



HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

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April 11, 2017
Immediately Following Committee of the Whole
Reconvene 6:00 p.m. If Required
Council Chamber

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 1:00 p.m.
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 - Proposed Multi-Year Financial Strategy 2017-2021, and Business and Capital Plans for 2017/2018 - 2018/2019*

16. *IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)*

16.1 *Personnel Matter*

Citizen and Councillor appointments to boards and committees in keeping with the Public Appointment Policy adopted by Regional Council in August 2011, to be found at <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/documents/Citizenrecruitmentpolicy.pdf>

16.1.3 *Ratification of Citizen Appointments to Board of Police Commissioners – Private and Confidential Report*

16.3 *Personnel Matter*

A matter pertaining to an identifiable individual or group.

16.3.1 *Chief Administrative Officer Performance Planning and Review Process - Private and Confidential Report - Verbal Update*

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. *Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Municipal Expense Reporting*

Information Items

11. *Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month – April, 2017*

Order of Business approved as amended.

- 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 HEARING – 6:00 P.M. – NONE**

- 12. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**
 - 12.1 **Correspondence**

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for item 14.1.2. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

- 12.2 **Petitions - None**
- 13. **INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

14. **REPORTS**

14.1 **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

- 14.1.1 Request from Community Foundation of Nova Scotia to Partner in the Community Foundations of Canada 150 Fund

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council direct the CAO to instruct staff to inform charitable organizations who receive funding from HRM under the 2017 Community Grants Program that they may also be eligible for additional funding from the Community Fund for Canada's 150th offered through the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia.

- 14.1.2 **By-law S-1002**, Amending Sidewalk Café By-law

*Motion **defeated** that Halifax Regional Council continue to require the written consent of the property owner when an applicant for a sidewalk café license is a tenant. **See item 18.4 on Page 7.***

- 14.1.3 Councillor Appointment to the Halifax Water Commission Board

*Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council proceed to appoint **Councillor Lorelei Nicoll** to the Halifax Water Commission Board for a term to November 2018.*

- 14.1.4 Halifax Regional Water Commission (HRWC) Cost Sharing Agreement – New Sidewalk – Hammonds Plains Road (Brookshire to Smith), Central Region

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works to enter into a cost sharing agreement and authorize reimbursement of an amount up to \$335,499 (net HST included) to the Halifax Regional Water Commission with funding from Project Account No. CTU00420 – Active Transportation, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated March 27, 2017.

14.2 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Kindness Meters

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. *Direct staff that procurement documents for parking pay stations specify that the pay stations have the ability to be programmed to accept charitable donations.*
2. *Direct staff that parking pay stations be programmed to accept charitable donations when they are installed (expected in summer of 2018).*
3. *Once parking pay stations are installed and operating, direct staff to negotiate a Contribution Agreement with United Way of Halifax Region for kindness meter funds to advance identified charitable purposes, and return to Council with the resulting Contribution Agreement or key terms.*

14.3 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

14.3.1 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Resolution – Board Appointment

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council adopt the resolution required by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in regard to the nomination of Councillor Walker as Council's nominee to the Board of FCM for a term to June 2018 as provided in attachment 1 of the report dated March 27, 2017.

14.3.2 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Resolution – Councillor Endorsement Table Officer

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. *Support Councillor Bill Karsten as a candidate for Second Vice President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for one year term to June 2018.*
2. *Adopt the resolution required by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities as provided in attachment 1 of the report dated March 27, 2017.*

14.4 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

14.4.1 Speed Limits in Residential Areas

Amended motion approved that Halifax Regional Council submit a request to the Province of Nova Scotia, in the form of a letter from the Mayor, to reduce the speed limit in residential districts identified in section 102 (2) of the Motor Vehicle Act to forty kilometres per hour (40 km/h).

14.4.2 **First Reading Proposed By-Law U-101**, an Amendment to By-Law U-100, Respecting User Charges – SmartTrip Membership Fee Structure and EPass Agreement Amendments

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to Proposed By-law U-101, the purpose of which is to amend Schedule 2 of By-law U-100, Respecting User Charges, changing the annual SmartTrip membership fee structure, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated January 16, 2017.

14.5 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- 14.5.1 **H00416** – Substantial Alteration to Tower Road School, 945 Tower Road, Halifax, a Municipally Registered Heritage Property

Motion approved that Regional Council approve the substantial alteration to the Tower Road School (Halifax Grammar School) at 945 Tower Road, Halifax with the following conditions:

- 1. That the white detailing design of the north corner of the addition be more conforming to the heritage building in terms of material; and*
- 2. That the front yard set-back of the northern corner of the new addition should align with the front yard set-back of the existing heritage building.*

15. MOTIONS – NONE

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

Council may rise and go into a private In Camera session, in accordance with Section 19 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, for the purpose of dealing with the following:

16.1 Personnel Matter

Citizen and Councillor appointments to boards and committees in keeping with the Public Appointment Policy adopted by Regional Council in August 2011, to be found at <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/documents/Citizenrecruitmentpolicy.pdf>

- 16.1.1 Ratification of Citizen Appointments to Boards and Committees – *Private and Confidential Report*

Motion approved in public session that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations of the Standing Committee regarding the Citizen Appointments as outlined in Attachment 1 of the private and confidential report dated March 27, 2017.*
- 2. It is further recommended that the Citizen Appointments be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidates.*

- 16.1.2 Amendment to Community Design Advisory Committee Composition and Appointment of Member – *Private and Confidential Report*

Motion approved in public session that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Amend the composition of the Community Design Advisory Committee to include an additional member representing the Public Health Sector from one to two representatives as outlined in the proposed terms of reference, Attachment 1 to the private and confidential report dated April 3, 2017.*
- 2. Appoint one applicant to represent the Public Health Sector as outlined in Attachment 2 to the private and confidential report dated April 3, 2017, and that the identity of the appointee be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidate.*

- 16.1.3 Ratification of Citizen Appointments to Board of Police Commissioners – *Private and Confidential Report*

Motion approved in public session that Halifax Regional Council:

1. *Approve the appointments to the Board of Police Commissioners as set out in the Discussion Section of the April 10, 2017 private and confidential report from the Executive Standing Committee.*
2. *It is further recommended that the Citizen Appointments be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidates.*

16.2 Property Matter

A matter pertaining to providing instruction and direction to officers and employees of the Municipality pertaining to the acquisition / sale of land in regard to

16.2.1 **Councillor Austin** – Staff Request on Possible Acquisition – *Private and Confidential Report*

Motion approved in public session that Regional Council request a staff report on possible acquisition of lands or, an easement, as outlined in the private and confidential Councillor request for consideration form.

16.3 Personnel Matter

A matter pertaining to an identifiable individual or group.

16.3.1 Chief Administrative Officer Performance Planning and Review Process - Private and Confidential Report - Verbal Update

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private). No further action required.

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report – re: Municipal Expense Reporting

17. ADDED ITEMS

- 17.1 Ratification from Committee of the Whole - Proposed Multi-Year Financial Strategy 2017-2021, and Business and Capital Plans for 2017/2018 - 2018/2019

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council adopt the:

1. *“Resolution for Approval of Operating and Capital Budgets and Tax Rates for Fiscal 2017/2018,” as set out in Schedule 1 of the staff report dated March 31, 2017:*

It is hereby resolved that:

a) the Operating Budget in the amount of \$894,363,300 gross expenditures (which includes \$741,520,100 in municipal expenditures including the reserve withdrawals specified in the Operating and Capital Budget); \$684,766,500 in property tax revenues (including area rate revenues) and \$209,596,800 in other revenues be approved;

b) the Capital Budget in the amount of \$187,269,000 be approved;

c) the general rates of taxation on residential and resource property be set at

(i) \$0.667 for the urban area

(ii) \$0.634 for the suburban area; and

- (iii) \$0.634 for the rural area
per \$100 of taxable assessment;
- d) the general rates of taxation on commercial property be set at
- (i) \$2.869 for the urban area;
- (ii) \$2.869 for the suburban area; and
- (iii) \$2.542 for the rural area
per \$100 of taxable assessment;
- e) the Halifax Transit Annual Service Plan and the tax rates associated with Transit Taxation be set at
- (i) \$0.048 for the Regional Transportation tax rate;
- (ii) \$0.098 for the Local Transit tax rate
per \$100 of taxable assessment;
- f) (i) the boundaries of the urban, suburban and rural areas are delineated in Attachment A, the "Tax Area Map";
- (ii) the boundary of the Regional Transportation area includes all properties within communities included within Attachment B, the "Regional Transportation Area map"; and,
- (iii) the boundary for the Local Transit area includes all properties within 1km walking distance of any HRM transit stop.
- g) Fire Protection rates shall be set at the rate of \$0.013 per \$100 for all residential and resource assessment and at \$0.036 per \$100 of the commercial assessment for properties which are within 1,200 feet of a hydrant that is designed and operated for public fire protection purposes.
- h) the final tax bills will become due on Tuesday, October 31, 2017;
- i) the interest rate on the Reserve Funds, designated as requiring interest under Section 121(2) of the Halifax Charter, be set at the rate of return on funds invested by HRM for the period April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018;
- j) the interest rate on all reserves except for those identified in (i) above will be set at the rate of return on funds invested by HRM for the period April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018;
- k) an advance funding commitment is approved for the amount of \$89,753,000 for the fiscal years 2018-19 through 2021-22 for the projects listed in Attachment C, the "Schedule of Multi-Year Capital Projects"; and
- l) withdrawals from Reserves in the amount of \$ 85,778,200 are approved, as detailed in Attachment D, the "Reserves Withdrawal 2017-18"; and
2. "Resolution for Approval in Principle of Operating Budget for Fiscal 2018/19" as set out in Schedule 2 of the staff report dated March 31, 2017:
- It is hereby resolved that the Operating Budget in the amount of \$920,884,700 gross expenditures (which includes \$763,107,700 in municipal expenditures); \$709,739,600 in property tax revenues (including area rate revenues) and \$211,145,100 in other revenues be approved in principle.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

18.1 Councillor Streach

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on April 25, 2017 I intend to move First Reading of proposed By-Law L-137 Amending By-Law L-100, Respecting Charges for Local Improvements, the purpose of which is to set the charges for the installation of water servicing in Fall River and adjoining lots along Fall River Road and Highway #2 to the Hwy 102 Overpass, Lockview Road to the Lockview School access, and McPherson Road and a portion of Ingram Drive.”

18.2 Councillor Adams

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on April 25, 2017, I intend to introduce a motion to acquire a portion of PID 00385989 to allow for access to the Terence Bay Lighthouse, in Terence Bay (PID 00385880).”

18.3 Councillor Walker

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on April 25, 2017, I propose to introduce Administrative Order 2017-003-GOV, Respecting the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Advisory Committee, the purpose of which is to establish a Committee respecting the 2018 Annual Conference and Trade Show of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.”

18.4 Councillor Mason

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on April 25, 2017, I intend to move First Reading of Proposed By-law S-1002, further amending By-law S-1000, the Sidewalk Café By-law, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated March 21, 2017 and schedule a Public Hearing.”

18.5 Councillor Cleary

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on April 25, 2017, I intend to move that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report with recommendations regarding a public engagement process to review and advise Council regarding possible changes to the commemoration of Edward Cornwallis on municipal assets, including Cornwallis Park and Cornwallis Street.”

19. ADJOURNMENT – 6:20 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS
April 11, 2017

1. Proclamation – National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week – April 9 - 15, 2017
2. Proclamation – The International Day of Pink – April 12, 2017
3. Proclamation – Walk for Values Day – April 24, 2017
4. Memorandum from the Chair of Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee dated March 31, 2017 re: A Rapid Health Impact Assessment of HRM's Draft Regional Centre Plan
5. Memorandum from the Chair of Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee dated March 31, 2017 re: Destination Halifax Update
6. Memorandum from the Chair of Transportation Standing Committee dated April 4, 2017 re: Segway Safety on HRM Sidewalks
7. Memorandum from the Chair of Transportation Standing Committee dated March 31, 2017 re: Transit 2016/17 Third Quarter Key Performance Indicators
8. Memorandum from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated March 28, 2017 re: Canada Day Festival 2017, "We Are Canadian – Nous Sommes Canadiens"
9. Memorandum from the Director of Finance & ICT, CFO dated March 9, 2017 re: Minimum Reserve Bid Tax Sale – January 24, 2017
10. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated April 3, 2017 re: Requests for Presentation to Council – Willow Tree Group
11. Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month – April, 2017