



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 11, 2020**

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

REGRETS: Councillors: Bill Karsten

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Sherryl Murphy, A/Municipal Clerk
Judith Ng'ethe, Legislative Assistant
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. and recessed at 2:54 p.m. Council reconvened in at 3:16 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 3:31 p.m. and reconvened at 4:16 p.m. Council adjourned at 4:18 p.m..

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:01 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 – January 14, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the minutes of January 14, 2020 be approved as circulated.

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

Additions:

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

Council may rise and go into a private In Camera session, in accordance with Section 19 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, for the purpose of dealing with the following:

17.6 SECURITY MATTER – Private and Confidential

18.1 Summer Street Closure

18.2 Declassification of In Camera Report - January 14, 2020 Regional Council Item 17.5 Property Matter

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSENT AGENDA*

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve agenda items 15.1.1 and 15.3.1.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Hendsbee, Karsten, Mancini, Cleary

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. HERITAGE HEARING – 1:00 P.M.

12.1 Case H00469 – Request to include 5381 Spring Garden Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Heritage Advisory Committee dated November 28, 2019 with attached staff report dated September 9, 2019 and Evaluation Criteria Scoring Summary
- A staff presentation dated February 11, 2020
- An extract from Halifax Regional Council Minutes – December 10, 2019

Heritage Hearing date set at Regional Council on December 10, 2019.

Mayor Savage opened the Heritage Hearing and invited staff to present on Case H00469.

Aaron Murnaghan, Principal Planner, provided a presentation on Case H00469 and explained that the application is for consideration for the property to be given heritage site designation. Murnaghan noted that heritage site designation will provide flexibility in consideration of the landscape elements and the broader history of the site, as opposed to a typical heritage application providing heritage property designation, which would focus on the building on the site.

Responding to a question from Council, Murnaghan clarified that heritage site designation offers the same level of protection as heritage property designation but that the focus of the registration is on the entire property and not just a building. Murnaghan noted that the heritage property designation provides flexibility should a building need to be used for a new purpose as the building is only one of several aspects of the registration. They confirmed that Halifax Regional Municipality is the registered property owner.

Responding to a further query from Council, Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that there is an understanding with the Province that could allow for the Municipality to redevelop of the building on the site on condition that the Municipality consults publicly, engages with First Nations and Regional Council approves the plan. Dubé confirmed that discussions are also ongoing with the Province regarding conditions for formal transfer of the property to the Municipality.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Heritage Hearing for Case H00469 close.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the request to include 5381 Spring Garden Road in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 9, 2019, as a municipal heritage area under the Heritage Property Act.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach, Karsten, Mancini, Cleary

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

The Clerk advised that no correspondence has been received by the Municipal Clerk's Office for items on the February 11, 2020 agenda.

13.2 Petitions – None

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Public Transportation Assistance Program Contribution Agreement*

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 1, 2020

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

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign the attached contribution agreement with the Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage, to receive \$2,000,000 in funding under the Public Transportation Assistance Program for capital investments for Halifax Transit.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Hendsbee, Karsten, Mancini, Cleary

15.1.2 District 4 Aquatic Report

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 23, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to proceed with the following options for outdoor aquatic features or facilities in District 4:

1. Evaluate the following two options for public access to natural water bodies to determine their suitability for recreational opportunities:

a) Morris Lake – owned by the Kiwanis Club of Cole Harbour

b) Bissett Lake – owned by HRM

2. Establish a new supervised beach if one of the sites is deemed suitable;

3. Investigate the feasibility of repurposing the small wading pool at the Cole Harbour Outdoor Pool Complex, located at 609 Colby Drive to a splash pad; and

4. Defer evaluation of potential locations for a stand-alone splash pad in District 4, until prioritized in the Long-Term Aquatic Strategy.

Councillor Nicoll requested an amendment to the motion to replace the words “defer evaluation” with “continue evaluation”.

In response to a question from Council, Angela Green, Manager of Recreation Programming, confirmed that all of the sites identified in the long-term aquatic strategy will be addressed.

The amendment was considered friendly by Council.

The motion before Council is as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Austin

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a) Morris Lake – owned by the Kiwanis Club of Cole Harbour

b) Bissett Lake – owned by HRM

2. Establish a new supervised beach if one of the sites is deemed suitable;

3. Investigate the feasibility of repurposing the small wading pool at the Cole Harbour Outdoor Pool Complex, located at 609 Colby Drive to a splash pad; and

4. Continue evaluation of potential locations for a stand-alone splash pad in District 4, until prioritized in the Long-Term Aquatic Strategy.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach, Karsten, Cleary

15.1.3 Splash Pad Proposal - Friends of the Dartmouth Splashpad and Park

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 23, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. Proceed with the Dartmouth Splash Pad at the Dartmouth Commons site, pending the provision of full funding as per the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated January 23, 2020; and

2. Continue to work with the Friends of the Dartmouth Splash Pad and Park community group to secure the funding for the project.

Denise Schofield, Director, Parks and Recreation, advised that should Council approve the motion, potential funding opportunities, including naming rights and Provincial funding, would be considered.

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

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Hendsbee, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Walker, Zurawski, Whitman, Russell, Outhit

Against: Councillor Adams

Not present: Councillor Streach, Karsten, Cleary

15.1.4 Item 1 – Award - Request for Proposal (RFP) 19-059 SAP Implementation Program and Item 2 – Sole Sourcing to the Province of Nova Scotia

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 22, 2020
- A staff presentation dated February 11, 2020

Sarah Teal, Chief Information Officer, gave a presentation on SAP: HR and Finance Business Transformation Program.

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Award a fixed fee contract for the Program Management Services detailed in RFP 19-059, SAP Implementation Program to Deloitte Inc. with a value of \$3,128,580 (net HST included) plus approved expenses as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated January 22, 2020, subject to the negotiation of a Master Services Agreement that is agreeable to and is executed by the Municipality's Chief Administrative Officer.**
- 2. Approve the Standing Offer for Technical Project Resources for the provision of implementation and future solution management services on an as required, as requested basis as detailed in RFP 19-059, SAP Implementation Program Team, including the option to extend that standing offer for the life of the Master Services Agreement with an initial maximum total purchase limit of \$17,400,000 with funding from the remaining balance in the Project Account identified in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated January 22, 2020 as well as any additional multi-year budget proposed to the Budget Committee January 7, 2020.**
- 3. Direct the Municipality's Chief Administrative Officer to enter into an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and ancillary contracts with Province of Nova Scotia, its contractors and/or affiliates as required to purchase access to and use of SAP S4/HANA and SAP SuccessFactors licenses and services at an initial estimated value of \$2,400,000 that includes (i) the option to add additional modules offered by SAP Canada Inc. and its affiliates over time and the option to extend the term(s) of the MOU and ancillary contracts, and (ii) key terms identified by staff which meet with the satisfaction of the Chief Administrative Officer.**
- 4. Subject to the allocation and availability of budgeted funds specified for this purpose, delegate to the Chief Administrative Officer the authority to exercise options found in the MOU and ancillary contracts referenced in recommendation (c), to a maximum of \$1,250,000.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten

15.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM, Tax Relief to Non-Profit Organizations Administrative Order - Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program - Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Part 3 – Proposed Amendments to Schedules

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated January 21, 2020 with attached report from the Grants Committee dated December 3, 2019 and staff recommendation report dated November 7, 2019

Notice of Motion given on January 28, 2020.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve:

- 1. Reinstatement of Abenaki Aquatic Club, 20A-22 Swanton Drive, Dartmouth and the Senobe Aquatic Club, 8 Nowlan Street and a Portion of PID#00636290 Prince Albert Road, Dartmouth to Schedule 26, effective April 1, 2019, at a combined estimated cost of \$21,948 from Operating Account M311-8006;**
- 2. Reinstatement of the Atlantic Division Association - Canoe-Kayak Canada, 34 Boathouse Lane, Dartmouth to Schedule 27, effective April 1, 2019, at an estimated cost of \$5,255 from Operating Account M311-8006;**
- 3. Removal of ABC Housing Cooperative Limited, 1F Arklow Drive, Dartmouth, from Schedule 30,**

effective April 1, 2019, at an estimated saving of \$323 to the tax relief program;

4. A grant equivalent to the award previously received under the tax relief program to the Association of Special Needs Recreation, 82 Cobblestone Lane, Musquodoboit Harbour; Sackville NS Lions Club, 101 Beaver Bank Road, Beaver Bank; and the South End Daycare, 5594 Morris Street, Halifax, at a combined total estimated cost of \$29,801 from Operating Account M311-8006;

5. Minor housekeeping corrections to Schedule 26; and

6. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM as set out in Attachments A, B and C in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated November 7, 2019 and replace Schedules 26, 27 and 30 of the Administrative Order.

Councillor Blackburn proposed an amendment to the motion to correct the address for the Sackville NS Lions Club:

“...101 Old Beaver Bank Road, Sackville”

This was considered a friendly amendment by Council.

The motion before Council is as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Whitman

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2. Reinstatement of the Atlantic Division Association - Canoe-Kayak Canada, 34 Boathouse Lane, Dartmouth to Schedule 27, effective April 1, 2019, at an estimated cost of \$5,255 from Operating Account M311-8006;

3. Removal of ABC Housing Cooperative Limited, 1F Arklow Drive, Dartmouth, from Schedule 30, effective April 1, 2019, at an estimated saving of \$323 to the tax relief program;

4. A grant equivalent to the award previously received under the tax relief program to the Association of Special Needs Recreation, 82 Cobblestone Lane, Musquodoboit Harbour; Sackville NS Lions Club, 101 Old Beaver Bank Road, Sackville; and the South End Daycare, 5594 Morris Street, Halifax, at a combined total estimated cost of \$29,801 from Operating Account M311-8006;

5. Minor housekeeping corrections to Schedule 26; and

6. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM as set out in Attachments A, B and C in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated November 7, 2019 and replace Schedules 26, 27 and 30 of the Administrative Order.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten

15.3 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Inclusion on Ride Share Discussions*

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Executive Standing Committee dated January 30, 2020 with attached report from the Advisory Committee on Accessibility dated January 21, 2020

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

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct that the Advisory Committee on Accessibility be consulted

in ride share discussions with the Province and transportation network companies.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Hendsbee, Karsten, Mancini, Cleary

15.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.4.1 Case H00471 - Evaluation of Potential Heritage Resources in Downtown Halifax – Report #2

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Heritage Advisory Committee dated February 4, 2020 with attached staff recommendation report dated January 7, 2020 and Heritage Streetscapes Scoring Criteria

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for heritage hearings to consider the inclusion of:

- 1. 1445 Brenton Street and 1447 Brenton Street, Halifax as shown on Map 1, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as municipal heritage properties identified as the “Bracketted Mirror-Image House”;**
- 2. 1528-36 Brunswick Street, Halifax, as shown on Map 1, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as municipal heritage property identified as the “Dr. William Jakeman House”;**
- 3. 1717 Brunswick Street, Halifax, as shown on Map 1, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as a municipal heritage property identified as the “Salvation Army Citadel”;**
- 4. 1512 Dresden Row and 1518 Dresden Row, Halifax, as shown on Map 1, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as municipal heritage properties identified as the “Richard O’Neill Houses”;**
- 5. 1569 Dresden Row and 1579 Dresden Row, Halifax, as shown on Map 1, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as municipal heritage properties identified as the “Britannia Terrace”;**
- 6. 5562-66 Sackville Street, Halifax, as shown on Map 1, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as a municipal heritage property identified as the “MT&T Company Exchange”;**
- 7. 1477 South Park Street, Halifax, as shown on Map 1, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as a municipal heritage property identified as the “Richard Gorham House”;**
- 8. 5635-37 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, as shown on Map 1, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as a municipal heritage property identified as the “A.H. Buckley Building”.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten

16. MOTIONS

16.1 Mayor Savage

The following was before Council:

- A Request for Council’s Consideration Form from Mayor Savage

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

MOVED by Mayor Savage, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to prepare a report to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee outlining possibilities 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 (Grumman-style truck), and for the Audit and Finance Standing Committee to make a recommendation to Regional Council.

Responding to a question from Council, Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that funding for the capital grant would likely come from fiscal contingency.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach, Karsten

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – January 14, 2020

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of January 14, 2020 approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to in camera to discuss items 17.2 Personnel Matter – Private and Confidential Report, 17.5 Property Matter – Private and Confidential Report, and 17.6 Security Matter – Private and Confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.2 Personnel Matter – *Private and Confidential Report*

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and no further action was taken.

17.3 Personnel Matter – *Private and Confidential Report*

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff report dated January 30, 2020

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated January 30, 2020; and**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential report dated January 30, 2020 to the public until the conditions as outlined in the report have been met.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach, Karsten and Mason

17.4 Personnel Matter – *Private and Confidential Report*

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff report dated January 30, 2020

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated January 30, 2020; and**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential report dated January 30, 2020 to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach, Karsten and Mason

17.5 Property Matter – *Private and Confidential Report*

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated January 20, 2020; and**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential report dated January 20, 2020 to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach, Karsten, and Whitman

17.6 Security Matter – *Private and Confidential*

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and no further action was taken.

18. ADDED ITEMS

18.1 Summer Street Closure

This matter was added to the agenda during the setting of the agenda

The following was before Council:

- Image – Summer Street Closure

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Whitman,

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the CAO, in cooperation with the Province, to initiate the process to close a portion of the west side of Summer Street to permit the Province to co-locate the QEII Parkade and Physical Plant with the main QEII site.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

18.2 Declassification of In Camera Report – January 14, 2020 Regional Council Item 17.5 Property Matter

This matter was added to the agenda during the setting of the agenda

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to declassify the In Camera (In Private) report, 17.5 Property Matter of January 14th, 2020, as redacted, and release it to the public.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Mancini (reading for Councillor Mason)

“TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I propose to introduce Administrative Order 2019-001-GOV, *The Elections Administrative Order*, the purpose of which is to clarify the use of municipal assets by Members of Council who are candidates for federal, provincial and municipal elections.”

19.2 Councillor Smith

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 25, 2020, I intend to move that Council consider adopting, by policy, a Public Participation Program, the purpose of which is to obtain input from stakeholders and the public at large on the five-year review of the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (RMPS), and any proposed amendments to the RMPS and all secondary municipal planning strategies and land use by-laws as a result of the review.”

19.3 Councillor Smith

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 25, 2020, I intend to move that Council request a staff report to investigate the feasibility of implementing or supporting sobering centres and/or managed alcohol programs, and this report should include:

1. Jurisdictional scan of other municipalities that have sobering centres and/or manage alcohol programs including Campbell River BC & Port Albony BC models. This should also outline financial contributions or budgetary impacts directly to Police and overall budgets.
2. Stakeholder engagement that includes service providers that support individuals who are experiencing homelessness and/or drug using population, such as Mobile Outreach Street Health (MOSH), Housing & Homelessness Partnership & Direct 180. Also including organizations that support African Nova Scotian, and Indigenous communities.
3. Data that outlines the number of individuals that have been placed in public intoxication cells in HRM, repeat intakes (i.e., the number of placements annually vs. the number of unique individuals placed), number of deaths, serious injuries, or other investigations related to the care of detainees in HRP or RCMP detention, and demographic data (i.e., age, race, gender, etc. of individuals detained) if collected.”

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy
A/Municipal Clerk