



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2016**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Steve Craig
Councillors: David Hendsbee
Bill Karsten
Lorelei Nicoll
Sam Austin
Tony Mancini
Waye Mason
Lindell Smith
Shawn Cleary
Russell Walker
Richard Zurawski
Matt Whitman
Lisa Blackburn

REGRETS: Mayor Mike Savage
Councillors: Steve Streach
Stephen Adams
Tim Outhit

STAFF: Mr. Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 2:55 p.m. and adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 2:55 p.m.

2. Ratification from Committee of the Whole - Fiscal Framework

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to develop the multi-year operating budgets for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 according to Council's approved priorities, and preliminary fiscal direction, including:

- maintaining the appropriate level of existing services with the addition of the new services previously approved by Council;
- a stable capital budget that maintains state of good repair while also funding growth related issues and service improvements;
- a responsible and declining debt position;
- appropriate reserve balances that allow for risk mitigation, future obligations and opportunities;
- alignment of the current average tax bill for residential homes and commercial properties with all relative economic indicators.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Streach, Adams, and Outhit

3. Ratification from Committee of the Whole - Proposed 2017-18 Capital Program Budget and 10 Year Capital Plan

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Direct staff to prepare the ten-year capital plan, approve the capital budget for 2017-18, and schedule of reserve withdrawals, and approve in principal the 2018-19 capital budget as presented to Committee of the Whole as per Attachments 1a, 1b and 1c of the staff report dated December 5, 2016.
2. Approve the list of 2017-18 advanced capital funding as per Attachment 2 of the staff report dated December 5, 2016.
3. Approve the list of multi-year projects as per Attachment 3 of the staff report dated December 5, 2016.
4. Request staff to look at options to retain the funding levels established in the 2016/17 capital budget for Street Recapitalization and report back to Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Streach, Adams, and Outhit

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk