



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 21, 2017**

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Steve Craig
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
Lisa Blackburn
Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillor Bill Karsten

STAFF: Mr. John Traves, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Karen Brown, Acting Municipal Solicitor
Mr. Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m., and Council adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 2:20 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 – NONE

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

Additions: 17.1 Ratification from Committee of the Whole - Stormwater Right-of-Way (ROW) Funding Options

Deletions: 15.2 Ratification of Budget Committee of the Whole Motion from February 8, 2017
15.3 Ratification of Budget Committee of the Whole Motion from February 8, 2017
15.5 Ratification of Budget Committee of the Whole Motion from February 15, 2017
15.6 Ratification of Budget Committee of the Whole Motion from February 15, 2017
15.7 Ratification of Budget Committee of the Whole Motion from February 15, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mancini

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 – NONE**
- 10. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE**
- 11. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

12.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items 15.2 and 15.3. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

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

12.2 Petitions - None

12.3 Presentation - None

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

14. REPORTS

14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

14.1.1 Federal Contribution Agreements – Public Transit Infrastructure Fund

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 5, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign the fifteen Contribution Agreements with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, to receive funding for fifteen public transit projects approved under the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) as described in staff report dated January 5, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

14.1.2 Proposed Administrative Order 2016-004-ADM, Respecting Variance Notification Distance

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 23, 2017

Notice of Motion given February 7, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order 2016-004-ADM, Respecting Variance Notification Distance as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated January 23, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

14.1.3 Proposed Administrative Order 2016-008-ADM, Respecting the Reduction of Taxes Payable for Certain Residential Properties – Stormwater Right of Way (ROW) Reduction Options

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 24, 2017

Notice of Motion given February 7, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order 2016-008-ADM, the Tax Reduction Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated January 24, 2017 to provide certain residential properties a one-time tax reduction in April 2017, as set out in the discussion section of the staff report dated January 24, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

14.2 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Cogswell Redevelopment Area District Energy System

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee dated February 3, 2017, with attached staff report dated January 18, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Endorse pursuing the requirement that new development within the Cogswell redevelopment area connect to a district energy system if one exists;**
- 2. Seek amendments to the HRM Charter and other amendments as required to provide the general authority to implement District Energy Systems, including the Cogswell Redevelopment Area District Energy System; and**
- 3. Direct staff to develop the options and mechanisms to effectively implement the requirement for mandatory connection.**

Councillor Smith left the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Mr. Bob Bjerke, Chief Planner and Director of Planning and Development and Mr. John Traves, Acting Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Smith

14.2.2 National Zero Waste Council Management Board Alternate

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee dated February 3, 2017, with attached staff report dated January 19, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council appoint the Manager of Solid Waste Resources as an alternate representative to the National Zero Waste Council Management Board, for a term to October 31, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Smith

14.3 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

14.3.1 Case H00430 – Request to Register 59 Hawthorne Street, Dartmouth as a Municipal Heritage Property

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Vice Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee dated February 6, 2017, with attached staff report dated December 6, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the heritage registration of 59 Hawthorne Street, Dartmouth as shown on Map 1 of the December 6, 2016 staff report as a Municipal Heritage Property.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Smith

The Heritage Hearing was scheduled for April 25, 2017.

14.3.2 Case H00439 – Request to Register the Christ Church Cemetery, (PID 00129973), Victoria Road, Dartmouth as a Municipal Heritage Property

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Vice Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee dated February 6, 2017, with attached staff report dated November 21, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the heritage registration of the Christ Church Cemetery, (PID 00129973), Victoria Road, Dartmouth as shown on Map 1 of the November 21, 2016 staff report as a Municipal Heritage Property.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Smith

The Heritage Hearing was scheduled for April 25, 2017.

14.3.3 Case H00440 – Request to Register 68 Hawthorne Street, Dartmouth as a Municipal Heritage Property

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Vice Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee dated February 6, 2017, with attached staff report dated December 21, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the heritage registration of 68 Hawthorne Street, Dartmouth as shown on Map 1 of the December 21, 2016 staff report as a Municipal Heritage Property.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Smith

The Heritage Hearing was scheduled for April 25, 2017.

15. MOTIONS

15.1 Ratification of Budget Committee of the Whole Motion from February 8, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council request that staff provide a report to include funding for one permanent officer to fulfill the role of Diversity and Liaison Officer with Halifax Fire for the 2018/19 budget process.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Smith

Councillor Smith returned to the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

15.2 Ratification of Budget Committee of the Whole Motion from February 8, 2017 Regarding Installing Sidewalk on the Herring Cove Road

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence received from Adrianna MacKenzie, Tristan Cleveland, and Jenny Lugar

This matter was deleted from the agenda during the approval of the order of business.

15.3 Ratification of Budget Committee of the Whole Motion from February 8, 2017 Regarding Discontinuation of Sidewalk Snow Removal from the Areas of Districts 7, 8, and 9 Where it was Introduced in 2013

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence received from Ian and Gail Logie, Lynne FitzGerald, Duane Malone, Elizabeth Craig, Myles Genest, Joan Dawson, Claire and Colm McParland, Sandy Crocker, Isaac Boerefyn, Lynn Wagner, Madge and Ward Skinner, Leslie Pezzack, Judy Haiven, Patricia Bilski, Eliza Jackson, Kenneth Adams, Dr. P. Cunningham, Brad Milligan, Keith Bourne, Laurie MacKeigan, Janet Brush, Laura White, Anthony Kawalski and Paul Doerwald & Dr. Estelle Joubert.

This matter was deleted from the agenda during the approval of the order of business.

15.4 Ratification of Budget Committee of the Whole Motion from February 1, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to provide a report analyzing the implications of an increase in the Parks and Recreation operating & capital budgets to 80% of municipal cost benchmarks by fiscal 2021/2022, increasing each of four years starting in fiscal 18/19, with funds to improve facility and field conditions, expand programming and grant funding for community events, arts, culture and heritage programming.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

15.5 Ratification of Budget Committee of the Whole Motion from February 15, 2017 Regarding Parking Fine Alternatives for Specific Infractions

This matter was deleted from the agenda during the approval of the order of business.

15.6 Ratification of Budget Committee of the Whole Motion from February 15, 2017 Regarding the Jump Start Program

This matter was deleted from the agenda during the approval of the order of business.

**15.7 Ratification of Budget Committee of the Whole Motion from February 15, 2017
Regarding Revenue and Parking Enforcement**

This matter was deleted from the agenda during the approval of the order of business.

15.8 Ratification of Budget Committee of the Whole Motion from February 15, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the possibility of an HRM park naturalization strategy and that it be forwarded to the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

16.1 Personnel Matter

The following matter was addressed in public session. There was no In Camera (In Private) session convened.

16.1.1 2017 Volunteer Awards Recipients – *Private and Confidential Report*

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff recommendation report dated February 15, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Craig, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the individual Adult and Youth award recipients; including ten volunteers to attend the Provincial Volunteer Awards and Halifax Regional Municipality's 2017 Volunteer of the Year Awards as outlined in Attachment A of the private and confidential report dated February 15, 2017;**
- 2. Approve Community Group award recipients in two categories as outlined in Attachment B of the private and confidential report dated February 15, 2017; and**
- 3. Not release the private and confidential report dated February 15, 2017 to the public until the 2017 Halifax Regional Municipality's Volunteer Awards Ceremony on April 12, 2017.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

17. ADDED ITEMS

17.1 Ratification from Committee of the Whole - Stormwater Right-of- Way (ROW) Funding Options

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to draft a by-law setting a stormwater charge based on the Halifax Water service area and that staff return to Council for consideration of it and request Halifax Water to collect the stormwater right of way charge on the water bill.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 4 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors: Streach, Hendsbee, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Smith, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Blackburn and Outhit

Against: Deputy Mayor Craig, Councillors: Cleary, Whitman and Mason

Not present: Councillor Karsten

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

18.1 Councillor Hendsbee

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council scheduled for March 7, 2017, I intend to move First Reading of proposed By-Law L-401 amending By-Law L-400, Respecting Lot Grading, the purpose of which is to exclude areas that are not connected to a central wastewater system.”

18.2 Councillor Mason

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular Regional Council Meeting, to be held on March 7, 2017, I propose to introduce a Policy pursuant to Section 325 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, Administrative Order SC-84, the purpose of which is to effect closure of a portion of the Lower Water Street right-of-way, Halifax, Nova Scotia.”

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk