



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
January 26, 2021**

PRESENT:

Mayor	Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor	Tim Outhit
Councillors	Cathy Deagle Gammon
	David Hendsbee
	Becky Kent
	Trish Purdy
	Sam Austin
	Tony Mancini
	Waye Mason
	Lindell Smith
	Shawn Cleary
	Kathryn Morse
	Patty Cuttell
	Iona Stoddard
	Pam Lovelace
	Lisa Blackburn
	Paul Russell

STAFF:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Jill McGillicuddy, Legislative Assistant
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant

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**Halifax Regional Council Special Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2021**

The special meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m., and recessed at 3:10 p.m. Council reconvened in at 3:35p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 4:42 p.m. and reconvened at 5:08 p.m. Council adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 12, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the minutes of January 12, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Additions: - NONE

Deletions: - NONE

Deferred: To the February 23, 2021 meeting of Regional Council

7.1 Case 20396 – Planning Policy Review of the Burnside Comprehensive Development District

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – January 12, 2021

7.1 Case 20396 – Planning Policy Review of the Burnside Comprehensive Development District

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 18, 2020

During the approval of the order of business, this matter was deferred to the February 23, 2021 meeting of Regional Council.

7.2 Case 22332 – Amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland near Dunbrack Street, Halifax - Supplementary Report

The following was before Council:

- A Halifax and West Community Council report dated December 24, 2020 with attached staff recommendation report dated October 15, 2020
- A supplementary staff report dated January 15, 2021
- A staff presentation dated January 26, 2021
- Correspondence from Sue Virk, Sudarshan Virk Goomar and Jagjit Goomar, Bruce E. Smith, Wendy McDonald, Yue Xiao (Jessica), Bernie Beaton, Bill Campbell on behalf of Walk 'n Roll Halifax, Jason Shannon on behalf of Shannex, and Maureen Manuge

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council amend the recommendation from Halifax and West Community Council from the report dated December 24, 2020 to read as follows:

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated January 15, 2021, to:

- a. Create a new designation and zone to permit high density redevelopment at 210 & 214 Willett Street, Halifax;**
 - b. Amend the zoning for certain low-density residential properties to better match existing development; and**
 - c. Rezone parkland to the Park and Institutional Zone**
- and schedule a public hearing.**

Sean Gillis, Planner II, Urban Plan Amendments, gave a presentation titled, "Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments for the R-4 Zone along Dunbrack and Willett Streets" and responded to questions from Council..

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland as set out in Attachments A and C of the staff report dated January 15, 2021, to:

- a. Create a new designation and zone to permit high density redevelopment at 210 & 214 Willett Street, Halifax;**
 - b. Amend the zoning for certain low-density residential properties to better match existing development; and**
 - c. Rezone parkland to the Park and Institutional Zone**
- and schedule a public hearing.**

Councillor Morse proposed the following motion:

THAT the motion be amended such that 210 and 212 Lacewood Drive and PID 40293342, located between 236 and 212 Lacewood Drive as shown on Map C-1 shall remain zoned R-4.

As per Section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The question was called on the amended motion as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland as set out in Attachments A and C of the staff report dated January 15, 2021, to

- a. Create a new designation and zone to permit high density redevelopment at 210 & 214 Willett Street, Halifax;**
 - b. Amend the zoning for certain low-density residential properties to better match existing development, except that 210 and 212 Lacewood Drive and PID 40293342, located between 236 and 212 Lacewood Drive as shown on Map C-1 shall remain zoned R-4; and**
 - c. Rezone parkland to the Park and Institutional Zone,**
- and schedule a public hearing.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items: 7.2, 11.1.1, 11.1.3, 12.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

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

9.2 Petitions – NONE

9.3 Presentations - NONE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – January 12, 2021

10.1 Councillor Lovelace – HalifACT Interim Report

The following was before Council:

- An information report dated November 27, 2020

Shannon Miedema, Environment & Energy Program Manager, responded to questions from members of Council and outlined the interactions between the contents of the report and the *Coastal Protection Act*.

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Award Report – Request for Proposals No. 20-085, Collection and Transportation of Source-Separated Solid Waste

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 13, 2021
- A staff presentation dated January 26, 2021
- Correspondence from Timothy White

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council award RFP No. 20-085, Collection and Transportation of Source-Separated Solid Waste, to the highest scoring proponents in Areas 1 to 8 in accordance with the requirements of the RFP, for the total bid price of \$75,896,338.31 (net HST included) over five years as follows and as outlined in Table 3 of the staff report dated January 13, 2021:

- Area 1: Halifax to Royal Environmental in the amount of \$15,070,797.55 (including net HST)
- Area 2: Dartmouth to Royal Environmental in the amount of \$10,256,972.24 (including net HST)
- Area 3: Bedford, Hammonds Plains to Royal Environmental in the amount of \$6,677,348.63 (including net HST)
- Area 4: Western County to Green For Life Environmental in the amount of \$8,828,465.27 (including net HST)
- Area 5: Sackville, Beaver Bank, Fall River, Waverley to Royal Environmental in the amount of \$12,316,074.61 (including net HST)
- Area 6: Cole Harbour, Eastern Passage, Cow Bay to Royal Environmental in the amount of \$7,875,333.25 (including net HST);
- Area 7: Porters Lake, Preston, Chezzetcook to Miller Waste in the amount of \$6,882,457.11 (including net HST);
- Area 8: Eastern Shore, Musquodoboit Valley to Leo J Beazley in the amount of \$7,988,889.65 (including net HST).

Andrew Philopoulos, Manager of Solid Waste Resources, gave a presentation titled, "Award Report RFP-20-085: Collection and Transportation of Source-Separated Solid Waste" and responded to questions from Council.

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor Responded to questions from Council and advised that any discussion of the contract details should be held In Camera (In Private).

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT further discussion on the motion be deferred to an In Camera session.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Following the In Camera session, the question was called on the motion as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Kent

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- **Area 8: Eastern Shore, Musquodoboit Valley to Leo J Beazley in the amount of \$7,988,889.65 (including net HST).**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.2 Endorsement of Millbrook Reserve on Shannon Park Lands

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 19, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the Mayor to write a letter on behalf of Halifax Regional Council endorsing the Millbrook First Nation's creation of a reserve on a section of the Shannon Park Lands and confirming the Municipality's intention to enter into a Municipal Services Agreement with Millbrook First Nation; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to initiate negotiation of a Municipal Services Agreement with Millbrook First Nation when the reserve is formally approved, and the development process commences.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.3 Proposed Disposal of Park West School Park

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 13, 2021
- Correspondence from Wendy McDonald

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to:

- 1. Work with the Province of Nova Scotia to undertake a community consultation on the possible disposal of the Park West School Park land (identified as PIDs 40682411, 40724619, 40774077) to the Province for the proposed school, as outlined in the staff report dated January 13, 2021;**
- 2. Give notice in accordance with *Charter* Section 283(14), of the Municipality's intention to consider the disposal of the said Municipal parkland at a future Regional Council meeting; and**
- 3. Subject to the community consultation, return to Regional Council for consideration of the proposed disposal of the said Municipal parkland pursuant to the Intergovernmental Transfer provisions under Administrative Order 50 and Administrative Order 2018-004.**

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, clarified that discussions regarding Municipally-owned land and the potential to swap pieces of land with the Province of Nova Scotia are ongoing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.4 AN108 - HRM Asset Names November 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 13, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the addition of the name Janet Kitz to the existing Commemorative Names List as shown on Attachment A of the staff report dated January 13, 2021;**
- 2. Approve the administrative park names as shown on Attachment B of the staff report dated January 13, 2021;**
- 3. a) Approve the name Shirley's Splash Pad as the approved municipal park feature asset name for the proposed Dartmouth Common Splash Pad in memory of Shirley Clarke pursuant to the gifting section of Administrative Order 46; and**
b) Accept the proposed \$110,000 community gift from the Clarke family to be applied to the capital costs of the development of the proposed Dartmouth Common Splash Pad.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.5 Update on Halifax Convention Centre (Verbal Update)

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a verbal update regarding the potential use of the Halifax Convention Centre as a temporary shelter. Jacques Dubé noted that the Halifax Convention Centre is one of the only spaces able to host events in downtown Halifax, and that updates are being made to the building since public gathering restrictions were put in place. It was noted that given the current use of the Convention Centre, that the focus of the space continue to be meeting its purpose in hosting regional events.

12. MOTIONS

12.1 Councillor Lovelace

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Jason Reid, D. Moore, Melanie McIvor and Matthew Morash, Maureen Moore, Jane Andrews, Lee Murphy, Chloe Mennier, Maryline Raymond, James Falcone, Allison Kiley, Maureen Acker, Lois Knight, Donna Langille, Lynn Meisner, and Susy MacGillivray

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee.

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report with respect to funding a portion of the Hubbards Streetscape Project Community Plan.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

13.1 PERSONNEL MATTER - *Private and Confidential Report*

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated January 15, 2021; and**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated January 15, 2021 to the public**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera to discuss item 11.1.1.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Private and Confidential Information Items

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

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 Councillor Russell

TAKE NOTICE that at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on February 9, 2021, I propose to move a motion to request a staff report on for presentation to Council by September 2021, that defines what a "small business" is for the purpose of taxation, and includes such factors as:

- A cross-jurisdictional scan of similar municipalities across Canada
- Home-operated businesses
- Businesses that own their own property
- Tenant businesses that are in a leased space
- The number of employees and
- Gross revenue or income

This definition should focus on those businesses that pay property tax and should recognize that some small businesses, such as tenant businesses operating in a leased space, may not fit under this definition.

14.2 Councillor Cleary

TAKE NOTICE that at the February 9th, 2021 meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to bring a motion forward that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on developing a plan to restore and preserve Sir Sandford Fleming Cottage, a registered heritage property owned by the municipality and situated in Sir Sandford Fleming Park.

14.3 Councillor Morse

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 establish a program to consider amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy for Halifax and the Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland to zone 60 and 62 Main Avenue to C-2C (Dutch Village Road Mixed Use) and to consider amendments to the C-2C Zone standards.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk