



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 28, 2020**

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Chief Ken Stuebing, A/Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Sherryl Murphy, A/Municipal Clerk
Liam MacSween, A/Deputy Municipal Clerk
Robyn Dean, Legislative Assistant
Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., and recessed at 11:56 a.m. Council reconvened in at 1:00 p.m. and recessed at 3:00 p.m. Council reconvened in at 3:20 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 4:26 p.m. and reconvened at 5:40 p.m. Council adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.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 – November 26, December 3 & 10, 2019 and January 7, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the minutes of November 26, December 3 & 10, 2019 and January 7, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Council agreed to move item 13.3.1, 15.2.1, and 15.1.6 following item 10.1.

Councillor Whitman also requested Council defer item 15.1.2 until KPMG can present further details on their findings.

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Streach

THAT item 15.1.1 be deferred until KPMG can present further details on their findings.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (5 in favour, 12 against)

In favour: Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Adams, Whitman, and Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Zurawski, and Russell

Later in the meeting, Council agreed by consensus to move item 15.2.2 following item 15.1.1 and add item 18.1.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Council agreed to remove items 15.1.1 and 15.2.1 from the consent agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve agenda items 15.1.7, 15.2.3, and 15.5.1.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

10.1 Gorsebrook Park – Park Plan

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 15, 2019
- Correspondence from Pat Whitman & Chris Annand

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the Gorsebrook Park Planning Report as a guiding document for future improvements to Gorsebrook Park.

Council discussed the report with Stephen Cushing, Landscape Architect responding to questions. Council raised a number of concerns regarding the moving and lighting of the tennis courts as well as sidewalk placement issues and impacts to the nearby sledding hill. Cushing noted that the tennis courts will be moved (as opposed to expanding them in their current location) to improve the physical quality of the park and create a multi-functional lawn place. It was also noted that this change would not take place until the current tennis courts are at their end of life. In terms of lighting and light pollution, Cushing noted that there would be no additional lighting for the tennis courts and that park lighting with minimal light pollution impacts can be selected. Cushing further clarified that the Planning Report is a conceptual guide and therefore Parks & Recreation has the flexibility to accommodate Council's concerns.

Councillor Mason proposed an amendment to include a direction to staff to consult with the community.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the motion be amended to include the direction to staff to consult with the community.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The motion before Council now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the Gorsebrook Park Planning Report as a guiding document for future improvements to Gorsebrook Park and to direct staff to consult with the community.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED (16 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Russell, and Outhit

Against: Councillor Whitman

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. HERITAGE HEARING – 1:00 P.M.

12.1 Case H00468 – Request to Include 26 Elliot Street, Dartmouth in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- An extract from Regional Council Minutes – November 12, 2019
- A staff recommendation report dated October 25, 2019 with attached supplementary report dated September 19, 2019 and recommendation report dated July 25, 2019
- A staff presentation

Kathleen Fralic, Planner, Regional Planning gave an overview of the property, 26 Elliot Street, Dartmouth, recommended to be registered as a heritage property which is owned by HRM and elaborated on the criteria and scoring awarded to the property. Fralic noted that the property received the following scores:

- Age: 5 out of 25
- Architectural Importance: 15 out of 20
- Significance of Architect/Builder: 5 out of 10
- Architectural Merit (Construction Type/Building Technology): 3 out of 10
- Architectural Merit (Style): 5 out of 10
- Architectural Integrity: 12 out of 15
- Relationship to Surrounding Area: 10 out of 10

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the heritage hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the request to include 26 Elliot Street, Dartmouth in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as a municipal heritage property without the inclusion of interior character defining elements.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Cleary and Zurawski

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items: 10.1, 15.1.6, 15.1.4, 15.2.2, 15.3.2, and 15.4.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

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

13.2 Petitions

13.2.1 Deputy Mayor Blackburn

Deputy Mayor Blackburn submitted a petition containing 1193 signatures requesting the reinstatement of the seven (7) kilometers of transit service north of Kinsac Road, Beaver Bank.

13.2.2 Councillor Zurawski

Councillor Zurawski submitted a petition containing 216 signatures requesting the construction of a new playground at 187 States Lane, Beechville.

13.2.3 Councillor Streach

Councillor Streach submitted a petition containing 113 signatures and requested that Mayor Savage write a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to request the installation of a temporary “Bailey Bridge” and an expedited permanent structure replacement.

13.2.4 Councillor Cleary

Councillor Cleary submitted a petition containing 700 signatures requesting a crosswalk to be marked across Quinpool Road between Vernon Street and Monastery Lane to improve the safety of the pedestrians.

13.3 Presentation

13.3.1 Halifax Partnership

The following was before Council:

- A presentation entitled “Halifax Partnership”

Wendy Luther, President and Chief Executive Officer, Halifax Partnership provided a presentation on the activities of the Halifax Partnership, including a discussion of HRM’s economic highlights, their economic growth plan framework, and HRM’s success in attracting new companies and increasing commercialization, research development, and export capacity. Notably, Luther reported that although HRM’s population has been steadily increasing (with 65% of new residents coming from outside of Canada), there has been a decrease in unemployment rates.

Council discussed the presentation with Luther responding to questions. Specifically, Council noted that there are entire groups of people not included in HRM’s growth, namely the Indigenous population. It was noted by Luther that the Halifax Partnership relies on 2016 census data for employment statistics for both African and Indigenous Nova Scotians. Luther also reported that employee statistics are improving on every measure other than those for Indigenous and African Nova Scotians but confirmed that this is one of Halifax Partnership’s major themes for their next five-year plan.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Case 22547 – Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Amendments for Winslow Drive, Upper Tantallon

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 19, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws for Planning Districts 1 and 3 (St. Margarets Bay) and Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville to realign plan area boundaries to permit commercial development on Winslow Drive Upper Tantallon; and**
- 2. Follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 27, 1997.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (15 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Russell and Outhit

Against: Councillor Austin

Not present: Councillor Cleary

15.1.2 Human Resources Processes and Practices Review

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 22, 2019
- A presentation entitled "Human Resources Processes and Practices Review"

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to accept and implement the recommendations from the KPMG Human Resources Processes and Practices Review at Halifax Regional Municipality, except for recommendations 4, 6, 9, 13 and 26.

Caroline Blair-Smith, Director, Human Resources provided a presentation on HRM's Human Resources (HR) processes and practices review which was conducted by KPMG. Blair-Smith noted that the review's objective was to determine the effectiveness of HR's policies and programs in providing a safe, healthy, diverse, inclusive, and harassment-free environment. It was also noted that the KPMG methodology was qualitative and attempted to ensure that importance was placed on all feedback. It was reported that 847 individuals participated in the review (976 participants including focus group participants). Additionally, Blair-Smith reported that the review identified thirty-one (31) recommendations with twenty-six (26) accepted by staff. Blair-Smith informed Council that KPMG's review confirms need for HR to continue the work on building internal leadership capabilities and ensuring leaders have the skills to support inclusion and respectful workplaces as well as seeking and accepting valuable employee input.

Council expressed some concern regarding the five (5) recommendations that were not accepted by staff (recommendations 4, 6, 9, 13, and 26) and requested HR's rationale for rejecting these recommendations. Blair-Smith noted that many of the issues that led to these recommendations are captured within others that have been accepted by staff. It was also reported that some aspects of these recommendations can be accomplished without creating a new project. Blair-Smith further noted that some of the recommendations that were not accepted were rejected due to a lack of foundation or measurement in place to facilitate their completion, however it was also noted that these recommendations could be revisited in the future.

Blair-Smith concluded by confirming that a combined action plan will be created using the recommendations from the KPMG review and the Employment Systems Review (ESR).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (16 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Russell, and Outhit

Against: Councillor Whitman

15.1.3 Proposed Administrative Order SC-93, Respecting Closure of a Portion of Rosedale Avenue, Halifax – Declaration of Surplus Property and Street Closure - PID 40921926, Rosedale Avenue, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 18, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Declare the portion of the Rosedale Avenue right-of-way (PID 40921926), shown as Parcel A in Attachment A of the staff report dated November 18, 2019, surplus to Municipal requirements and categorize Parcel A, as ‘Extraordinary’, as per Administrative Order 50; and**
- 2. Approve Administrative Order SC-93 to close a portion of Rosedale Avenue, shown as Parcel A in Attachment B of the staff report dated November 18, 2019.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Mason

15.1.4 Proposed Administrative Order 2019-006-ADM, Respecting Grants to Business Improvement Districts

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated July 30, 2019
- Correspondence from the Downtown Halifax Business Commission, the Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission, the Main Street Dartmouth Business Improvement Association, the North End Business Association, the Quinpool Road Mainstreet District Association, the Sackville Business Association, the Spring Garden Area Business Association, & the Spryfield Business Commission

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt Administrative Order 2019-006-ADM, the Business Improvement District Grants Program Administrative Order effective on April 1, 2020, as set out in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated July 30, 2019, including repealing the BID Contribution Fund Policy.**
- 2. Adopt the revised Business Improvement District Service Agreement as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated July 30, 2019, which incorporates**
 - (a) the two-tiered approach to year-end financial reporting as directed by Council on August 19, 2019;**
 - (b) the requirement that municipal funding be identified as a separate line item in the BID’s statement of revenues, with a corresponding list of funded projects included in the Notes to Financial Statements;**
 - (c) the requirement to disburse the installments three times per year;**
- 3. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the amended Business Improvement Districts Service Agreements on behalf of the Municipality with all Districts currently listed in Administrative Order Number 47.**
- 4. Refer consideration of an increase to the Business Improvement Grants Program in the amount of \$50,000 to Council’s 2020/2021 budget deliberations.**

Council discussed the report with Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants & Contributions responding to questions. Council expressed concern that the minimal allocation of \$5,000 may not meet the needs of the Business Improvement Districts (BIDs). Temple noted that the BIDs have been copied on all relevant correspondence and are satisfied with the majority of the proposal.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Mason

15.1.5 Case 21162 - Secondary Suites and Backyard Suites

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 9, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and all land use by-laws with the exception of the Regional Centre Land Use By-law (Package A), as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated December 9, 2019, to allow secondary suites accessory to single unit, two unit or townhouse dwellings and backyard suites accessory to single unit dwellings, and schedule a public hearing.

Council discussed the report with staff responding to questions. Council expressed concern with the direction to deny townhouse and two-unit building owners the opportunity to build backyard suites. Councillor Karsten proposed that Council defer the motion to allow for a supplementary report on the applicability of backyard suites to townhouses and two-unit buildings.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council defer the motion and request a supplementary report to examine the applicability of backyard suites to townhouses and two-unit buildings within the Land Use By-law area.

Members spoke in support and against the deferral, with concern being expressed on the timeline and the potential value of supplemental information. Staff was asked to include information on their consultation with the accessibility community in their report back to Council.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED. (10 in favour, 7 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Walker, Adams, and Outhit

Against: Councillors Streach, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Zurawski, Whitman, and Russell

15.1.6 Long-term Sustainability of the Bus Stop Theatre Cooperative

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 20, 2019
- Correspondence from Grant MacNeil, Sharon MacDonald, Ivy Charles, Danuta Snyder, Wes Babcock, Kathleen & Robert Richardson, Alison Crosby, Ruth Gamberg, Susan Barratt, Sarah Wakely, Chris Aucoin, Seth Levinson, Stephen Wentzell, Per Langstrom, Magdalena Waclawik, Jacqueline Warwick, Ryan Henwood, Joel Plaskett, Keanan Byggdin, Kevin Hartford, Meghan Nieman, Robyn Schleihauf, Anika Riopel, Mel Stone, Leica Hardy, Lukas Pearse, Jordan Gardiner, and Andrew David Terris

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the provision of a one-time contribution of \$250,000.00 to the Bus Stop Theatre Co-operative towards the purchase of 2203 Gottingen Street and 2268 Maitland Street. The contribution is to be phased over two years, to be considered as part of the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 budget, conditional on:
 - a. proof of financial commitments as outlined in the Bus Stop Theatre Co-operative Feasibility Study, satisfactory to the Chief Administrative Officer, for the balance of funding for the purchase, to be provided to HRM by the Bus Stop Theatre Co-operative prior to June 1, 2020; and**
 - b. the execution of a contribution agreement between HRM and the Bus Stop Theatre Co-operative in accordance with the terms as outlined in Table 5 of the staff report dated November 20, 2019.****
- 2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer negotiate and enter into a contribution agreement with the Bus Stop Theatre Co-operative that is consistent with terms as outlined in Table 5 of the staff report dated November 20, 2019.**

Council discussed the report with Elizabeth Taylor, Manager, Culture & Events responding to questions. It was generally agreed upon by Council that the city has a responsibility to support the arts and that this contribution would set the stage for future support from other levels of government. Council questioned whether HRM's contribution would be contingent upon funding from the provincial and/or federal government. Taylor noted that the Province of Nova Scotia is unable to fund the purchase of a building, however there are phases of renovations (beginning in 2021) for which the province is considering funding confidently and positively.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED (15 in favour, 1 against).

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Russell, and Outhit

Against: Councillor Whitman

Not present: Councillor Cleary

15.1.7 Navigator Program Multi-Year Funding*

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 7, 2020

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a contribution of \$60,000 to the Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission and North End Business Association for the Navigator Street Outreach Program for fiscal year 2020/2021 subject to budget approval.**
- 2. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a Contribution Agreement between the Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission, the North End Business Association and Halifax Regional Municipality, in accordance with the key terms and conditions set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated January 7, 2020.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Investing in Canada Contribution Agreement – Herring Cove Phase 2B

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 21, 2020 with attached recommendation report dated September 16, 2019
- Correspondence from Stephen R. Murphy

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign the attached Contribution Agreement with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, to receive \$5,778,522.00 in funding for the Herring Cove Water and Wastewater Servicing project, Phase 2B.**
- 2. Increase capital account CS000001 – Herring Cove Servicing Phase 2B by \$5,778,522.00 with funding from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.**
- 3. Increase capital account CS000001 – Herring Cove Servicing Phase 2B by \$2,101,639 with funding from a Local Improvement Charge (LIC).**

In response to questions from Council, Peter Duncan, Manager of Infrastructure Planning, clarified that if the motion on the floor is approved, Infrastructure Planning will return to Council within four (4) to eight (8) weeks with a detailed design proposal for Phase 2B. Council requested that Infrastructure Planning explore other funding options that may be available before returning to Council with the detailed design. It was also proposed that an amendment be made to include the addition of the detailed design for Phase 4.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the motion be amended to include the addition of the detailed design for Phase 4 with costs coming back to Council before beginning.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The motion before Council now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign the attached Contribution Agreement with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, to receive \$5,778,522.00 in funding for the Herring Cove Water and Wastewater Servicing project, Phase 2B.**
- 2. Increase capital account CS000001 – Herring Cove Servicing Phase 2B by \$5,778,522.00 with funding from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.**
- 3. Increase capital account CS000001 – Herring Cove Servicing Phase 2B by \$2,101,639 with funding from a Local Improvement Charge (LIC).**
- 4. Add the detailed design for Phase 4 with costs coming back to Council prior to beginning.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

15.2.2 Dartmouth Family Centre Grant Request

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Sarah Eyland, Monique Mullins-Roberts, Hannah Minzloff & John Hillis, Andrea Cole, Poet Comeau, Kimberley Dares & Jason MacDonald, Patty Faith, Sue LaPierre, Susan Leblanc, Alana Sampson, Marlee Lacourciere, Anne Cogdon, Erin Murphy, Tammy Shields, Sonja Bellefontaine, Deborah Dickey, Darren Fisher, Wendy Fraser, Carla Foxe, Sharon Clark, Kim LeBlanc, Carlos & Marillia Arriaga, and Maria Garcia
- A staff recommendation report dated January 21, 2020 with attached recommendation report dated November 7, 2019
- An information kit from Anne-Marie McElrone
- A revised motion memo

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve a one-time contribution to the Dartmouth Family Centre in the amount of \$80,000 from the General Contingency Reserve Q421 to fund the design and construction of an outdoor play/programming area and to assist with costs associated with kitchen appliances and kitchen equipment in association with the society's community food centre at the Primrose Plaza, 6 Primrose Street, Dartmouth, conditional upon (i) written confirmation from the property owner of permission to the Dartmouth Family Centre to install an outdoor play/programming area for the Centre on the land for a minimum term of five (5) years; (ii) the execution of a Contribution Agreement between HRM and the Dartmouth Family Centre; and (iii) the contribution being matched by a private donor.

2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and enter into a Contribution Agreement with the Dartmouth Family Centre in the amount of \$80,000 for the design and construction of an outdoor play/programming area and to assist with costs associated with kitchen appliances and kitchen equipment in association with the society's community food centre as set out in the discussion section of the staff report dated November 7, 2019, which shall be substantially of the same form as in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 7, 2019, but incorporating the changes necessary to implement the revised value and scope of work.

Council expressed their support for the motion on the floor and commended the Dartmouth Family Centre for the work they conduct to help the Dartmouth North community.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

15.2.3 Solar City Program Update*

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 21, 2020 with attached recommendation report dated October 28, 2019

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve an increase to the gross budget for capital account CD990005 – Solar City Program by \$9,000,000, with repayment received from Solar City Participants for no net impact to the overall budget.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Lake Banook Water Sport Park and the 2022 Canoe Sprint World Championship

The following was before Council:

- A report submitted by the Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee dated January 17, 2020 with attached staff recommendation report dated November 13, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to plan for the parkland improvements as outlined in the staff report dated November 13, 2019 in support of the 2022 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships (Canoe '22) and general public parkland use; and**
- 2. Assess the need for a new Master Plan for Lake Banook, that would include all stakeholders, after Canoe '22.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.3.2 A Streetscaping Program Framework for the Regional Centre

The following was before Council:

- A report submitted by the Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee dated January 17, 2020 with attached staff recommendation report dated November 7, 2019
- A presentation entitled 'Regional Centre Streetscaping A Proposed Framework'
- Correspondence from the Downtown Halifax Business Commission, the Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission, and the North End Business Association

Hanita Koblents, Principal Planner, Infrastructure Planning presented a streetscaping program framework for the Regional Centre. Streetscaping aims to improve the public realm of streets to support their roles as 'places' in addition to being transportation 'links'.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Prepare a Streetscaping Administrative Order for Council's consideration based on the framework described in the discussion section of the staff report dated November 7, 2019.**
- 2. Advance opportunities for Regional Centre streetscaping (including, but not limited to those generally described in attachment 3 of the staff report dated November 7, 2019) for consideration in future capital budgets, and to ensure the administrative order acknowledges that other streetscaping can occur outside of the Regional Centre on a case-by-case basis.**
- 3. Continue working with representatives of Nova Scotia Power and Bell Aliant to achieve funding agreements with regulatory approval, for undergrounding projects including areas beyond the existing "pole free zone".**
- 4. Explore options for a by-law to recoup all or some of the municipal portion of the capital cost to bury overhead line and return to Regional Council with a recommendation.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.4.1 Case H00470 – Evaluation of Potential Heritage Resources in Downtown Halifax – Report #1

The following was before Council:

- A report submitted by the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee dated November 28, 2019 with attached staff recommendation report dated September 24, 2019 and heritage streetscapes scoring criteria
- Correspondence from Brian Lane and William Breckenridge

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Set a date for heritage hearings to consider the inclusion of 1529, 1533, 1535, 1539, and 1549 Birmingham Street in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as municipal heritage properties to form the Birmingham Streetscape, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 24, 2019;**
- 2. Set a date for heritage hearings to consider the inclusion of 1520, 1526, 1528, 1530, 1532, 1534, and 1542 Queen Street in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as municipal heritage properties to form the Queen Streetscape, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 24, 2019; and**
- 3. Set a date for heritage hearings to consider the inclusion of 1545-49, 1560, 1567, 1579, and 1600 Grafton Street in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as municipal heritage properties to form the Grafton Streetscape, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 24, 2019.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Nicoll and Zurawski

15.5 SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.5.1 Downtown Dartmouth Ice Festival Funding Request*

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 21, 2020 with attached recommendation report dated November 28, 2019

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve Funding Option 1 as described in the Discussion section of the November 28, 2019 staff report to the Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission (DDBC) for the Downtown Dartmouth Ice Festival in the amount of \$7,500 from the 2019/20 Community and Events Reserve, Q621; and**
- 2. Pending final approval of the 2020/21 and the 2021/22 budgets, approve funding in the amount of \$7,500 from the Community and Events Reserve, Q621.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.5.2 Significant Anniversary Funding Request Halifax ComedyFest

The following was before Council:

- A report submitted by the Vice Chair of the Special Events Advisory Committee dated January 21, 2020 with attached staff recommendation report dated November 19, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve funding in the amount of \$12,300 to the Halifax Comedy Festival Society for the 25th Anniversary of the Halifax Comedy Fest from the Community and Events Reserve, Q621.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Zurawski

16. MOTIONS – NONE

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss the Property Matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.1 Property Matter – *Private and Confidential Report* – Deferred from January 14, 2020

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated November 1, 2019; and**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated November 1, 2019 to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (15 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Zurawski, Russell, and Outhit

Against: Councillor Adams

Not present: Councillor Whitman

17.2 Contract Negotiations – *Private and Confidential Report*

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

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated January 15, 2020; and**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated January 15, 2020 to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Whitman

17.3 Personnel Matter – *Private and Confidential Report*

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

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as discussed during the In Camera (In Private) January 28, 2020 meeting; and**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential report dated January 21, 2020 to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Whitman

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Contract Negotiations

18. ADDED ITEMS

18.1 Councillor Mason

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Honourable Stephen McNeil, Premier dated January 28, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council request the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of Transportation Infrastructure Renewal requesting a public presentation regarding the current master plan for the Queen Elizabeth II Health Science Centre.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Whitman

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Blackburn on behalf of Mayor Savage

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 11, 2020, I propose to move a motion requesting a staff report outlining options for a one-time capital grant of up to \$75,000 to the Mobile Food Market to assist in the purchase of a new food distribution vehicle.

19.2 Councillor Walker

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 11, 2020 I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM, *Respecting Tax Relief To Non-Profit Organizations*, the purpose of which is to replace Schedules 26, 27 and 30 of the Administrative Order.

19.3 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I propose to:

1. Move a motion to repeal Administrative Order 2016-003-ADM, respecting *Construction Site Management*; and
2. Introduce Administrative Order 2018-005-ADM, respecting *Construction Site Management* to make the Administrative Order more effective in part by being more responsive to the scale and location of a construction project in the areas of:
 - Application
 - Rodent Control
 - Community Engagement and Notification Requirements
 - Construction Site Protection and Hoarding Requirements
 - Signage Requirements
 - Tree Retention and Protection Requirements
 - Temporary Lighting Requirements
 - Sample CMP Updating
 - Housekeeping Amendments

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy
A/Municipal Clerk