



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

PRESENT:

Mayor	Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor	Pam Lovelace
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
	Lisa Blackburn
	Paul Russell
	Tim Outhit

STAFF:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant
Jill McGillicuddy, 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 10:02 a.m., and recessed at 11:58 a.m. Council reconvened in at 1:01 p.m. Council recessed at 1:58 p.m. and reconvened at 2:06 p.m. Council recessed at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m. Council recessed at 5:12 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m. Council recessed at 8:12 p.m. and reconvened at 8:17 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 8:28 and reconvened at 8:55 p.m. Council adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 10:02 and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, Councillor Cuttell requested that Information Item 4 – Status of Dangerous or Unsanitary Orders be brought forward at a future meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

5. CONSENT AGENDA

As provided for in section 41 (3) of Administrative Order One:

- Item 15.5.1 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve recommendations in the following items: 15.5.2, 15.6.1, 15.7.1, 15.7.2 and 15.8.1

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

7. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

8. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

9. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

10. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. HEARINGS

12.1 Case 21639 - Phase 1 - Amendments to the Regional Subdivision By-law to remove Growth Management Area Policies from portions of the Indigo Shores Subdivision, Middle Sackville

The following was before Council:

- North West Community Council report dated December 14, 2021, with attached staff recommendation report dated November 25, 2021
- Staff Presentation dated February 8, 2022
- Extract from the January 11, 2022 Regional Council Minutes
- Correspondence from Rianne MacDonell, Carl & Donna Hanson, Olesya Radionova, Jo-Anna Halfyard, and K. Shannon

First Reading was given on January 11, 2022.

Shaye Vipond, Planner III, Current Planning gave a presentation on Case 21639 and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

The hearing opened at 6:24 p.m.

Mayor Savage invited the applicant to come forward and address Council.

Marc Oulette, Director of Planning, Armco Communities gave a presentation on Case 21639.

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

Olesya Radionova, Middle Sackville spoke against the proposed amendments. Their concern was the additional enrollment pressures within the Millwood High Family of School resulting in the facilities operating over capacity.

Steven Adams, Middle Sackville spoke in support of the proposed amendments. The potential benefits outlined included providing housing inventory, reduction in construction costs, and potential reduction in thefts, and drag racing.

Trevor Adams, Part Owner, Marchand Homes spoke in support of the proposed amendments and outlined benefits such as, increased housing inventory and reduced development costs.

Kevin Marchand, Middle Sackville spoke as partial owner of Marchand Homes and resident of the area. They spoke in support of the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments would assist in providing additional housing stock resulting in lowering the cost of housing.

Jeff Marchand, Middle Sackville spoke as partial owner of Marchand Homes and resident of the area. They spoke in support of the proposed amendments. Potential benefit of additional housing stock and reduction in construction costs.

Mayor Savage called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak on the matter, there were none.

Mayor Savage invited the applicant to respond to questions raised by the public.

Ouellete reiterated the benefits of removing the growth control measures.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the hearing be closed.

The hearing closed at 6:56 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Regional Subdivision By-law (RSBL) as set out in Attachment A of the November 25, 2021 staff report to remove Growth Management Area restrictions that currently apply to the Indigo Shores subdivision at McCabe Lake North to permit the development of more than 25 lots per year.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (6 in favour, 10 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Purdy, Cleary, Cuttell, Russell

Against: Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Kent, Austin, Mancini, Smith, Morse, Stoddard, Blackburn, Outhit

Not present: Councillor Mason

12.2 Cases 23746 and 22896 – Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Development Agreement Amendments for Seton Ridge - Bedford Highway, Seton Road and Lacewood Drive, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- Halifax and West Community Council Report dated December 17, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated November 29, 2021
- Extract from the January 11, 2022 Regional Council Minutes
- Correspondence from Joy Ybanez, Nick & Catherine Garside, Helen Wickwire-Foster, Ron Foley Macdonald, Tanya D'Entremont, Harold Myer, Don & Anne Walsh, Marie-Paule Macdonald, and Tony DiLiberatore
- Staff Presentation dated February 8, 2022

First Reading was given on January 11, 2022.

Paul Sampson, Planner II, Current Planning gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Erin MacIntyre, Director Current Planning responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

The hearing opened at 7:51 p.m.

Mayor Savage invited the applicant to come forward and address Council.

Rob Leblanc, Director of Planning, Fathom Studios on behalf of Southwest Properties gave a presentation on Case 23746 and 22896 and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council

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

Dennis Boone, District 10 spoke against the proposed amendments. Clear cutting has caused many issues including power outages, water pooling and increase wind. The proposed walkway was to provide

connectivity and without the pathway residents will not have an active transportation connection to Seton Ridge.

Mayor Savage called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak on the matter, there were none.

Mayor Savage invited the applicant to respond to questions raised by the public.

Leblanc indicated the applicant's preference was to move forward with the walkway; however, there are engineering constraints.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

THAT the hearing be closed.

The hearing closed at 8:08 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) for the Seton Ridge neighbourhood, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated November 29, 2021, to allow for the elimination of a required walkway connection to Bayview Road, Halifax.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 12.1, 12.2, 15.2.1, 15.3.1, 15.5.1, 15.9.1, and 16.1.

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

13.2 Petitions - None

13.3 Presentation - None

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Second Reading Proposed By-law T-1006, Amending By-law T-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis, Limousines and Transportation Network Companies

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated December 1, 2021
- Extracts from the December 14, 2021 Regional Council Minutes, and January 11, 2022 Regional Council Minutes

Notice of Motion was given on December 14, 2021. First Reading was given on January 11, 2022.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt proposed By-law T-1006, amending By-law T-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis, Limousines and Transportation Network Companies as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated December 1, 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.1.2 Pre-Employment Polygraph Testing

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 22, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Discontinue the use of the pre-employment polygraph exam for all positions and contracted services within the Municipality by no later than September 30, 2022; and**
- 2. Conduct a review of all positions that currently require a pre-employment polygraph and determine what selection tools to implement as a replacement for the pre-employment polygraph exam.**

Laura Nolan, Acting Executive Director, Human Resources & Corporate Communications, and Chief Dan Kinsella, Chief of Halifax Regional Police, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.1.3 Councillor Appointment to Community Planning and Development Standing Committee

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated January 19, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Suspend the rules of procedures**
 - a. Requiring the Executive Standing Committee to review the nomination and make Recommendation to Regional Council, and**
 - b. Respecting the nominations of Members to committees; and**
- 2. Remove Deputy Mayor Lovelace from the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee and appoint Councillor Outhit for a term to November 2022.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.1.4 Centre Plan Package B – Supplementary Report

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated January 14, 2022
- Extract from the January 25, 2022 Regional Council Draft Minutes

Notice of Motion was given on January 25, 2022.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law, and Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy (SMPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) to address the housekeeping matters identified in the Discussion section of the staff report dated January 14, 2022; and**
- 2. Follow the public participation program for the SMPS and related LUB amendment (planning documents) as set out in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated January 14, 2022.**

Ben Sivak, Program Manager, Community Policy, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council and noted that the anticipated timeline for bringing item back to Regional Council would be six months.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.1.5 Administrative Order 50 – Disposal of Surplus Real Property – a Portion of PID 40454662, North Preston Community Centre Park, 44 Simmonds Road, North Preston

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated January 12, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to

- 1. Declare those portions of PID 40454662 located at 44 Simmonds Road, North Preston, shown in Attachment A of the staff report dated January 12, 2022 as Parcel “A” and Parcel “B” (collectively the “Property”), surplus to municipal purposes, subject to subdivision approval;**
- 2. Categorize the Property as a Community Interest property (the “Community Interest Property”) in accordance with Section 2(2)(b) of Administrative Order 50;**
- 3. Sell the Community Interest Property via the Direct Sale process set forth in Schedule 1 of Administrative Order 50, subject to and, in support of such process, authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to invite the North Preston Medical Society to submit, within 90 days of Council approval of the foregoing recommendations, a written proposal to acquire the Community Interest property, and such proposal is to meet all Direct Sale**

requirements under Schedule 1 of Administrative Order 50; and

4. **Waive the requirements, as set forth in Section 13 of Administrative Order 50, for a public information meeting and an advertisement notifying the public of Council's consideration of the Direct Sale process for this Community Interest property.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Funding Request – Art Gallery of Nova Scotia

The following was before Council:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated January 26, 2022 with attached staff recommendation report dated November 2, 2021
- Staff presentation dated February 8, 2022
- Correspondence from Diane Campbell and Paul MacKinnon

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. **Include the requested funding from the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia as part of the 2022-2023 budget planning process for consideration during the Budget Adjustment List debate with a recommended contribution to be phased over five years as follows:**
 - a. **\$600,000 in fiscal 2022/2023 budget;**
 - b. **\$600,000 in fiscal 2023/2024 budget;**
 - c. **\$600,000 in fiscal 2024/2025 budget;**
 - d. **\$600,000 in fiscal 2025/2026 budget;**
 - e. **\$600,000 in fiscal 2026/2027 budget; and**
2. **Negotiate and execute a contribution agreement with the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, for the provision of a multi-year, phased-payment of up to a total of \$3,000,000, and such contribution agreement is to be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Table 5 of the November 2, 2021 staff report.**

Elizabeth Taylor, Manager, Culture and Events, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Jerry Blackwood, Chief Financial Officer, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council regarding amortization and estimated impact on the annual average tax bill.

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, and Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Samantha Page, Climate Change Specialist, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council regarding climate change mitigation measures in the proposed build.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the motion be amended as follows;

- Remove "...debate with a recommended contribution to be phased over five years as follows: a. \$600,000 in fiscal 2022/2023 budget; b. \$600,000 in fiscal 2023/2024 budget; c. \$600,000 in fiscal 2024/2025 budget; d. \$600,000 in fiscal 2025/2026 budget; e. \$600,000 in fiscal 2026/2027 budget; and" from clause 1 and replace with, "and include a contribution schedule.
- Add "Subject to budget approval" to the beginning of clause 2
- Replace "\$3,000,000" with "\$7,000,000" in clause 2

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 5 against)

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

Against: Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Kent, Purdy, Russell

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. **Include the requested funding from the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia as part of the 2022-2023 budget planning process for consideration during the Budget Adjustment List and include a contribution schedule.**
2. **Subject to budget approval, negotiate and execute a contribution agreement with the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, for the provision of a multi-year, phased-payment of up to a total of \$7,000,000, and such contribution agreement is to be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Table 5 of the November 2, 2021 staff report.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour, 3 against)

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

Against: Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Kent, Purdy

15.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Halifax Common Master Plan

The following was before Council:

- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee report dated January 20, 2022, with attached staff recommendation report dated November 4, 2021
- Staff presentation dated February 8, 2022
- Correspondence from Janet Shotwell, Eric Hanley & Toni Laidlaw, Terry Choyce, Sandy Greenberg, Linda Kreger, Petra Mudie, David Brown, Zso, Pamela Forsythe, Burkhard Plache, Violet Rosengarten & Alan Collins, Bill Hardstaff, Judith Fingard, Suzanne Hastings-James, Joe

O'Brien, Beverly Miller, Susan & Michael Fitzgerald, Sharon Brown Ross, Jerry Wurnig, Kyle Findlay, Julie Post, Lawrence McEachern, Anthony Germana, Michael Cowie, Derek Simon, Howard Epstein, Jen Powley, Nancy Tough, Sebastian Ferns, Ron Legere, Jordan McManus, Brandon Gilfoy, Harold Le Blanc, Denton Froese, Garrett McPhee, Chelsey Millen, Keith Towse, Keara Turner, Richard Peisinger, Gwen Davies, Sara Lipson, Burris Devanney, Ian Johnson, Richard Ramcharan, Mark Harper, Molly DeShong, Gillian Webster, Mark Williams, Asher Boates, Stuart McKeown, Brenda Ryan, Elnor Egar Reynolds, Chelsea Norris, Bill Colpitts, Peggy Smith, Andrew Christmas, and Arthur G. & Lola-May Kidston

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Repeal the 1994 Halifax Common Plan and adopt the Halifax Common Master Plan (Master Plan) in principle as a guiding document as contained in Attachment A of the November 4, 2021 staff report, as a guiding document for open space planning, management, and development within the Halifax Common; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to undertake periodic reviews at least every five years of the Master Plan for any updates.**
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a supplementary report to include:**
 - a. Opportunities for further public engagement**
 - b. Timelines on further development and consultation on Wanderer's Block**
- 4. Approve the plan in principle and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a final consolidated plan for adoption by Council.**

Carolle Koziak Roberts, Landscape Architect, and Richard Harvey, Manager of Policy & Planning, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Nalini Naidoo, Manager, Strategic Planning & Design, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

As provided for in section 90 of Administrative Order One, the motion was separated for voting purposes

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Repeal the 1994 Halifax Common Plan and adopt the Halifax Common Master Plan (Master Plan) in principle as a guiding document as contained in Attachment A of the November 4, 2021 staff report, as a guiding document for open space planning, management, and development within the Halifax Common; and**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

2. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to undertake periodic reviews at least every five years of the Master Plan for any updates.**
3. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a supplementary report to include:**
 - a. **Opportunities for further public engagement**
 - b. **Timelines on further development and consultation on Wanderer's Block**
4. **Approve the plan in principle and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a final consolidated plan for adoption by Council.**

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the motion be amended to include new section 2 which reads as follows;

2. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to undertake public consultation and a review of the Master Plan, and return to Regional Council within 18 months with the results of the consultation and any recommended amendments, along with implementation plans as may be advised.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.4 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.4.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 1, the Procedure of the Council Administrative Order - Include Land Acknowledgements

The following was before Council:

- Executive Standing Committee report dated January 31, 2022, with attached staff recommendation report dated November 29, 2021
- Extract from the January 25, 2022 Regional Council Draft Minutes

Notice of Motion was given on January 25, 2022.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order One, the Procedure of the Council Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated November 29, 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.4.2 Proposed Administrative Order 2022-001-GOV, Respecting the Special Advisory Committee for the 2022 Halifax Regional Municipality District Boundary Review - 2022 Municipal District Boundary Review – District Boundary Resident Review Panel

The following was before Council:

- Executive Standing Committee report dated January 31, 2022, with attached staff recommendation report dated December 20, 2021
- Extract from the January 25, 2022 Regional Council Draft Minutes

Notice of Motion was given on January 25, 2022.

MOVED by Councillor Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt Administrative Order Number 2022-001-GOV as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated December 20, 2021 to establish a District Boundary Citizen Review Panel reporting to Regional Council through Executive Standing Committee to conduct Phase II of the 2022 Municipal District Boundary Review process; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to commence a targeted recruitment campaign for the District Boundary Citizen Review Panel in February 2022, in accordance with section 4.2(ii) of the Public Appointment Policy and return to the Executive Standing Committee with slate of candidates no later than March 31, 2022.**

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk, and John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council regarding the approval process and opportunities for public engagement.

Deputy Mayor Lovelace proposed that the word "Citizen" be replaced with "Resident." As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt Administrative Order Number 2022-001-GOV as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated December 20, 2021 to establish a District Boundary Resident Review Panel reporting to Regional Council through Executive Standing Committee to conduct Phase II of the 2022 Municipal District Boundary Review process; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to commence a targeted recruitment campaign for the District Boundary Resident Review Panel in February 2022, in accordance with section 4.2(ii) of the Public Appointment Policy and return to the Executive Standing Committee with slate of candidates no later than March 31, 2022.**

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the motion be amended to include new section 3 which reads as follows;

- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a supplemental report exploring the possibility of providing honorariums for members of the District Boundary Resident Review Panel.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED/DEFEATED. (14 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Austin, Mancini, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttall, Stoddard, Blackburn, Russell

Against: Councillor Purdy, Outhit

Not present: Councillor Mason

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt Administrative Order Number 2022-001-GOV as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated December 20, 2021 to establish a District Boundary Resident Review Panel reporting to Regional Council through Executive Standing Committee to conduct Phase II of the 2022 Municipal District Boundary Review process; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to commence a targeted recruitment campaign for the District Boundary Resident Review Panel in February 2022, in accordance with section 4.2(ii) of the Public Appointment Policy and return to the Executive Standing Committee with slate of candidates no later than March 31, 2022.**
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a supplemental report exploring the possibility of providing honorariums for members of the District Boundary Resident Review Panel**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.5 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

15.5.1 Implementation of Regional Centre AAA Bicycle Network - Almon Street Segment

The following was before Council:

- Transportation Standing Committee report dated January 27, 2022, with attached staff recommendation report dated January 17, 2022
- Correspondence from Bill Campbell, Dan Peterson, and Haley Guest

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the installation of 0.9 km of bicycle facilities and related changes to the right-of-way on Almon Street from Windsor Street to Gottingen Street as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated January 17, 2022.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT the motion be amended to include new section 2 which reads as follows;

That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a supplemental staff report identifying additional options to extend the planned Almon Street bikeway east of Agricola Street to Gottingen Street and west of Windsor Street to George Dauphinee Avenue with the goal of achieving an all-ages-and-abilities cycling connection for the full length of the corridor.

Given the narrow right-of-way, options should include converting segments of Almon Street to one-way for traffic and consideration of parallel streets.

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

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Deagle Gammon, Mason

MOVED by Councillor Cleary seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the installation of 0.9 km of bicycle facilities and related changes to the right-of-way on Almon Street from Windsor Street to Gottingen Street as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated January 17, 2022.**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a supplemental staff report identifying additional options to extend the planned Almon Street bikeway east of Agricola Street to Gottingen Street and west of Windsor Street to George Dauphinee Avenue with the goal of achieving an all-ages-and-abilities cycling connection for the full length of the corridor. Given the narrow right-of-way, options should include converting segments of Almon Street to one-way for traffic and consideration of parallel streets.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Deagle Gammon, Mason

15.5.2 Active Transportation Connection between Westmount Plains Subdivision and Old Lawrencetown Road

The following was before Council:

- Transportation Standing Committee report dated January 27, 2022, with attached staff recommendation report dated January 10, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer, under the Regional Plan review, to pursue the planning of an active transportation connection between the Westmount Plains subdivision and the Old Lawrencetown Road Greenway as part of potential secondary planning for this area.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.5.3 Potential Expansion of Rainbow Crosswalk Program

The following was before Council:

- Transportation Standing Committee report dated January 27, 2022, with attached staff recommendation report dated December 14, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. **Allocate funding from the current Transportation and Public Works operating budget to be used for a special installation, and on-going maintenance, of Pan-African crosswalk art at the marked crosswalk at Cherry Brook Road and Highway 7 and at Maclaughlin Road and Highway 7 as per the financial implications section of the staff report dated December 14, 2021; and**
2. **Explore expanding the current Rainbow Crosswalk Program, using the same design as the rainbow crosswalks, into a pilot program that will enable the painting of Pan-African colours on existing marked crosswalks in historic African Nova Scotian communities.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.5.4 Rural Active Transportation Program

The following was before Council:

- Transportation Standing Committee report dated January 27, 2022 with attached staff recommendation report dated December 2, 2021
- Staff presentation dated January 27, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. **Create a program to establish a Rural Active Transportation Program that focusses on rural community centre sidewalks and incorporates a prioritization framework, a funding strategy, a ten-year target and an approach for operations and maintenance, as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated December 2, 2021;**
2. **Prepare amendments to the Active Transportation Priorities Plan as discussed in the Discussion section of the staff report dated December 2, 2021 to include a list of “Candidate Rural Communities and Spines” to help prioritize rural active transportation infrastructure expansion and return to Council for consideration of the resulting amendments; and**
3. **Pursue funding option three (as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated December 2, 2021) to cover HRM’s cost of rural sidewalks and, in support of this, return to Council with recommended amendments to the Community Area Rates Administrative Order 2019-005-ADM to allow an area rate to be levied on suburban and rural areas for rural sidewalks (on the entire community). The proposed area rate would not be based on the full operating and capital costs of the proposed project, but rather the difference between the urban general tax rate and the suburban/rural general tax rate; any remaining balance would be funded through the general tax rate.**

It is further recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Commission a letter from the Mayor to other orders of government advising of the new Rural Active Transportation Program and requesting opportunities for cost-sharing; and**

2. **Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or their designate, to negotiate and enter into one or more agreements, and any amendments to those agreements, with the Province of Nova Scotia respecting the construction, operation, and maintenance of AT facilities in the provincial right-of-way.**

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

Megan Backos, Active Transportation Planner, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Mayor Savage resumed the Chair.

Dave Maclsaac, Manager, Active Transportation responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.6 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

15.6.1 Consideration of Front Yard Setbacks in C-2C Zone for Case 23245 and Case 22816

The following was before Council:

- Halifax and West Community Council report dated January 19, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to consider front yard setbacks in the C-2C Zone through the upcoming amendments as part of Case 23245 and Case 22816.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.7 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.7.1 Case H00485 - Request to Include 2267 Brunswick Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated January 27, 2022, with attached staff recommendation report dated December 22, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of 2267 Brunswick Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the December 22, 2021 staff report as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.7.2 Case H00519 - Substantial Alteration to the Contributing Heritage Resource at 1266 Barrington Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated January 27, 2022 with attached staff recommendation report dated January 14, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a public hearing date to consider the proposed substantial alterations to the contributing heritage resource at 1266 Barrington Street, Halifax (the Waverley Inn) as proposed in the January 14, 2022 staff report and its attachments, in accordance with By-law H-800 (the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Bylaw).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.8 BUDGET COMMITTEE

15.8.1 Ratification from Budget Committee on January 28, 2022 – Resource Outlining Capital Mobility Projects

The following was before Council:

- Budget Committee report dated February 1, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report for consideration prior to the 2023/2024 budget process, outlining what additional staff and other resources are required to advance the capital mobility projects and increase Halifax Regional Municipality's capacity for major capital projects, especially proposed road networks and functional plans.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.9 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.9.1 Deputy Mayor Lovelace - Hammonds Plains Community Plan

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council's consideration form submitted by Deputy Mayor Lovelace
- Correspondence from Dave Haverstock, Michael Bebee, and Roisin McDevitt

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report to determine the historic boundaries of Hammonds Plains, founded in 1786, to begin the process to develop a comprehensive community plan.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.9.2 Councillor Austin – Intervenor Status, Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board regarding Nova Scotia Power Net-Metering Rate Application

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council's consideration form submitted by Councillor Austin

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to seek intervenor status in the upcoming Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board hearing regarding proposed revised Net Metering Rates that are being sought by Nova Scotia Power.

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council regarding the timeline for filing for intervenor status, and commitments the Government of Nova Scotia has made on this file.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, and Denise Schofield, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Citizen Services responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (5 in favour, 11 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Hendsbee, Smith, Cleary, Russell

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Kent, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard, Blackburn, Outhit

Not present: Councillor Mason

16. MOTIONS

16.1 Deputy Mayor Lovelace

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Ray Mattholie, Jeri Brown, Rev. Brieanna Andrews, Mary Ellen Donovan, Heather Coholan, Janice Jackson, Beth Creighton McGee, Donna Pulsifer, Marianne Stanford, Baleigh McWade, Rev. Victoria Byrne, Janet Champriss, Anne Vaughan, James Boyer, Paul T. Robinson, Nancy Blair, Rev. Marian Lucas-Jefferies, Louisa Horne, Alyson Holland, Alyson Holland, Drew Bethune, Rebecca Weickert, Earl L. Banks, Mike Lancaster, David Wimberly and Helga Guderley

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare a staff report the purpose of which is to request the Province of Nova Scotia consider the protection of the 27 acres of French Village Conservation Woodland (PID 00506428) from St. Paul's Anglican Church, 71 St. Pauls Lane, French Village to the wetlands east of Brine Lake and include it in the registry of Nova Scotia Protected Areas.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Items 17.7 and 17.8

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

17.1 PROPERTY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report – Information Item Brought Forward from January 25, 2022

This matter was dealt with in public. No further action was taken.

17.2 PERSONNEL MATTER

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff recommendation report dated January 20, 2022

This matter was dealt with in public

MOVED by Councillor Cuttall, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated January 20, 2022; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated January 20, 2022 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

17.3 PERSONNEL MATTER

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff recommendation report dated January 25, 2022

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Cuttall

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated January 25, 2022; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated January 25, 2022 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

17.4 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff recommendation report dated January 25, 2022

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated January 25, 2022; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated January 25, 2022 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

17.5 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff recommendation report dated January 25, 2022

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated January 25, 2022; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated January 25, 2022 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

17.6 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff recommendation report dated January 25, 2022

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated January 25, 2022; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated January 25, 2022 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

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

17.7 PROPERTY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

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

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated January 10, 2022; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential staff report dated January 10, 2022 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Mason

17.8 PROPERTY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated January 4, 2022; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential staff report dated January 4, 2022 be maintained private and confidential**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Mason

18. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

19. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk