



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
November 28, 2017**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Bill Karsten

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Karen Brown, Acting Municipal Solicitor
Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk
Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant
Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and recessed at 2:20 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 5:18 p.m. Council adjourned at 5:21 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 – October 31, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll and seconded Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT the minutes of October 31, 2017 be approved.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

16.3.1 Financial Mandate Recommendation – International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Collective Bargaining – *Private and Confidential Report*

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 - NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

8. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

12.3 Presentation

12.3.1 United Way – Poverty Solutions Strategy

The following was before Council:

- An presentation form United Way Halifax entitled “Poverty Solutions Strategy Update”

Sara Napier, President and CEO, United Way Halifax provided a presentation updating Regional Council on the work that has been carried out since Council passed its motion of April 2017 on the development of an anti-poverty strategy for the Municipality.

At 1:32 p.m. Councillor Cleary entered the meeting.

9. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

9.1 Case 20226 – Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy (SMPS) and Land Use By-Law (LUB) Amendments for Lovett Lake Lands, Beechville (Supplementary Report)

The following was before Council:

- An extract of the Regional Council May 9, 2017 Minutes.
- A supplementary staff report dated November 20, 2017.
- A staff report dated May 2, 2017 (originally submitted at the May 9, 2017 meeting)

This matter had been deferred from the May 9, 2017 Regional Council meeting; at that time the following motion was on the floor:

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Regional Council:

1. **Initiate a process to consider a comprehensive set of amendments to the Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Timberlea / Lakeside / Beechville, and to the Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy for Halifax and the Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland, for lands near Lovett Lake in Beechville (identified as the General Study Area in the staff supplementary report dated November 20, 2017), consistent with the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy's characteristics for Urban Local Growth Centres.**
2. **Follow a public participation program, as outlined in Attachment f of the staff report dated May 2, 2017.**

Councillor Zurawski proposed the following amendment to the motion:

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the motion be amended to remove recommendation 2, and replaced with:

2. **Require that the applicant undertake a Heritage Impact Statement for the Beechville Baptist Church.**
3. **Follow a public participation program, as outlined in Attachment C of the staff supplementary report dated November 20, 2017, to ensure the planning process strongly emphasizes:**
 - a. **creating policy to ensure appropriate development density for the general study area;**
 - b. **creating policy to ensure the Beechville Baptist Church property and associated heritage assets are protected;**
 - c. **integrating parkland and community uses into the development and into the Beechville community;**
 - d. **creating opportunities for cultural and community amenities to celebrate the African Nova Scotian history in Beechville; and**
 - e. **active engagement with the Beechville African Nova Scotia community by establishing a community liaison group.**

THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not Present: Councillor Karsten

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the motion be further amended to include the following:

- f. **Direct staff to work with the Office of African Nova Scotia Affairs to help address issues such as the burial grounds, land titles, or any other issues recognized as being provincial**

jurisdiction, and have the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of African Nova Scotia Affairs for their offices support.

THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

The motion, as amended, now reads:

1. **Initiate a process to consider a comprehensive set of amendments to the Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Timberlea / Lakeside / Beechville, and to the Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy for Halifax and the Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland, for lands near Lovett Lake in Beechville (identified as the Study Area in the staff report dated May 2, 2017), consistent with the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy's characteristics for Urban Local Growth Centres.**
2. **Require that the applicant undertake a Heritage Impact Statement for the Beechville Baptist Church.**
3. **Follow a public participation program, as outlined in Attachment C of the staff supplementary report dated November 20, 2017, to ensure the planning process strongly emphasizes:**
 - a. **creating policy to ensure appropriate development density for the general study area;**
 - b. **creating policy to ensure the Beechville Baptist Church property and associated heritage assets are protected;**
 - c. **integrating parkland and community uses into the development and into the Beechville community;**
 - d. **creating opportunities for cultural and community amenities to celebrate the African Nova Scotian history in Beechville;**
 - e. **active engagement with the Beechville African Nova Scotia community by establishing a community liaison group; and**
 - f. **Direct staff to work with the office of African Nova Scotian Affairs to help address issues such as the burial grounds, land titles, or any other issues recognized as being provincial jurisdiction, and have the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs for their offices support.**

MOTION, AS AMENDED, PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

10. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

12.1 Correspondence

The Clerk advised that no correspondence had been received.

12.2 Petitions - None

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

14. REPORTS

14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

14.1.1 Award – Request for Proposal (RFP) #17-023 Halifax Transit –Transit Vehicle CCTV Surveillance System Upgrade

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 16, 2017.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

That Halifax Regional Council:

- a. Award RFP #P17-023, Halifax Transit – Transit Vehicle CCTV Surveillance System Upgrade to the highest scoring proponent, Seon Design Inc, in the amount \$3,035,376 (net HST included) with funding from the Transit Security Account CMU00982, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated November 16, 2017, and**
- b. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to execute a contract with Seon Design Inc., with terms that are satisfactory to the CAO, subject to the contract being reviewed and approved as to “Form and Authority” by Legal Services.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

14.1.2 Second Reading Proposed By-Law P-102, an Amendment to By-Law P-100, Respecting the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 12, 2017 (originally submitted to the October 31, 2017 meeting)
- An extract of Draft Regional Council Minutes of October 31, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law P-102, the purpose of which is to amend By-law P-100, the Police Board By-law, as set out in Attachment C to the staff report dated September 12, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

14.1.3 Property Disposal – 3331 Joseph Howe Drive, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 18, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale for the disposal of Civic No. 3331 Joseph Howe Drive, Halifax. (PID No. 00198770), as per the terms and conditions outlined in Table 1 of the Private and Confidential Information Report dated October 18, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

14.1.4 Request for Permanent Encroachment, 5990 Spring Garden Road

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 7, 2017.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council

- 1. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the attached Encroachment Agreement, as provided in Attachment A of the staff report dated November 7, 2017, to enable the installation of an accessible ramp on the existing sidewalk within the Spring Garden Road right of way, as discussed in the staff report dated November 7, 2017; and**
- 2. Waive the annual fees associated with this encroachment.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

14.1.5 Request for Permanent Encroachment – 1587 Dresden Row, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 7, 2017.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the attached Encroachment Agreement, as provided in Attachment A of the staff report dated November 7, 2017, to enable the installation of an accessible ramp on the existing sidewalk within the Dresden Row right of way, as discussed in the staff report dated November 7, 2017; and**
- 2. Waive the annual fees associated with this encroachment.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Not present: Councillor Karsten

14.1.6 Open Air Burning – Options for By-Law Enforcement and No-Burn Areas

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated August 31, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council

- 1. Maintain status quo by continuing to have Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency enforce the Open Air Burning By-law; and,**
- 2. Not create a No-Burn Registry under the Open Air Burning By-law.**

Roy Hollett, Deputy Fire Chief and Donna Boutilier, Solicitor and By-law Coordinator responded to questions.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

14.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Dartmouth Sportsplex – Public Art Funding Transfer

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated November 17, 2017 from the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Direct staff to transfer public art funding in the amount of \$225,000 allocated for the Dartmouth Sportsplex Renovation Project from the 2017/18 operating budget (Cultural Development -C764) to the General Contingency Reserve, Q421, and
2. Commit the \$225,000 as a withdrawal from the General Contingency Reserve to fund the operating expense in Cultural Development -C764 for the project costs to be incurred in 2018/19, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the November 6, 2017 staff report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

14.2.2 Request for New Capital Project (Fuel Systems Upgrade)

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated November 17, 2017 from the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve a budget reduction of \$165,000 from project account CMU00982, Transit Security; and,
2. Increase the capital budget for a new capital project 'Fuel System Upgrade' in the amount of \$165,000, as outlined in the Financial Implications Section of the staff report dated November 8, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

14.2.3 Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations – Proposed Renewal of Tax Relief for Leases Removed from AO 2014-001-ADM Schedules

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated November 17, 2017 from the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve a grant for the (7) organizations listed in Table 1 of the August 14, 2017 staff report for fiscal year 2017-18, effective April 1, 2017, unless otherwise stated, at an estimated combined cost of \$104,047 from Account M311-8006 (Grants & Tax Concessions).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

14.2.4 Potential Changes to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee Member Composition

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated November 17, 2017 from the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report considering potential changes to the member composition of the Audit and Finance Committee to include one or two members of the public.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

14.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

14.3.1 Economic Growth Plan Update & Development of Action Plan for Years 3-5

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated November 16, 2017 from the Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to develop, with the Halifax Partnership, an Action Plan for years 3-5 of the Halifax Economic Growth Plan 2017-21 in accordance with the approach outlined in the staff report dated November 3, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Councillor Karsten

14.3.2 Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee Appointment to the Executive Standing Committee

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated November 17, 2017 from the Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council ratify and confirm the appointment of Councillor Steve Craig as the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee representative to the Executive Standing Committee to fill an unexpired term to November, 2018.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

14.4 GRANTS COMMITTEE

14.4.1 Business Improvement District (BID) Contributions Fund – 2017-2018 Recommended Awards

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated November 6, 2017 from the Chair of the Grants Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the eight (8) awards detailed in Attachment 1 of the September 5, 2017 staff report for a combined total of \$107,000 from operating account C771 – 6919.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

15. MOTIONS - NONE

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

16.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – October 31, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

That the In Camera (In Private) minutes of October 31, 2017 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16.2 Property Matter

16.2.1 Lease and Lease Release - Crematorium at Mount Hermon Cemetery, 139 Victoria Road – *Private and Confidential Report*

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

That Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Enter into a 10-year Lease Agreement for a portion of HRM property located at Mount Hermon Cemetery with D & D Removal Services Inc. for the use of the crematorium;**
- 2. Subject to the execution of a new lease, release the existing lease agreement dated June 27, 2014;**
- 3. Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary documents; and**
- 4. That the private and confidential recommendation report dated October 13, 2017 not be released to the public until transaction closes.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Streach and Karsten

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Council convene in camera (in private).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The meeting recessed at 2:20 p.m. to convene In Camera (In Private).

The meeting reconvened to the public session at 5:18 p.m.

**16.2.2 Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Park Update and Proposed Land Acquisition –
*Private and Confidential Report***

This matter was addressed during the In Camera (In Private) session and the following motion was ratified during the public session:

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Whitman

That Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale as per the key terms and conditions outlined in Table 1 of the private and confidential report dated November 21, 2017, and as per the Financial Implications section of the private and confidential report dated November 21, 2017;**
- 2. Direct staff to undertake consultation with the Province and Public with regard to the parkland planning for the acquired lands; and**
- 3. Direct staff to continue to implement the plan for future acquisitions of other lands within the Blue Mountain Birch-Cove Lakes Wilderness Park boundary as outlined in the Discussion section of the private and confidential report dated November 21, 2017.**
- 4. It is further recommended that the private and confidential report dated November 21, 2017 not be released to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Hendsbee

Not present: Councillors Streach, Karsten, Cleary, and Outhit.

**16.3.1 Financial Mandate Recommendation – International Association of Firefighters (IAFF)
Collective Bargaining – *Private and Confidential Report***

This matter was addressed during the In Camera (In Private) session and the following motion was ratified during the public session:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

That Halifax Regional Council approve the financial mandate as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated November 28, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach, Karsten, Cleary, and Outhit.

17. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

18. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk