



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
January 26, 2016**

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Savage  
Deputy Mayor Matt Whitman  
Councillors: Barry Dalrymple  
David Hendsbee  
Bill Karsten  
Lorelei Nicoll  
Gloria McCluskey  
Waye Mason  
Jennifer Watts  
Linda Mosher  
Russell Walker  
Stephen Adams  
Reg Rankin  
Brad Johns  
Steve Craig  
Tim Outhit

STAFF: Mr. John Traves, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. Karen Brown, Acting Municipal Solicitor  
Mr. Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk  
Mr. Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and recessed at 2:17 p.m. Council reconvened in at 2:42 p.m. Council recessed at 5:14 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m. Council adjourned at 8:36 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order in Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax 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 – NONE**

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

13. Information Items Brought Forward

- 13.1 Councillor Adams – Options for Contaminated Well Water
- 13.2 Councillor Hendsbee – Seniors Snow Removal Program Update

17. Added Items:

- 17.1 Councillor Adams – Leave of Absence Request – Councillor Mosher
- 17.2 Councillor Adams – Discovery Centre Funding
- 17.3 Councillor Karsten – Crosswalk Flag Program
- 17.4 Councillor Mason – New South End School Gym enhancements

16.2 In Camera (In Private)

Private and Confidential Information Items:

- 1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Canada Games Naming Rights

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

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

Two-third majority vote required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

**6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

**7. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**

**8. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**

**9. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – January 12, 2016**

**9.1 Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency Operational Staffing (Supplementary Information Report)**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 24, 2015
- A supplementary staff information report dated January 20, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Watts

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Supplement existing career staffing at Station 4 (Lady Hammond Road) and Station 13 (King Street) with a complement of volunteer firefighters so they become permanent composite stations;**
- 2. Add career firefighters at Station 8 (Bedford), Station 16 (Eastern Passage), Station 17 (Cole Harbour), and Station 58 (Lakeside) in order to staff each with crews of 4 career firefighters 24-7;**
- 3. Add additional career firefighters at Station 2 (University Avenue) and Station 12 (Highfield Park) to staff the two aerials with crews of 4 career firefighters 24-7; and**
- 4. The cost of these staffing changes to be applied to the general tax rate.**

In response to questions of clarification from members of Halifax Regional Council, Chief Doug Trussler Halifax Fire & Emergency Services (HRFE) advised that the overtime budget currently sits at \$1.189 million and noted that in his opinion, the provisions within the motion will adequately resource Fire Services in HRM.

With respect to Volunteer Recruitment, Chief Trussler advised that staff is actively working on its volunteer recruitment process.

In response to concerns raised by Councillor Dalrymple, Mr. John Traves, Acting Chief Administrative Officer advised that staff is currently working on a report in relation to increasing the honorariums for volunteer firefighters. He commented that if there is a desire by Regional Council for the increased honorarium to be considered for the current fiscal year, it would have to be forwarded to the Audit & Finance Standing Committee for consideration and a recommendation to Regional Council. He further noted that the report can also be considered within the context of upcoming 2016-17 budget.

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Karsten

**THAT the Halifax Regional Council request that information on increasing the current honorarium for volunteer fire fighters be brought forward for the upcoming Halifax Fire and Emergency Services Committee of the Whole (Budget) Presentation with an accompanying staff report outlining options.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

During the debate on the matter, Council expressed concern regarding the appropriate level of staffing for aerial trucks.

Mayor Savage vacated his seat as Chair with Deputy Mayor Whitman assuming the Chair.

In response to a question from Mayor Savage, Chief Trussler replied in the affirmative and noted the ability to safely and efficiently respond to fire emergencies within the service standard.

Mayor Savage resumed as Chair.

Deputy Mayor Whitman proposed the following amendment to the recommendation number three of the main motion:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Whitman, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**THAT Halifax Regional Council staff the two aerials with crews of 2 career firefighters 24-7.**

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED** (14 in favour; 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Whitman; Councillors Dalrymple; Karsten; Nicoll; McCluskey; Mason; Watts; Walker; Adams; Rankin; Johns; Craig; Outhit

Against: Councillor Hendsbee

Not Present: Councillor Mosher

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Watts

The motion before Council now reads:

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Supplement existing career staffing at Station 4 (Lady Hammond Road) and Station 13 (King Street) with a complement of volunteer firefighters so they become permanent composite stations;**
- 2. Add career firefighters at Station 8 (Bedford), Station 16 (Eastern Passage), Station 17 (Cole Harbour), and Station 58 (Lakeside) in order to staff each with crews of 4 career firefighters 24-7;**
- 3. Add additional career firefighters at Station 2 (University Avenue) and Station 12 (Highfield Park) to staff the two aerials with crews of two career firefighters 24-7; and**
- 4. The cost of these staffing changes to be applied to the general tax rate.**

A request was made for a split vote, as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Watts

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Supplement existing career staffing at Station 4 (Lady Hammond Road) and Station 13 (King Street) with a complement of volunteer firefighters so they become permanent composite stations;**

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

In favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Whitman; Councillors Dalrymple; Hendsbee; Karsten; Nicoll; McCluskey; Mason; Watts; Mosher; Walker; Adams; Johns; Craig; Outhit

Against: Councillor Rankin

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Watts

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

2. **Add career firefighters at Station 8 (Bedford), Station 16 (Eastern Passage), Station 17 (Cole Harbour), and Station 58 (Lakeside) in order to staff each with crews of 4 career firefighters 24-7;**

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

In favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Whitman; Councillors Dalrymple; Hendsbee; Karsten; Nicoll; McCluskey; Watts; Mosher; Walker; Adams; Rankin; Johns; Craig; Outhit

Against: Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Watts

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

3. **Add additional career firefighters at Station 2 (University Avenue) and Station 12 (Highfield Park) to staff the two aerials with crews of two career firefighters 24-7; and**

**MOTION, AS AMENDED, PUT AND PASSED.** (15 In favour; 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Whitman; Councillors Dalrymple; Karsten; Nicoll; McCluskey; Mason; Watts; Mosher; Walker; Adams; Rankin; Johns; Craig; Outhit

Against: Councillor Hendsbee

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Watts

**THAT:**

4. **The cost of these staffing changes to be applied to the general tax rate.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (13 in favour; 3 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Whitman; Councillors Dalrymple; Hendsbee; Karsten; McCluskey; Nicoll; Watts; Mosher; Adams; Johns; Craig; Outhit

Against: Councillors Mason; Walker; Rankin

**10. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE**

**11. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**11.1 Case 01192 – Halifax Stanfield International Airport – Regulation of Adjacent Development (Supplementary Report)**

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting, please refer to pages 10-12.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**12.1 Correspondence**

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for item 11.1.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

**12.2 Petitions**

**12.2.1 Councillor Adams**

Councillor Adams submitted a petition of 2088 signatures in support of maintaining Halifax Transit Route #402. He thanked the submitter for providing the petition.

**12.3 Presentation - NONE**

**13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD**

**13.1 Councillor Adams – Options for Contaminated Well Water**

The following was before Council:

- A Councillor Request for Consideration Form

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple

**THAT Halifax Regional Council include Information Report Item 8 from January 12, 2016 Regional Council agenda on Options for Contaminated Well Water to the Regional Council Agenda for January 26, 2016 for discussion and request a staff report. Staff report will be to include Harriestfield Williamswood area to the proposed Federal Infrastructure Funding request under consideration for the completion of the Herring Cover Sewer and Water Project.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. John Traves, Acting Chief Administrative Officer advised that staff will provide a report to Council following further discussions with the Federal Government respecting Councils priorities and the federal infrastructure list.

In response to commentary from Councillor Adams, Mr. Traves requested that Council provide direction within the motion for staff report to provide a recommendation so that a clear direction to staff is provided.

**13.2 Councillor Hendsbee – Seniors Snow Removal Program Update**

The following was before Council:

- A Councillor Request for Consideration Form

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Karsten

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request that Information Report Item 2, Seniors Snow Removal Program Update, be added as regular agenda item for discussion. In addition, that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to find the necessary resources of \$61,500 to fund the remaining waiting list of 71 clients for this winter season.**

Mr. Bruce Zvaniga, Director of Transportation and Public Works advised members of Regional Council that the number of those on the waiting list was provided by the program administrators at the YMCA who oversee the program.

Several members of Council noted concerns with opening up a new list at the current point in the season and requested further information from staff pertaining to the resources required to effectively manage the program when it is brought forward next year.

**MOTON PUT AND DEFEATED. ( 6 in favor; 10 against)**

In Favour: Councillors Dalrymple; Hendsbee; McCluskey; Mosher; Adams; Johns

Against: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Whitman; Councillors Karsten; Nicoll; Mason; Watts; Walker; Rankin; Craig; Outhit.

#### **14. REPORTS**

##### **14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

###### **14.1.1 Sole Source Award – Konica Minolta for Halifax Public Libraries**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 21, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

**THAT Halifax Regional Council award in accordance with sole source provisions of Administrative Order 35, Section 8(11) (A) (a), "To ensure compatibility with existing products, to recognize exclusive rights, such as exclusive licences, copyright and patent rights, or to maintain specialized products that must be maintained by the manufacturer or its representative," award the contract for public multifunction printing devices for the Halifax Public Libraries to Konica Minolta, for a Total Price \$75,612.32 (net HST included), with funding from Operating Account # B012 6701, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated December 21, 2015.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

###### **14.1.2 Acquisition of Moser River Playground and Ballfield**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 7, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Direct staff to enter into negotiations to consolidate property interests at Moser River Sea Side Park and Moser River Ball field under municipal control; and**
- 2. Continue the Community Partnership Agreement with River Community Centre Association for maintenance of the properties**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

###### **14.1.3 Winter Service Standards for Streets and Sidewalks**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation January 6, 2016
- A handout outlining proposed Amendments from Councillor Mosher
- A staff presentation dated January 26, 2016

Mr. Bruce Zvaniga, Director of Transportation and Public Works introduced Ms. Beate Shannon, Coordinator and provided a brief presentation with respect to Winter Service Standards for Streets and Sidewalks.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Direct staff to submit an end of season information report to Regional Council for June 2016 evaluating the service delivered in 2015/16 under the provisions of the Street Snow & Ice Control contracts awarded on August 4, 2015, and the impacts of operational changes implemented in 2015/16 following the November 24, 2015 Sidewalk Service Improvements report; and**
2. **Direct staff to expand the scope of the report requested by Regional Council for November 2016 to include recommended changes to the Street Snow & Ice Control contracts, in addition to the previously requested recommendations on the sidewalk program, commencing the 2017/18 winter season.**

Councillor Mosher proposed the following amendments to the staff recommendation:

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Adams

**THAT the recommendation on Winter Services motion be amended to include the following:**

1. **a.) Reassessment of priority 2 streets with a slope greater than 10%, low lying natural streams or other circumstances which create public safety concerns, and that these streets be considered as priority one; and**  
**b) Retaining current standards with revised wording to provide clarity on priority 2 streets, (initial cut-through within 6 hours, after 10cm has fallen) with increased enforcement to ensure standards are being met. Plowing is to be repeated every 8 hours after initial pass. And, that improved focus on delivery to current service standards to be included when contracts are retendered after 2016/17; and**

**That the following be included in the scope of the report requested by regional Council to be presented - November 2016:**

2. **a.) An increase in standard from 18 hrs to 12 hrs for Priority 2 sidewalks; and, increase standard from 36 hrs to 24 hrs for Priority 3 sidewalks. Also include a mechanism by which residents can clear their sidewalk to our contractor-imposed standard before the contractors' arrival, and to require the contractor to lift the blade, so as to not obstruct an already cleared sidewalk.**

In response to questions, Mr. Zvaniga noted that the decision to add or subtract to service delivery for priority two sidewalks and streets would be included in the Transportation and Public Works budget presentation in November of 2016, with a tender being awarded in early 2017 for work to be completed in the winter of 2017-2018.

With respect to a question respecting sidewalk clearing, Mr. Trevor Harvie, Acting Superintendent of Winter Operations, Training & Compliance clarified that lifting the blade would be problematic logistically and could lead to potential liability issues.

Further discussion ensued with Mr. Zvaniga advising members of Council that staff will address guidelines for snow removal on cul-de-sacs in its end of year report to Council. He also noted that there was a forthcoming report in relation to By-Law S-300, Respecting Streets which will address obligations of property owners in relation to streets and sidewalks.

Councillor Walker proposed that 1 b be amended to read, 'Plowing is to be repeated *within* 8 hours after initial pass', to which Council agreed, and the mover of the motion accepted this as a friendly amendment.



The proposed amendments read now as follows:

Amendments to Part 1

- a) **Reassessment of priority 2 streets with a slope greater than 10%, low lying natural streams or other circumstances which create public safety concerns, and that these streets be considered as priority one; and**
- b) **Retaining current standards with revised wording to provide clarity on priority 2 streets, (initial cut-through within 6 hours, after 10cm has fallen) with increased enforcement to ensure standards are being met. Plowing is to be repeated within 8 hours after initial pass. And, that improved focus on delivery to current service standards to be included when contracts are retendered after 2016/17.**

Amendments to Part 2

- a) **An increase in standard from 18 hrs to 12 hrs for Priority 2 sidewalks; and, increase standard from 36 hrs to 24 hrs for Priority 3 sidewalks. Also include a mechanism by which residents can clear their sidewalk to the Municipality's contractor-imposed standard before the contractors' arrival, and to require the contractor to lift the blade, so as to not obstruct an already cleared sidewalk.**

**THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED** (11 in favour, 5 against)

In favour: Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Rankin, Johns, Craig, and Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Whitman; and Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, and Mason

The amended motion now reads:

**It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Direct staff to submit an end of season information report to Regional Council for June 2016 evaluating the service delivered in 2015/16 under the provisions of the Street Snow & Ice Control contracts awarded on August 4, 2015, and the impacts of operational changes implemented in 2015/16 following the November 24, 2015 Sidewalk Service Improvements report; and**
  - a) **Reassessment of priority 2 streets with a slope greater than 10%, low lying natural streams or other circumstances which create public safety concerns, and that these streets be considered as priority one; and**
  - b) **Retaining current standards with revised wording to provide clarity on priority 2 streets, (initial cut-through within 6 hours, after 10cm has fallen) with increased enforcement to ensure standards are being met. Plowing is to be repeated within 8 hours after initial pass. And, that improved focus on delivery to current service standards to be included when contracts are retendered after 2016/17.**
2. **Direct staff to expand the scope of the report requested by Regional Council for November 2016 to include recommended changes to the Street Snow & Ice Control contracts, in addition to the previously requested recommendations on the sidewalk program, commencing the 2017/18 winter season; and An increase in standard from 18 hrs to 12 hrs for Priority 2 sidewalks; and, increase standard from 36 hrs to 24 hrs for Priority 3 sidewalks. Also include a mechanism by which residents can clear their sidewalk to the Municipality's**

**contractor-imposed standard before the contractors' arrival, and to require the contractor to lift the blade, so as to not obstruct an already cleared sidewalk.**

**MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.** (13 in favour, 3 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage; and Councillors: Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Rankin, Johns, Craig, and Outhit.

Against: Deputy Mayor Whitman, and Councillors Dalrymple and Hendsbee.

## **14.2 NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **14.2.1 Case 20150 – Amendment to the River-lakes Secondary Plan under the Planning Districts 14 and 17 Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) to allow the use of a wider range of techniques to reduce phosphorus emissions**

The following was before Council:

- A Community Council recommendation report dated January 12, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Johns

**THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider proposed amendments to River-lakes Secondary Plan under the Planning Districts 14 and 17 Municipal Planning Strategy as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated December 11, 2015; and schedule a public hearing**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not Present: Councillor McCluskey

Council recessed at 5:14 p.m.

Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m. with all members of Council present.

## **11. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **11.1 Case 01192 – Halifax Stanfield International Airport – Regulation of Adjacent Development (Supplementary Report)**

The following was before Council:

- A supplementary report dated November 25, 2015
- A North West Community Council recommendation report dated July 24, 2015
- An extract of Regional Council minutes from December 8, 2015
- A staff presentation entitled, *Noise Contour Regulations, Halifax Stanfield International Airport*, dated January 26, 2016.
- Correspondence was submitted from: Douglas Simmons, Michael Laurie, President Oakfield Estate Limited, Murray Tate, Treasurer, Grand Lake-Oakfield Community Society; Jodi Blois; Kyle Ledwidge; and Joyce Carter, CEO Halifax International Airport Authority

Mr. David Lane, Senior Planner, provided the staff presentation with regard to proposed amendments to the Districts 14 and 17 Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law and the Regional Subdivisions By-law, the purpose of which is to limit the amount of future noise sensitive residential developments located near the Halifax Stanfield International Airport. A public hearing was held and closed on September 8, 2015 and following Council's debate, staff was directed to prepare a supplementary staff

report addressing two issues of concern: 1. Limiting the prohibition of “no new public roads” to residential land uses only; and 2. Extending the grandfathering of subdivision applications.

Mr. Lane advised that the revised amendments include, as per Regional Council’s direction of December 8, 2015:

- 10 year grandfathering of Oakfield Estates Ltd. land (Attachment C-1 Revised)
- 100 ft. minimum lot frontage for Oakfield Estates Ltd. Lands (Attachment D-1 Revised)
- Subdivision Bylaw (Attachment E-1 Revised) entails new public roads enabled for Commercial/industrial uses and the 10 year grandfathering of Oakfield Estates Ltd. lands.

In summary Mr. Lane advised that the proposed amendments as presented this evening will formalize the noise exposure forecast in the community plan; existing residential development that is already in the plan is not affected; limited future subdivision is still enabled; future large scale residential development will be prohibited; new public roads are restricted for residential development only; and the 10 year grandfathering of Oakfield Estate Ltd. lands.

Mayor Savage reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings and opened the hearing.

Ms. Joyce Carter, President and CEO, Halifax International Airport Authority advised that the Airport Authority was very supportive of the proposed regulations of the land adjacent to the airport, and the proposed amendments to allow new roads for commercial or industrial purposes on lands adjacent to the airport property. She added that the Airport Authority was not supportive of the proposed grandfathering of existing residential applications, particularly the Oakfield Estates Limited application. She explained that the properties in question are located directly under the approach to Runway 14, close to the runway threshold, and any properties built in this area will be subjected to significant aircraft noise, which may result in complaints to the airport and to the area councillors. Ms. Carter expressed concern that such complaints may create curfews and noise restrictions on the Airport and this would impact on the economic viability of the airport because the airport needs to operate on a 24-hour a day/7 days a week basis.

Mr. Eric Thomson, Halifax, representing Oakfield Estates Ltd. addressed Council and spoke in support of the proposal to extend the grandfathering of the Oakfield Estates Ltd lands from 5 to 10 years. He noted that this involves 41 lots, a number of which are approved. Mr. Thomson pointed out that it was his understanding there were approximately 100 lots that can be developed in the area but that have nothing to do with this regulation. He added that the grandfathering only affects Oakfield because they were the only developer who had the tentative approval on their lots. Mr. Thomson concluded his remarks advising that he believed Oakfield’s request was reasonable, and necessary to protect the financial integrity of the company, and that enabling the development of these 41 lots will also have a benefit to the community at large.

Mr. Bill Meehan, Antigonish, advised that he owned a piece of property along Highway 102 opposite the Airport entrance, and in the area where the fresh water crosses from Bennery Lake to the Airport. Mr. Meehan indicated that it was only very recently he was informed that this matter would be dealt with this evening, and that he had not received notification of any other previous meetings. He questioned whether Council has considered compensating affected property owners because the properties that will not be grandfathered and not be allowed to be developed will have a burden placed on them, because the property value will decrease. He also questioned whether the Municipality has encouraged the Airport Authority to institute a noise abatement program, citing that was done in Toronto and in Queens, New York. In conclusion, Mr. Meehan advised that his concern is that land owners will suffer regardless of the size of their land and should not have to do so without being compensated.

Mr. Murray Tate, addressed Council advising that he was representing the Grand Lake-Oakfield Community Society. He spoke in support of the amendment to extend the grandfathering of the Oakfield Estates Ltd. lands from 5 years to 10 years. Mr. Tate explained that since 2010 the community has been working in consultation with Oakfield Estates Limited to plan the next phase of community development to ensure they can integrate the Grand Lake Oakfield Community Trail. He urged Council to extend the

grandfathering timeframe to 10 years advising that they will need this time to plan the final trail route and complete detailed design in consultation with Oakfield Estates.

Mayor Savage called three times for any further speakers; there being none, it was

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Mason

**That the public hearing close.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Mayor Savage invited staff to come forward at this time and provide clarification on any comments that were provided.

Mr. Lane referred to Mr. Meeham's comment that he did not receive notice of the meeting and advised that there have been two public meetings and two public hearings on this matter, and the mail-out staff did were identical for the four meetings. He explained that any property along the Noise Exposure Forecast 30 Contour were notified by mail according to the GIS database which is based upon the Provincial Assessment Rolls.

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Craig:

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Adopt the amendments to the Planning Districts 14 and 17 Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law, to amend the Transportation Map and Zoning Map as set out in Attachments A-1 and B-1 of the supplementary staff report dated November 25, 2015;**
- 2. Adopt the amendments to the Planning Districts 14 and 17 Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law, and the Regional Subdivision By-law to restrict the establishment of new noise sensitive residential developments located in the NEF 30 (Noise Exposure Forecast) Contour around the Halifax Stanfield International Airport, Enfield and to reflect the direction of Regional Council at First Reading on December 8, 2015 to replace the words "front or flankage yard" with the words "lot frontage" in sections 10(1) and 14(1) of Revised Attachment D-1 attached to this motion memo and to reflect a 10 year time frame for grandfathering of development rights in Revised Attachments C-1, D-1 and E-1 attached to this motion memo.**

Councillor Dalrymple encouraged Council to support the motion. He advised that the process has been approximately seven years to reach this point, with many community meetings, as well as municipal meetings. He indicated that the motion is a balance of not imposing a lot of restrictions upon the Airport and meeting the needs of the community.

A discussion ensued and a concern about the grandfathering was expressed and staff was questioned if the motion could be split and the recommendations voted on separately. Mr. Traves, Acting Chief Administrative Officer advised that a change to the proposed '10 year grandfathering' would be a substantive change and would require another public hearing.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (13 in favour, 3 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Whitman; and Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Adams, Rankin, Johns, Craig, and Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage; and Councillors McCluskey and Walker

Council then returned to the agenda items that had not been dealt with, beginning with agenda Item 15

**15. MOTIONS**

**15.1 Deputy Mayor Whitman**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Whitman, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report examining initiatives to regulate flyer delivery in the Halifax Regional Municipality.**

Councillor Whitman indicated he was bringing this motion forward out of concern for the amount flyers that are littering ditches and lakes.

Concern was expressed about requesting a staff report on a topic that has had several previous staff reports and which stated that Council had limited options because the issue was not within its jurisdiction.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (11 in favour, 5 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Whitman; and Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Adams, and Johns.

Against: Councillors: Mosher, Walker, Rankin, Craig, and Outhit

**15.2 Councillor Watts**

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the status of the Bloomfield Purchase and Sale Agreement with Housing Nova Scotia.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

**16.1 Labour Relations**

**16.1.1 Collective Bargaining with the Halifax Regional Police Association (HRPA) – Private and Confidential Report**

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting, see page 15.

**17. ADDED ITEMS**

**17.1 Councillor Adams – Leave of Absence Request – Councillor Mosher**

The following was before Council:

- A 'Request for Council's Consideration' form.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Rankin

**That Halifax Regional Council grant Councillor Linda Mosher a leave of absence from all meetings, including Regional Council; Committee of the Whole, and Committee of the Whole on Budget, starting with February 2, 2016 Budget Committee of the Whole meeting, until such time as her doctor gives permission for her return.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not Present: Councillor Mosher

**17.2 Councillor Adams – Discovery Centre Funding**

The following was before Council:

- A 'Request for Council's Consideration' form.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker

**That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the request from the Discovery Centre for HRM to provide consecutive operational funding of \$145,000 for a three year period, as outlined in the attached letter dated October 30, 2015.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not Present: Councillor Johns

**17.3 Councillor Karsten – Crosswalk Flag Program**

The following was before Council:

- A 'Request for Council's Consideration' form.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to update Council on the Crosswalk Flag Program. The report to include the following:**

- **Definition of community group including the required number of individuals supporting the request to install, or to remove crosswalk flags**
- **Statistics about the number and type of locations currently with crosswalk flags, any available data about the observed behaviour of pedestrians and motorists at those locations**
- **Location specific considerations of whether crosswalk flags should be permitted, including traffic controls, pole locations, sight obstructions**
- **Relationship of crosswalk flags to overall pedestrian safety action plan.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Johns

**17.4 Councillor Mason – New South End School Gym Enhancements**

The following was before Council:

- A 'Request for Council's Consideration' form.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee.

**That Regional Council request a staff report by February 16, 2016 regarding costs and opportunities for the possible enhancement of the proposed new South End School/LeMarchant Street Thomas gym to be bigger in order to better accommodate adult use and different usage and configurations.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Johns

**18. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**18.1 Councillor Outhit**

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 16, 2016, I propose to:

1. Move First Reading of proposed By-law T-1001, which will amend By-law T-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis and Limousines; and
2. Administrative Order #39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation The purpose of which is to move forward Taxi and Limousine Group (TLLG) initiatives which include: code of ethics; clarifying the bridge tolls; and accessible taxis and owner/operators enhancements, and other housekeeping items.

**18.2 Councillor Mason**

TAKE NOTICE that at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 16, 2016, I propose to request a staff report regarding a possible one time capital contribution to the Army Museum for \$75,000 in matching funds, contingent on successful fundraising from Federal and/or Provincial sources.

**18.3 Councillor Whitman**

TAKE NOTICE that at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 16, 2016 I will request a staff report on the creation of a red tape reduction strategy for Halifax Regional Municipality. The report is to include consideration of a broad strategy inclusive of public engagement, stakeholder consultation to define red tape, best practices for its reduction, and an accountability framework inclusive of cost reductions and process enhancements.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Craig

**That Council convene in camera (in private).**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

At 7:30 p.m. Council recessed to convene in camera (in private).

At 8:35 p.m. Council reconvened to public session.

**16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

**16.1 Labour Relations**

**16.1.1 Collective Bargaining with the Halifax Regional Police Association (HRPA) – Private and Confidential Report**

This matter was dealt with In Camera. The following motion was ratified in public session:

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Adams

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the mandate set out in the private and confidential report dated January 7, 2016 and that this report not be released to the public.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Rankin and Johns

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon  
Municipal Clerk