



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 25, 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
Krista Vining, Acting Deputy Clerk

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 moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 5:47 p.m. Council adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. 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 – October 11, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the minutes of October 11, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- Item 18.1 – 2023 Halifax Regional Council Meeting Schedule
- Item 17.3 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Private and Confidential

Deletions: None

It was noted that Item 17.2 PUBLIC SECURITY MATTER – Private and Confidential would be addressed at 2:30 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, Council added Item 17.4 PROPERTY MATTER – Private and Confidential during In Camera (In Private).

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Item 15.4.1 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Russell

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve recommendations in the following agenda items:

- 13.1.1 – Fly-past Request – Remembrance Day Service;
- 15.1.1 – Increase to Purchase Order #2070853778 – HRFE Fire Rescue Boat Infrastructure;
- 15.1.3 – Request for Funding the Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of the Cruelty to Animals (NSSPCA) Trap, Neuter, Return Program;
- 15.2.1 – First Reading Proposed By-Law U-112, an Amendment to By-Law U-100, Respecting User Charges – Transit Electronic Fare Options; and
- 15.3.1 – NSCAD University Student Art Installations in Point Pleasant Park.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

- 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 – NONE

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for item 13.1.1.

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

13.1.1 Fly-past Request – Remembrance Day Service

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Captain A.W. Mackenzie (Canadian Armed Forces)

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council grant permission for the Canadian Armed Forces to fly a Cyclone helicopter over Halifax Grand Parade at a height of 500 feet above the highest obstacle at approximately 11:02 a.m. on November 11, 2022, as part of Remembrance Day service.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

13.2 Petitions – None

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Increase to Purchase Order #2070853778 – HRFE Fire Rescue Boat Infrastructure

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated September 15, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve an increase to PO #2070853778 by \$80,000 (net HST included), as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated September 15, 2022.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.1.2 Strategic Multi-Year Business Planning and Budget Process and 2023/24 Budget Outlook

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated October 18, 2022
- Staff presentation dated October 25, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the 2023/24 Business Planning and Budget Schedule.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer provided introductory remarks. Michael Pappas, Acting Director, Corporate Planning and Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director, Finance & Asset Management / Chief Financial Officer gave a presentation on the Strategic Multi-Year Business Plan and Budget Process and 2023/24 Budget Outlook, and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

THAT the Budget Committee meeting of November 23 be moved to November 25, 2022.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Outhit proposed that Halifax Transit and Halifax Fire and Emergency presentations scheduled for March 24 be moved to March 1, 2022.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Budget Committee meeting of March 24, 2022 be cancelled.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the 2023/24 Business Planning and Budget Schedule, as amended.

Staff was asked to review the budget schedule for scheduling conflicts for November 2022 identified by members of Council, and the option of holding virtual meetings, and return to Council November 8, 2022 with an amended schedule.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a supplementary report and defer the 2023/24 Business Planning and Budget Schedule to the Regional Council November 8, 2022 meeting to consider a revised budget schedule.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.1.3 Request for Funding the Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of the Cruelty to Animals (NSSPCA) Trap, Neuter, Return Program

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated October 19, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and enter into a Contribution Agreement with the Nova Scotia SPCA in accordance with the key terms described in the discussion section of the staff report dated October 19, 2022, to provide funding of up to \$25,000 annually for five years (subject to annual budget considerations), to assist with the Nova Scotia SPCA's Trap Neuter Return (TNR) program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.2 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 First Reading Proposed By-Law U-112, an Amendment to By-Law U-100, Respecting User Charges – Transit Electronic Fare Options

The following was before Council:

- Transportation Standing Committee report dated October 4, 2022 with attached staff recommendation report dated September 8, 2022
- Extract from the October 18, 2022 draft Regional Council minutes

Notice of Motion was given on October 18, 2022.

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law U-112, amending By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law, as set out in Attachment D of the staff report dated September 8, 2022.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.3 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

15.3.1 NSCAD University Student Art Installations in Point Pleasant Park

The following was before Council:

- Halifax and West Community Council report dated October 14, 2022 with attached Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee report dated September 9, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report evaluating the proposed NSCAD student art installations in Point Pleasant Park with consideration of compliance with the Public Art Policy (2020-002-OP), permission from Parks Canada, and insurance requirements.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.4 GRANTS COMMITTEE

15.4.1 Saltwire Holiday Parade of Lights Funding Request

The following was before Council:

- Grants Committee report dated October 12, 2022 with attached staff recommendation report dated October 5, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve an event grant in the amount of \$25,000, from the 2022/2023 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events, to fund the Saltwire Holiday Parade of Lights contingent on the in-person event taking place;**
- 2. Pending the approval of the 2023/2024 budget, approve an event grant in the amount of \$25,000, from the 2023/2024 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events, to fund the Saltwire Holiday Parade of Lights contingent on the in-person event taking place; and**
- 3. Pending the approval of the 2024/2025 budget, approve an event grant in the amount of \$25,000, from the 2024/2025 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events, to fund the Saltwire Holiday Parade of Lights contingent on the in-person event taking place.**

Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director, Finance & Asset Management / Chief Financial Officer and Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director, Parks and Recreation responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. MOTIONS – NONE

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 17.2 – PUBLIC SECURITY and Item 17.3 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.1 PROPERTY MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public.

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff recommendation report dated October 11, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated October 11, 2022; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated October 11, 2022 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

17.2 PUBLIC SECURITY MATTER – Private and Confidential

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private).

17.3 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Private and Confidential

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private).

17.4 PROPERTY MATTER – Private and Confidential

This matter was added and dealt with In Camera (In Private).

Private and Confidential Information Items – None

18. ADDED ITEMS

18.1 2023 Halifax Regional Council Meeting Schedule

The following was before Council:

- Executive Standing Committee report dated October 24, 2022 with attached staff recommendation report dated August 31, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed 2023 Regional Council meeting schedule as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff recommendation report dated August 31, 2022.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Smith

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move the following:

1. the repeal of Administrative Order 2020-004-ADM – the Procurement Policy; and
2. the adoption of Administrative Order 2022-012-ADM,

the purpose of which is to establish a new procurement policy for the Municipality.

19.2 Deputy Mayor Lovelace

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report on the status of the Provincial Municipal Service Exchange Agreement, including timeline of next steps, prior to the draft agreement being submitted to the Province.

19.3 Deputy Mayor Lovelace

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report to amend Administrative Order 58, the Delegation of Certain Authorities Administrative Order, the purpose of which is to establish the requirement for Regional Council to receive a written copy of all Non-Disclosure Agreements prior to HRM's Chief Administrative Officer and any staff member signing as agents of Halifax Regional Municipality.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk