



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
September 13, 2022**

**PRESENT:**                      Councillors:    Tim Outhit, Acting Chair  
   Cathy Deagle Gammon  
   David Hendsbee  
   Trish Purdy  
   Sam Austin  
   Tony Mancini  
   Waye Mason  
   Lindell Smith  
   Shawn Cleary  
   Kathryn Morse  
   Patty Cuttell  
   Iona Stoddard  
   Lisa Blackburn  
   Paul Russell

**REGRETS:**                      Mayor Mike Savage  
   Deputy Mayor Pam Lovelace  
   Councillor Becky Kent

**STAFF:**                                      Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer  
   Chris Giddens, Acting Municipal Solicitor  
   Krista Vining, Acting Municipal Clerk  
   Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant  
   Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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*The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and recessed at 2:50 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened at 3:24 p.m. Council adjourned at 3:30 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

In the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Krista Vining, Acting Municipal Clerk called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT in the absence of the Deputy Mayor for the period of time from September 12 through September 16, 2022, inclusive, Council hereby:**

- 1. appoints Councillor Outhit as the Presiding Officer for any meetings of Regional Council; and**
- 2. authorizes Councillor Outhit to sign a deed or other document to which the Municipality is party on behalf of the Municipality, providing such deed or document is also signed by the Clerk.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillor Kent

Councillor Outhit, Acting Chair acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

## **2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Councillors noted special community announcements and acknowledgements.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 23, 2022**

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT the minutes of August 23, 2022 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions: None

Deletions:

- Item 17.3 PROPERTY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report – Information Item Brought Forward from August 23, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Russell

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillor Kent

## 5. CONSENT AGENDA

As provided for in section 41 (3) of Administrative Order One:

- Item 15.2.1 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Cuttall
- Item 15.1.7 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Hendsbee

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

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

- **15.1.1 Appointment of Development Officers;**
- **15.1.4 Oval Naming Rights;**
- **15.3.1 2022 U Sports Cross Country National Championships Funding Request; and**
- **15.3.2 Major Hosting Bid - JUNO Awards 2024 Funding Report.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillor Kent

**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. HEARINGS

**12.1 Case H00512: Request to Include 2287 Brunswick Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality**

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated June 23, 2022 with attached staff recommendation report dated May 3, 2022
- Extract from the July 12, 2022 Regional Council minutes
- Staff presentation dated September 13, 2022

Approval to set a hearing date was given on July 12, 2022.

Jenny Lugar, Planner II gave a presentation on Case H00512 the request to include 2287 Brunswick Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

The hearing opened at 1:31 p.m.

Councillor Outhit, Acting Chair invited the applicant to come forward and address Council. The applicant was not present.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

**THAT the hearing be closed.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The hearing closed at 1:32 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the request to include 2287 Brunswick Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the May 3, 2022 staff report, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillor Kent

### **13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

#### **13.1 Correspondence**

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 15.1.4 and 15.1.6.

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

#### **13.2 Petitions - None**

### **14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

### **15. REPORTS**

#### **15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

##### **15.1.1 Appointment of Development Officers**

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated August 26, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council appoint Stephanie Salloum, Laura Walsh and James Coons as Development Officers, pursuant to Subsection 258(1) of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, and that these appointments be effective for the duration of their current conditions of employment with the Halifax Regional Municipality.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillor Kent

##### **15.1.2 Public Participation Program for Supporting Amendments to Planning Documents**

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated August 30, 2022
- Extract from the August 23, 2022 Regional Council draft minutes

Notice of Motion was given on August 23, 2022.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to follow the public participation program as set out in the Discussion section of the staff report dated August 30, 2022, for the consideration of amendments to the applicable existing planning documents to make them consistent with the draft Public Participation Administrative Order.**

Shilo Gempton, Planner III, Leah Perrin, Principal Planner Regional & Community Policy and Kate Greene, Director, Regional Planning responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council indicating that consideration would be given to the timing of public engagement sessions within the planning process and initiatives to increase notice and engagement of rural communities.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillor Kent

**15.1.3 Administrative Order 50 Respecting Disposal of Surplus Real Property – A Portion of PID 40454662 44 Simmonds Road, North Preston**

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated September 1, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Smith

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve the direct sale of a Portion of PID 40454662, 44 Simmonds Road, North Preston, identified as “Parcel A” and “Parcel B” as shown in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated September 1, 2022, to the North Preston Medical Society subject to final subdivision approval as per the terms and conditions outlined in Table 1 of the staff report dated September 1, 2022; and**
- 2. With respect to the sale of Parcels “A” and “B” shown in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated September 1, 2022, authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to:**
  - a. negotiate and execute an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with the North Preston Medical Society as per the terms and conditions set out in Table 1 in the Discussion section of the staff report dated September 1, 2022; and**
  - b. direct Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a Quit Claim Deed; and**
  - c. direct staff to take all steps necessary to complete the said sale.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillor Kent

**15.1.4 Oval Naming Rights**

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated September 1, 2022
- Correspondence from Friends of Halifax Common Directors

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Award the naming rights opportunity for the Oval and Event Plaza (inclusive of building structures and surrounding area) to Emera Incorporated, subject to the negotiation of**

terms and conditions that, in the determination of HRM's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), (i) comply with Administrative Order 56, (ii) achieve the Key Negotiation Objectives as are outlined in Table 1 of the private and confidential in camera report dated July 27, 2022, and (iii) is in the best interest of the Municipality;

2. Authorize and direct the CAO to execute a naming rights agreement for the Oval and Event Plaza that, in his determination and to his satisfaction, aligns with Council's directives as described in the above motion;
3. Authorize the Executive Director, Parks & Recreation, to enter into further amending agreement(s) to temporarily extend the term of the current naming rights agreement between HRM and Emera, if the Executive Director determines there is a need for such extension(s) while negotiations are ongoing; and
4. Not release the private and confidential in camera report dated July 27, 2022 to the public until the naming rights agreement has been executed, and then only to the extent required by law.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillor Kent

**15.1.5 Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) Survey on Service Exchange**

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated September 1, 2022
- Staff presentation dated September 13, 2022

Mike Pappas, Manager, Corporate Planning gave a presentation on the results of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) Survey on Service Exchange and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the Council Survey Report (Attachment 2 of the staff report dated September 1, 2022) as Halifax Regional Council's official response to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) Membership Survey to Support the Service Exchange Renegotiation and MGA Review Committee and direct the CAO to forward the report to NSFM.**

Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer advised Regional Council that the Support the Service Exchange Renegotiation and MGA Review Committee was aware of the desire to request that the Province provide details regarding mandatory contributions for education, corrections and housing.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillor Kent

**15.1.6 Initiation of Planning Document Amendments for Market Gardens**

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated August 22, 2022

- Extract from the August 9, 2022 Regional Council minutes
- Correspondence from Pat Fogarty (Fogarty's Market Garden)

Notice of Motion was given on August 9, 2022.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:**

- 1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Halifax Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and all applicable community municipal planning strategies and land-use by-laws as necessary to simplify, consolidate and remove barriers to the development of market gardens, consistent with the proposed policy direction outlined within the Discussion section of the staff report dated August 22, 2022, and**
- 2. Follow the public participation program as set out in the community engagement section of the staff report dated August 22, 2022.**

Brandon Umpherville, Planner II responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillor Kent

#### **15.1.7 Building Safer Communities Fund – Public Safety Canada**

The following was before Council:

- Revised staff recommendation report dated August 30, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council accept funding from the Building Safer Communities Fund and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the contribution agreement when received from Public Safety Canada.**

Amy Siciliano, Public Safety Advisor responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillor Kent

#### **15.2 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE**

##### **15.2.1 Naturalization Strategy**

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated July 27, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to expand the naturalization pilot to a municipal-wide program and include \$150,000 in the 2023/24 operating budget for Regional Council's consideration to support the program.**

Richard Harvey, Manager, Policy & Planning and Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillor Kent

**15.3 SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**15.3.1 2022 U Sports Cross Country National Championships Funding Request**

The following was before Council:

- Special Events Advisory Committee report dated August 24, 2022 with attached staff recommendation report dated August 16, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve an event grant in the amount of \$15,000, from the 2022/2023 Community and Events Reserve, Q621, to fund Saint Mary's University for the 2022 U Sports Cross Country National Championships event contingent on the in-person event taking place.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillor Kent

**15.3.2 Major Hosting Bid - JUNO Awards 2024 Funding Report**

The following was before Council:

- Special Events Advisory Committee report dated August 24, 2022 with attached staff recommendation report dated August 16, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve a contribution, in the amount of \$750,000, to The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) for hosting rights to host the 2024 JUNO Awards contingent on Halifax being selected as the host city.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillor Kent

**15.4 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**15.4.1 Councillor Deagle Gammon - Canal Cays, Wellington, Opportunities for Development**

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council consideration form from Councillor Deagle Gammon

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report directing the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to consider opportunities for development of properties on Canal Cays, Wellington, during**



**Phase 5 of the Regional Plan Review. This review should consider, at minimum: options for public road access; the relationship to the Kinloch subdivision and the Aerotech Connector Road; and environmental protection measures.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Kent, Russell

**16. MOTIONS – NONE**

**17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 17.2 PROPERTY MATTER and Item 17.4 PERSONNEL MATTER.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – August 23, 2022**

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of August 23, 2022 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillor Kent

**17.2 PROPERTY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report – Information Item Brought Forward from August 23, 2022**

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

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

**THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the direction given during the In Camera (In Private) session of September 13, 2022.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillor Kent

**17.4 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report**

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

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated August 31, 2022; and**

2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated August 31, 2022 be maintained private and confidential.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillor Kent

**Private and Confidential Information Items**

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

**18. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**19. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**19.1 Councillor Cuttell**

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move First Reading of proposed By-law S-450, amending By-law S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements, the purpose of which is to make amendments to impose local improvement charges to recover a portion of the cost of paving HRM and Provincially owned and maintained gravel roads for Bayshore Drive, Tidal Way, Delmerle Drive, Birchpond Court, Tara Drive, River Court, and Maple Drive.

**19.2 Councillor Mason**

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move First Reading of proposed By-law B-800, Business Operating Hours in Residential Neighbourhoods, the purpose of which is to establish opening hours for local commercial uses and restaurant uses within established residential areas of the Regional Centre.

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Krista Vining  
Acting Municipal Clerk