

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES March 19, 2024

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon

Councillors: David Hendsbee

Becky Kent
Trish Purdy
Sam Austin
Tony Mancini
Waye Mason
Lindell Smith
Shawn Cleary
Kathryn Morse
Patty Cuttell
lona Stoddard
Pam Lovelace
Lisa Blackburn
Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Mayor Mike Savage

Councillors: Paul Russell – Leave of Absence

STAFF: Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer

John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services

/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer

lain MacLean, Municipal Clerk

Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant Andrea Lovasi-Wood, 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 2:44 p.m. Council reconvened at 3:05 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 4:40 p.m. and reconvened at 6:36 p.m. Council adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon 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 - March 5, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the minutes of March 5, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions:

15.2.1 – Proposed Amendments to the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Lovelace requested that Information Item 5 – Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer dated March 12, 2024 re: Use of Managed Retreat as a Climate Adaptation Approach be brought forward at the next Halifax Regional Council Meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

As provided for in section 41 (3) of Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council:

 Item 15.4.4 – HRTG-2023-00650 – Proposed Demolition of a Municipally Registered Heritage Property at 1259 Park Street, Halifax was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

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

- 13.1.1 Fly-past Request Highway of Heroes Tribute;
- 15.1.1 MPSA 2023-00474 (formerly Case 23961): Amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Dartmouth for 16 Greenbank Court, Dartmouth;
- 15.3.1 2024 Halifax Regional Municipality and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial Election - Information Sharing Agreement with Elections Nova Scotia;

- 15.3.2 2024 Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) Elections – Election Methods and Alternative Voting Dates;
- 15.4.1 Case H00531: Request to Include 1641 Fairfield Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality;
- 15.4.2 H00574: Deregistration of Lot 1SM1-1 (PID 41518333), 12 York Redoubt Crescent, Fergusons Cove; and
- 15.4.3 Case H00579: 2024 / 2025 Heritage Incentives Program;

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Sayage, Councillors Hendsbee, Russell

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. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 13.1.1, 15.4.4 and 15.5.3.

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

13.1.1 Fly-past Request - Highway of Heroes Tribute

The following was before Council:

Correspondence from George Anthis

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

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council grant permission for the Canadian Armed Forces to fly an aircraft as indicated in the flight path map attached to the fly past request dated March 10, 2024, at a height of 500 feet above the highest obstacle at approximately 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. on August 17, 2024 as part of the Highway of Heroes Tribute.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Russell

13.2 Petitions

13.2.1 lain MacLean

lain MacLean, Municipal Clerk submitted a petition from property owners within the District 2 area regarding an additional area tax rate based on property assessments to be levied for the Rural Active Transportation Program for the sidewalk/multi-use pathways project in Porter's Lake with approximately 650 signatures expressing opposition to the measure.

13.2.2 Councillor Mason

Councillor Mason submitted a petition from Issmat Al-Akhali on behalf of Friends of Downtown Halifax group regarding Downtown Homeless Encampments with approximately 700 signatures calling for the removal of all tents from downtown Halifax.

13.2.3 Councillor Kent

Councillor Kent submitted a petition from individuals regarding an intersection located at Main Road and Howard Avenue in Eastern Passage with approximately 1132 signatures to approve and install crosswalk pedestrian safety protections.

13.3 Presentations

13.3.1 Halifax Water 2024/25 Business Plan

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated March 11, 2024
 - Presentation dated March 19, 2024

Kenda MacKenzie P.Eng, Acting General Manager for Halifax Water, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the 2024/25 Annual Business Plan of Halifax Water as described in Appendix A of the staff report dated March 11, 2024.

MacKenzie, Commissioner Colleen Rollings, Chair of the Halifax Water Commission, Reid Campbell, Director of Engineering & Technology Services, Louis de Montbrun, Director of Corporate Services/CFO, Colin Waddell, Acting Director of Operations and Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Russell

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD - NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 MPSA 2023-00474 (formerly Case 23961): Amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Dartmouth for 16 Greenbank Court, Dartmouth

The following was before Council:

Staff report dated February 21, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) for Dartmouth, as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated February 21, 2024, to permit the development of

single-unit dwelling on R-1 (Single Family Residential) zoned properties on Greenbank Court and Cove Lane, Dartmouth and schedule a public hearing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Russell

15.1.2 Councillor Appointments to Canadian Capital Cities Organization

The following was before Council:

• Staff report dated March 7, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Suspend the rules of procedures under Schedule 6 of Administrative Order One, Executive Standing Committee Terms of Reference, requiring the Executive Standing Committee to act as the Membership Selection Committee of the Council with a mandate to function as the nomination committee for appointment to Boards and Committees; and
- 2. Appoint Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillor Morse, and Councillor Lovelace to serve as the Regional Council representatives to the Canadian Capital Cities Organization, for a term to the end of the Council term.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Lovelace, Russell

15.3 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 2024 Halifax Regional Municipality and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial Election - Information Sharing Agreement with Elections Nova Scotia

The following was before Council:

Executive Standing Committee report dated March 11, 2024 with attached staff report dated
 February 16, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve Halifax Regional Municipality entering into an Information Sharing Agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia that, in the determination of the Returning Officer, is the same as or is substantially similar to the draft set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated February 16, 2024, and authorize and direct the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Municipality;
- 2. Authorize the Municipal Clerk to negotiate and execute Agreements to Use Information on behalf of the Municipality that, in the determination of the Returning Officer, are substantially in the form and content of Attachment 2 of the staff report dated February 16, 2024.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Russell

15.3.2 2024 Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) Elections – Election Methods and Alternative Voting Dates

The following was before Council:

 Executive Standing Committee report dated March 11, 2024 with attached staff report dated January 31, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- Adopt Option 1 as outlined in attachment A of the staff report dated January 31, 2024 and direct,
 - a. That personal computer and telephone voting be used as the method of voting in the 2024 HRM and CSAP Elections during the alternative polling days;
 - b. That internet voting be used as the only method of voting in the 2024 HRM and CSAP Elections at the in person advance polls; and
 - c. That paper ballots be used as the only method of voting on ordinary polling day.
- 2. Set the dates for the alternative voting period to commence on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. and run continuously through to Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.; and
- 3. Direct that staff undertake a resourcing study after the conclusion of the 2024 Municipal Election that contemplates an election conducted entirely through alternative voting for the Halifax Regional Municipality including any required legislative changes to the Municipal Elections Act.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Russell

15.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.4.1 Case H00531: Request to Include 1641 Fairfield Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

 Heritage Advisory Committee report dated February 27, 2024 with attached staff report dated January 3, 2024

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 1641 Fairfield Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as

shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated January 3, 2024 as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Russell

15.4.2 H00574: Deregistration of Lot 1SM1-1 (PID 41518333), 12 York Redoubt Crescent, Fergusons Cove

The following was before Council:

 Heritage Advisory Committee report dated February 27, 2024 with attached staff report dated January 23, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council commence the deregistration process by setting a date for a public hearing to consider deregistering the municipally registered heritage property at 12 York Redoubt Cresent, Ferguson's Cove, known as PID 41518333 and designated as Lot 1SM1-1 on Attachment A of the staff report dated January 23, 2024.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Russell

15.4.3 Case H00579: 2024 / 2025 Heritage Incentives Program

The following was before Council:

 Heritage Advisory Committee report dated February 27, 2024 with attached staff report dated February 23, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed grants to the properties listed in Attachment A of staff report dated February 23, 2024, conditional upon the applicants' compliance with Sections 29 through 35 of Administrative Order Number 2014-002-ADM and subject to approval of the proposed 2024/25 budget.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Russell

15.4.4 HRTG-2023-00650 – Proposed Demolition of a Municipally Registered Heritage Property at 1259 South Park Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated February 27, 2024 with attached staff report dated January 31, 2024
- Correspondence from William Breckenridge, John Kennedy, Sandra L. Barss

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Regional Council:

- 1. Set a public hearing date to consider the proposed demolition of the registered heritage property and contributing heritage resource at 1259 South Park Street, Halifax, in accordance with Attachment G of the staff report dated January 31, 2024 and By-law H-700 (the Schmidtville Heritage Conservation District By-law);
- 2. Refuse the application by the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth under the Heritage Property Act to demolish the registered heritage property at 1259 South Park Street, Halifax; and
- 3. Refuse the associated application under the Schmidtville Heritage Conservation District Plan and By-law for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of a contributing heritage resource.

Karen Brown, Solicitor III responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

lain MacLean, Municipal Clerk advised that only the first part of the motion was required as parts 2 and 3 of the motion were to be considered after the public hearing.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Regional Council set a public hearing date to consider the proposed demolition of the registered heritage property and contributing heritage resource at 1259 South Park Street, Halifax, in accordance with Attachment G of the staff report dated January 31, 2024 and By-law H-700 (the Schmidtville Heritage Conservation District By-law).

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Item 15.4.4 HRTG-2023-00650 – Proposed Demolition of a Municipally Registered Heritage Property at 1259 South Park Street, Halifax be deferred to a future meeting Regional Council pending a supplementary report regarding the process and implications to restore the property at 1259 South Park to Holy Cross Cemetery and rezoning the property to PCF.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Russell

15.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.5.1 Councillor Blackburn - Status of Flood Damage and Repairs from the July 2023 Flood

The following was before Council:

Request for Consideration form from Councillor Blackburn

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with Halifax Water, Halifax Regional Municipality Planning & Development and Public Works to prepare a report on the status of flood damage and repairs from the July 2023 floods.

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Councillor Lovelace proposed that the Government of Nova Scotia Department of Public Works also be consulted. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with Halifax Water, Government of Nova Scotia Department of Public Works, Halifax Regional Municipality Planning & Development and Public Works to prepare a report on the status of flood damage and repairs from the July 2023 floods.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Russell

15.5.2 Councillor Lovelace - Expansion of Graphic Crosswalk Program to Include Indigenous Crosswalk Design

The following was before Council:

• Request for Consideration form from Councillor Lovelace

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on potential design options for Indigenous Crosswalks and costs of including these designs as part of Halifax Regional Municipality's graphic crosswalk program.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the motion be amended to include "and for artwork that reflects Newcomer communities" after "Indigenous Crosswalks".

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND DEFEATED. (3 in favour, 12 against)

In favour: Councillors Kent, Cuttell, Stoddard

Against: Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillors Hendsbee, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Lovelace, Blackburn, Outhit

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Russell

The question was called on the main motion:

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on potential design options for Indigenous Crosswalks and costs of including these designs as part of Halifax Regional Municipality's graphic crosswalk program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Russell

15.5.3 Councillor Lovelace and Councillor Blackburn - Advancing Middle Sackville Master Planning Process

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillors Lovelace and Blackburn
- Correspondence from Mike Bebee

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on urgently advancing the Middle Sackville Master Planning Process, Case 21639, to consider extension of urban service boundary for water and sewer, and addition of the following PIDs to allow planning for connectivity, schools, egress, housing and commercial developments:

- 40281461
- 40123614
- 41461450
- 40123788
- 40695504
- 41315946
- 41093725

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Office and Jacqueline Hamilton, Executive Director of Planning & Development responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

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

In favour: Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillors Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Cuttell, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Outhit

Against: Councillor Morse

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Russell

16. MOTIONS

16.1 Councillor Lovelace

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare a staff report and return to Council with recommendations to increase productivity and efficiency of stormwater operations and implement necessary upgrades to incorporate stormwater assets into the establishment of a comprehensive non-piped stormwater system within Halifax Regional Municipality's municipal road boundary. The staff report should consider:

- 1. Recommendations for operational efficiencies between Halifax Water and Halifax Regional Municipality;
- 2. Policy to establish a comprehensive stormwater system;

- 3. Process to identify and install stormwater assets to expand and connect the stormwater system, including deeded easements;
- 4. Costing and timeline to upgrade insubstantial and undersized infrastructure including wooden cross-culverts transferred to HRM from Province of Nova Scotia; and.
- 5. Applicable provincial legislative amendments.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Office responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Councillor Hendsbee proposed that "deeded" be removed from part 3 of the motion. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare a staff report and return to Council with recommendations to increase productivity and efficiency of stormwater operations and implement necessary upgrades to incorporate stormwater assets into the establishment of a comprehensive non-piped stormwater system within Halifax Regional Municipality's municipal road boundary. The staff report should consider:

- 1. Recommendations for operational efficiencies between Halifax Water and Halifax Regional Municipality;
- 2. Policy to establish a comprehensive stormwater system;
- 3. Process to identify and install stormwater assets to expand and connect the stormwater system, including easements;
- 4. Costing and timeline to upgrade insubstantial and undersized infrastructure including wooden cross culverts transferred to HRM from Province of Nova Scotia: and.
- 5. Applicable provincial legislative amendments.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Russell

16.2 Councillor Cuttell

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide an information report on existing and planned coastal protection measures that are designed to address development on vulnerable coastal properties and mitigate impact on places and services at risk from sea level rise and overland flooding.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Russell

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 17.2 PERSONNEL MATTER, Item 17.3 PROPERTY MATTER, Item 17.4 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, Item 17.5 PERSONNEL MATTER and Item 17.10 LEGAL ADVICE.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes - March 5, 2024

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of March 5, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.2 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

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

The following was before Council:

Private and confidential staff report dated March 11, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated March 11, 2024; and
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated March 11, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Cuttell, Russell

17.3 PROPERTY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

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

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated February 16, 2024
- Private and confidential staff presentation dated March 19, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated February 16, 2024; and

2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated February 16, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Cuttell, Russell

17.4 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS - Private and Confidential Report

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

The following was before Council:

Private and confidential staff report dated March 11, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated March 11, 2024; and
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated March 11, 2024 be maintained private and confidential

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

In favour: Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillors Hendsbee, Kent, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Outhit

Against: Councillor Purdy

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Cuttell, Russell

17.5 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

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

The following was before Council:

• Private and confidential staff report dated March 11, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated March 11, 2024; and
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated March 11, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Cuttell, Russell

17.6 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

Private and confidential staff report dated March 11, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated March 11, 2024; and
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated March 11, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Russell

17.7 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

• Private and confidential staff report dated March 11, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated March 11, 2024; and
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated March 11, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Russell

17.8 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

Private and confidential staff report dated March 11, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated March 11, 2024; and

2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated March 11, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Russell

17.9 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

• Private and confidential staff report dated February 21, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated February 21, 2024; and
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated February 21, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Russell

17.10 LEGAL ADVICE - Private and Confidential Report

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

The following was before Council:

• Private and confidential staff report dated March 14, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated March 14, 2024; and
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated March 14, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Cuttell, Russell

18. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Austin

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TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to propose First Reading of By-law M-401, amending By-law M-400, Respecting Marketing Levy, the purpose of which is to cancel any charges imposed on an operator under section 14 of this by-law for the period October 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, provided the charges accrued on a remittance value of \$0.00 and to give the Treasurer or delegate the authority to waive, remove or reduce assessment fines.

19.2 Councillor Smith

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move that Council consider adopting, by policy, a Public Participation Program, the purpose of which is to consider amendments to the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, and the Regional Centre Land Use By-law to enable development of the Strawberry Hill Future Growth Node.

19.3 Councillor Hendsbee

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move the First Reading of By-Law S-452, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements, the purpose of which is to impose an Local Improvement Charge (LIC) to 50 properties for the paving of Glory Avenue, Hope Avenue, Lake Eagle Drive, Lake Mist Court, Nobel Court, Queens Road and Joel Crescent.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

lain MacLean Municipal Clerk