 22, 2018 to close that portion of Lethbridge Avenue described as Lot LA in the legal description and survey plan shown in Attachment B of the staff report dated January 22, 2018.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker and Karsten.

14.1.3 Sussex Drive Extension

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated December 22, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to write a letter to the Deputy Minister of Natural Resources of the Province of Nova Scotia requesting approval in principle of the land exchange proposal included in the staff report dated December 22, 2017 as a starting point for further detailed negotiations.

In response to questions for clarification from members of Regional Council, David McCusker, Manager Regional Transportation Planning, noted that the proposed project does not involve an expansion to the roadway network. Rather, it is an attempt to connect the layout of subdivision roads that already have concept approval. They further noted that the project is currently set to be cost neutral to the Municipality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker and Karsten.

14.1.4 Increase to Cost Sharing Agreement - Layton Road Paving (Herring Cove – Penny), West Region

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 12, 2018.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve a cost sharing payment increase of \$24,132 (net HST included) from Project Account No. CR000005 – Street Recapitalization to Halifax Water.

In response to concerns raised by members of Regional Council, David Hubley, Manager Design and Construction, noted that the 33.7% cost overrun in the Layton project was the result of additional asphalt that was required to repair unforeseen stresses in the road which were only discovered once the top layer of asphalt was removed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker and Karsten.

14.1.5 Increase to Cost Sharing - Hammonds Plains Road Paving (Sandy Academy Entrance to Smiths Road), Central Region

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 9, 2018.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve a cost sharing increase of an estimated amount of \$79,258 (net HST included) to the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) with funding from Project Account No. CR000005 – Street Recapitalization, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated February 9, 2018.

In response to questions of clarification from members of Regional Council, David Hubley, Manager Design and Construction, noted that the tenders/bids for the project are held by the Province. However, they noted that staff would follow-up and inform Council who was awarded the contract.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker and Karsten.

14.1.6 4032 Mooseland Road

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 20, 2018.

- Correspondence submitted by Peter Baine.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Streach

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Declare the municipal property at 4032 Mooseland Road, PID 40877581, as shown in Attachment A of the staff report dated February 20, 2018, surplus to municipal requirements; and**
- 2. Categorize the recommended surplus property as 'Community Interest', according to Administrative Order 50.**

Councillor Hendsbee indicated his intention to put forward the alternative motion, and asked Councillors to vote against the motion currently before them. Councillor Hendsbee noted that the Mooseland Community Centre is the only Municipal facility in this area, and that it is used exclusively by the community.

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

In favour: Councillor Zurawski

Against: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Mason; and Councillors: Streach, Hendsbee, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Smith, Cleary, Adams, Whitman, Blackburn, Craig and Outhit.

Not present: Councillors Walker and Karsten

Moved by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Streach

THAT Halifax Regional Council, choose not to surplus 4032 Mooseland Road PID 40877581, and direct staff to enter into a less than market value lease for \$1.00, with the Mooseland and Area Community Association for the Mooseland Community Centre, and that the terms of the lease include the following provisions:

- a. A 5 year term with an Administrative Order 50 review before another renewal term;**
- b. Operating costs responsibility of the Mooseland and Area Community Association;**
- c. HRM to provide minimal maintenance and repair to the building; and**
- d. Property to be declared surplus under Administrative Order 50 if the Mooseland and Area Community Association is unable to operate the building or the association ceases to exist.**

In response to questions of clarification from members of Regional Council regarding the alternative motion, Denise Schofield, Manager Program Support Services, provided clarification on the following:

- If the Municipality retains the property, it will have to continue to cover the cost of maintenance necessary to keep the building operational, as well as maintain the insurance on the property.
- The Municipality does not operate or maintain the Helipad at the site.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker and Karsten

14.1.7 Science Advising

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 9, 2018.

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Consider using, where appropriate, the procedures outlined in the HRM Public Appointment Policy to increase science advisory capacity on municipal agencies, boards and committees (through competency-based recruitment and nomination of citizens for appointment).
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to draft a corporate operational policy concerning scientific advising principles and guidelines.
3. Direct the CAO to conduct an annual horizon scanning exercise as described in the discussion section of the staff report dated February 9, 2018.

A discussion on the report ensued. In response to questions from Council, Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that if the Municipality does not have the expertise in-house, the CAO will direct to engage external experts as appropriate.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Mason; and Councillors: Streach, Hendsbee, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Smith, Cleary, Adams, Zurawski, Blackburn, Craig and Outhit.

Against: Councillor Whitman

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Walker and Karsten

Councillor Streach left the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

14.1.8 Parks and Recreation Fee Structure Review – Interim Arena Rates

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 28, 2018.

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Maintain 2017/2018 ice and dry-floor rates for HRM operated arenas for the 2018/19 fiscal year; and
2. Set interim dry-floor rates for the BMO Centre and Dartmouth 4-Pad for the 2018/19 fiscal year at
 - a. \$65/hr plus HST for youth groups; and
 - b. \$75/hr plus HST for adult groups.

Councillor Outhit noted that Council had agreed in the previous year that the LeBrun Arena spike in fees would be for one year only.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Adams

THAT the motion be amended to include:

3. That the ice rental rates for the LeBrun Arena, be adjusted to be the same as St. Margaret's Centre and the Spryfield Lions Rink, for this season only, until the full Parks and Recreation Fee Structure Review returns to Regional Council next year.

Jacques Dubé, noted that the fee adjustment for the LeBrun Arena, as set out in the proposed amendment, would be funded through fiscal, subject to funding.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker, Karsten and Streach.

In response to questions of clarification from members of Regional Council, Denise Schofield, and Brad Anguish, Director of Parks & Recreation, noted that the recommendation set out in the staff report is to

maintain the 2017/2018 ice and dry-floor rates for HRM operated arenas for the interim period, not to adopt the rate outlined in the KPMG report. They further noted that a full Parks and Recreation Fee Structure Review based on KPMG's best practices fee rates research will return to Regional Council next year.

Members of Council requested that the following information be provided to them for future discussions on this matter:

- An outline of how "youth" and "adults" are defined in this context;
- How "Commercial" is defined for the purpose of youth uses and fees; and
- Whether KPMG conducted site visits, and an outline of the stakeholder engagement conducted.

The motion before Council now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Maintain 2017/2018 ice and dry-floor rates for HRM operated arenas for the 2018/19 fiscal year; and**
- 2. Set interim dry-floor rates for the BMO Centre and Dartmouth 4-Pad for the 2018/19 fiscal year at**
 - a. \$65/hr plus HST for youth groups; and**
 - b. \$75/hr plus HST for adult groups.**
- 3. That the ice rental rates for the LeBrun Arena, be adjusted to be the same as St. Margaret's Centre and the Spryfield Lions Rink, for this season only, until the full Parks and Recreation Fee Structure Review returns to Regional Council next year.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker, Karsten and Streach.

14.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Community Grants Program - Request for Extension of Grant Reporting Deadline - Sheet Harbour and Area Ground Search and Rescue

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated February 22, 2018, with attached recommendation report from the Grants Committee dated February 5, 2018, and staff recommendation report dated October 30, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Require Sheet Harbour and Area Ground Search and Rescue return the funds awarded in 2013 under the Community Grants Program, and in 2015 under the Volunteer Search and Rescue Grants Program in the total amount of \$38,125.00 to be deposited to the General Contingency Reserve, Q421; and**
- 2. Provide a grant to the Sheet Harbour & Area Ground Search & Rescue Society equivalent to the amount granted under the Community Grants Program and the Volunteer Search and Rescue Grants Program in the amount of \$38,125.00 for the site preparation and construction of a garage, as a withdrawal from the General Contingency Reserve Q421 subject to the following conditions:**
 - (i) Confirmation of land ownership by Sheet Harbour and Area Ground Search and Rescue, or an executed long-term lease agreement of 20 years between Sheet Harbour & Area Ground Search and Rescue and the land owner;**
 - (ii) Provision of revised construction estimates and a construction start-date; and**
 - (iii) Confirmation of the society's cash contribution to the capital project, including the interest paid on the previous funding issued by HRM.**

3. Consider a request from Sheet Harbour and Area Ground Search and Rescue for deductions associated with land acquisition costs such as migration, legal fees, survey up to amount of \$16,500.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker, Karsten and Streach.

Council recessed at 2:50 p.m., and reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

14.2.2 Industrial Lot Re-Purchase - Lot 1258A Cutler Avenue, Burnside - McArthur Carrick Properties Limited

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated February 22, 2018, with attached staff recommendation report dated December 11, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve an increase of \$1,801,228.21 to the Capital Budget CQ000011 – Lot Inventory Re-Purchase with funding in the amount of \$1,609,152.48 from Q616, Opportunity Reserve – Business/Industrial Park Reserve, with no net increase to the Capital Budget; and funding in the amount of \$192,075.73 from M500-5508;**
- 2. Authorize the re-purchase of property identified in Table 1 of the December 11, 2017 staff report in accordance with the approved Buy-Back Agreement;**
- 3. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with McArthur Carrick Properties Limited for the Property as per the terms and conditions outlined in the December 11, 2017 staff report; and**
- 4. Approve the minimum unit re-selling price as provided in Table 1 of the December 11, 2017 staff report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker, Karsten and Streach.

14.2.3 Request for Funding - Community Museums - Fiscal Year 2017-18

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated February 22, 2018, with attached staff recommendation report dated January 12, 2018.
- Correspondence submitted by Gordon Hammond.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Adams

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve:

- 1. interim funding of \$55,000, be allocated for heritage organizations in fiscal year 2017-18 with funding from operating as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the January 12, 2018 supplementary staff report; and**
- 2. the distribution of these funds be in accordance with Option 1 as described in Attachment 1 of the January 12, 2018 supplementary staff report.**

Councillor Hendsbee asked that members of Council consider increasing the amount of interim funding, as the \$55,000 set out in the motion is only a portion of what has been requested by local heritage organizations.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the amount of interim funding be increase from \$55,000 to \$110,000 as follows:

1. Interim funding of \$110,000, be allocated for heritage organizations in fiscal year 2017-18 with funding from operating as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the January 12, 2018 supplementary staff report;

In response to questions of clarification from members of Regional Council, Bruce Fisher, Manager Financial Policy & Planning, noted that in 2017/2018, there are no funds specifically earmarked for community museums. The amount requested would represent new expenditures in the budget.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker, Karsten and Streach.

The motion before Council now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Adams

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve:

1. interim funding of \$110,000 be allocated for heritage organizations in fiscal year 2017-18 with funding from operating as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the January 12, 2018 supplementary staff report; and
2. the distribution of these funds be in accordance with Option 1 as described in Attachment 1 of the January 12, 2018 supplementary staff report.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker, Karsten and Streach.

14.2.4 Funding Transfer for Parking Enforcement Vehicle Purchase

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated February 22, 2018, with attached staff recommendation report dated February 5, 2018.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve the transfer of 2017/18 operating funds in the amount of \$100,000 from operating budget A315 – Ticket Office (Planning and Development) to Q531 – Vehicle Fleet and Equipment Reserve; and,
2. Approve the withdrawal of \$100,000 from Q531 – Vehicle Fleet and Equipment Reserve to fund capital project CE020002 – Fleet Expansion, as presented in the 2018/19 proposed capital budget, and as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the February 5, 2018 staff report.

In response to questions of clarification from members of Regional Council, Penny Henneberry, Manager – Buildings and Compliance, provided clarification on the following:

- Parking Enforcement is looking to purchase approximately four (4) hybrid vehicles within a \$100,000 budget.
- Staff are working on a Parking Roadmap Strategy examining how emerging technologies can help streamline the Municipality's parking enforcement. A report on the Parking Roadmap Strategy will be coming before Council in the future.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker, Karsten and Streach.

14.3 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

14.3.1 Transit Priority Corridors – Gottingen Street

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Transportation Standing Committee dated February 23, 2018, with attached staff recommendation report dated January 25, 2018.
- Correspondence submitted by Peg MacInnis and Wendy Friedman

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council proceed with detailed design of a continuous northbound bus lane on the Gottingen Street corridor at peak (7am-9am and 3pm-6pm, Monday to Friday), with a provision for intermittent northbound transit priority measures off peak, that will include allowing short duration time regulated (15-90 minute) parking and loading where appropriate, and to return to the Transportation Standing Committee with:

- 1. A Parking Loss Mitigation Plan which includes engagement with the public and stakeholders, returning with a recommendation prior to tendering the project;**
- 2. A supplementary report regarding the potential for moving northbound express buses (as planned) to a different route and moving Dartmouth bound express buses to Barrington Street via the Bridge ramp.**
- 3. A plan to measure and evaluate the impact of the project and recommend changes, if any, within one year of implementation.**

Responding to concerns raised by Council regarding the impact on parking in and around Gottingen Street, Tanya Davis, Manager Strategic Transportation Planning, noted that the HRM has started work on a Parking Mitigation Study specifically focusing on Gottingen Street. The study indicates that throughout the course of a typical day, there is about a 46% parking vacancy rate on Gottingen Street.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker, Karsten and Streach.

14.3.2 South Park Bicycle Lane Extension and Enhancement

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Transportation Standing Committee dated February 23, 2018, with attached staff recommendation report dated January 2, 2018
- Staff presentation dated March 6, 2018.
- Correspondence submitted by Juanita Spencer, Executive Director, Spring Garden Area Business Association, Joanne Corbett, William Breckenridge, Joseph Gnemmi, Jillian Banfield, Joanne Bull, Sara Kirk, Margo Grant, Ben Wedge, Dan Peterson, Kevin Callaghan, Dan Burns, Diana Burns, Nicolas Carson, Joanne Smith, Paula Bond, Eliza Jackson, Adam Fine, Brandon Williams, Rochelle Owen, Emily Miller, Samantha Sproule, Ross Grant, Karen Beazley, Killian Banfield, Gordon Stevens, Kathy Moggridge, Janet Shotwell, Anne Sinclair, Sarah Manchon, Jesse MacLean, Sarah Chisholm, Anika Riopel, Lindsey Hewitt, Sebastian Copp, Brin Jones, Adam Lanigan, Don Flemming, Hugh Macpherson, Kelsey Lane, Ghlee Macload, George MacLeod and Brian Hebert.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the installation of 1.2 km of protected bicycle lanes and related changes to the right-of-way on both sides of South Park Street between Sackville Street and Inglis Street as described in the staff report dated January 2, 2018.

David MacIsaac, Supervisor Active Transportation, provided Council with a presentation on the proposed South Park bicycle lane extension.

A discussion ensued among members on whether Council should consider Option 2, or Option 2a, as set out in the staff report. The discussion focused on the impacts of reduced parking on local business, and the project's relationship to the Integrated Mobility Plan.

Responding to questions from Council, David MacIsaac noted that staff consulted with the Spring Garden Area Business Association on this project, who expressed concerns about the possible effects on local business.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT a supplementary staff report with a recommendation be requested, regarding a two year monitoring and evaluation program for the bicycle lane, monitoring to include vehicle flows, bicycle volumes, pedestrian activity and transit ridership and further to explore methods to measure impact on retail and commercial activity, reporting back to Council annually during the first two years after implementation.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker, Karsten and Streach.

Mayor Savage stepped down as Chair and Deputy Mayor Mason assumed the Chair at 3:38 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Adams

THAT a supplemental report be prepared to fully cost out alternative 2a (bike lane construction methods) for the public garden section, as presented in the staff report dated January 2, 2018.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND DEFEATED. (5 in favour, 8 against)

In favour: Councillors Hendsbee, Nicoll, Mancini, Adams and Whitman.

Against: Deputy Mayor Mason, Councillors Austin, Smith, Cleary, Zurawski, Blackburn, Craig and Outhit.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Walker, Karsten and Streach.

The motion before Council now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve the installation of 1.2 km of protected bicycle lanes and related changes to the right-of-way on both sides of South Park Street between Sackville Street and Inglis Street as described in the staff report dated January 2, 2018.

2. That a supplementary staff report with a recommendation be requested, regarding a two year monitoring and evaluation program for the bicycle lane, monitoring to include vehicle flows, bicycle volumes, pedestrian activity and transit ridership and further to explore methods to measure impact on retail and commercial activity, reporting back to Council annually during the first two years after implementation.

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

In favour: Deputy Mayor Mason, Councillors Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Smith, Cleary, Zurawski, Whitman, Blackburn, Craig, and Outhit.

Against: Councillors Hendsbee, and Adams.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Walker, Karsten and Streach.

14.3.3 Halifax Transit Ongoing Engagement Model

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Transportation Standing Committee dated February 23, 2018, with attached staff recommendation report dated January 17, 2018.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct Halifax Transit staff to work with Corporate Communications to initiate an online advisory panel as an ongoing method of public engagement.**
- 2. Direct Halifax Transit staff to undertake in person consultation to complement the online advisory panel.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Walker, Karsten and Streach.

14.3.4 Electric Bus Pilot

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Transportation Standing Committee dated February 23, 2018, with attached staff recommendation report dated December 6, 2018.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to partner with Nova Scotia Power Inc., (NSPI) and the Canadian Urban Transit Research and Innovation Consortium (CUTRIC) as described in the staff report dated December 6, 2017 to undertake a two-year pilot of energy storage at charging stations to offset electricity costs during peak periods and determine the viability of a broader system deployment of battery electric buses in the Halifax Transit's fleet.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Walker, Karsten and Streach.

14.4 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

14.4.1 Case 21209 - Amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (RMPS), Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law (LUB) for 61 Evergreen Place, Ragged Lake Compost Facility

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from Halifax and West Community Council dated February 21, 2018, with attached staff recommendation report dated January 12, 2018 and Memorandum dated November 23, 2017 from the Chair of the Western Common Advisory Committee.
- Correspondence submitted by John Cascadden.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Halifax Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (RMPS), Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS)

and Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law (LUB), as set out in Attachments A, B and C of the January 12, 2018 staff report, to enable the replacement and expansion of the Municipal composting facility located at 61 Evergreen Place, Halifax and to schedule a public hearing.

The Municipal Clerk noted that a Public Hearing on this matter is scheduled for March 27, 2018.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Walker, Karsten and Streach.

15. MOTIONS - NONE

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

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

16.1 Property Matter

A matter pertaining to providing instruction and direction to officers and employees of the Municipality pertaining to the acquisition / sale of land in regard to:

16.1.1 Property Disposal – 15 Ragus Road, Dartmouth - Bowles Arena – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was addressed by Council in public session.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk enter an Agreement of Purchase and Sale for the disposal of 15 Ragus Road, Dartmouth, (Lot A-1R1) PID 00247874, and for the disposal of surplus equipment, as per the key terms and conditions outlined in Table 1 of the private and confidential staff report dated February 7, 2018.**
- 2. It is further recommended that the private and confidential staff report dated February 7, 2018 not be released to the public until the transaction is closed.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Major Savage, Deputy Mayor Mason, Councillors Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Smith, Cleary, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Blackburn, Craig, and Outhit.

Against: Councillor Hendsbee

Not present: Councillors Walker, Karsten and Streach.

16.1.2 Award – Request For Proposal (RFP) 17-379 Leased Accommodations - St. Andrews Community Centre – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was addressed by Council in public session.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Award the Request for Proposal 17-379, for leased accommodations, to the Landlord, Rank Incorporated c/o Page Realty Management (“Rank”), for the two-year lease term as outlined in the Private and Confidential staff report dated January 25, 2018;**

2. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into and execute on behalf of the Municipality, a Lease Agreement between Rank, as Landlord, and the Halifax Regional Municipality, as Tenant, for the premises located at 7071 Bayers Road, Halifax. The proposed terms and conditions of the Lease Agreement are outlined in Table 1 of the January 25, 2018 Private and Confidential staff report; and

3. Not release the January 25, 2018 Private and Confidential staff report or the February 22, 2018 Private and Confidential Audit and Finance Standing Committee report until the transaction has been completed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker, Karsten and Streach.

16.2 Intergovernmental Relations

A matter pertaining to any subject, the discussion of which could, violate the confidentiality of information obtained from another body of government, or a public body.

Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 5:25 p.m. and reconvened in public at 6:09 p.m.

16.2.1 Intergovernmental Relations Matter – Oral Update – Private and Confidential

This matter was addressed by Council In Camera (In Private) and no further action is required.

16.2.2 Intergovernmental Relations Matter – Oral Update, Economic Development – Private and Confidential

This matter was addressed by Council In Camera (In Private) and no further action is required.

17. ADDED ITEMS

17.1 Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee - Multi Service Youth Centre in Sackville

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee dated February 16, 2018, with attached staff recommendation report dated February 5, 2018.

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the following:

1. Subject to approval of funds in the 2018/19 budget, approve a one-year pilot project to establish a collaborative multi agency, multi service Youth Centre at Acadia School in Sackville, to be developed in three phases as outlined in the discussion section of the staff report dated February 5, 2018.

2. That this report be forwarded to the Budget Committee for its meeting on March 28, 2018 to provide supplemental information for parking lot considerations (clauses 2a and b) as outlined below:

a. Allocation of \$30,000 in the 2018/19 operating budget for Parks and Recreation to fund a 25 hour per week Project Coordinator position to oversee the pilot program;

b. A one time allocation of \$35,000 in the 2018/19 operating budget for Parks & Recreation for renovations and fit up costs; and

c. Allocation of \$10,000 in the Building Operations budget for Corporate & Customer Services to fund janitorial services for the additional square footage.

3. Should funding for the pilot program be approved, direct the CAO to return to CPED with an evaluation report to determine future scope and funding for the program.

4. Direct the CAO to continue to seek opportunities to establish multi services youth centres in other areas of the municipality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker, Karsten and Streach.

Mayor Savage introduced and welcomed Steven MacKinnon, MP for Gatineau, who was in attendance at the meeting of Regional Council.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

18.1 Councillor Craig

THAT NOTICE that, at the March 20, 2018 meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move that Council consider adopting, by policy, a Public Participation Program for the consideration of regional wide amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and all Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws regarding secondary suites and backyard suites.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk