1. CALL TO ORDER – 10:00 a.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 Invitation to Party Leaders to Present

The Deputy Clerk noted a request to have item 14.1.16 be brought up on the agenda to be dealt with after item 14.1.1, to which Council agreed.

Councillor Streatch requested Item 14.1.5 be addressed following the heritage hearings at 1 p.m. as he had an appointment to attend and would be leaving at 10:45 a.m., to which Council agreed.

Councillor Cleary requested Information Item 4 - Sidewalk Snow Removal Options be added to the next Council agenda for discussion.

Order of Business approved as amended.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

6.1 Councillor Streatch

Councillor Streatch declared a conflict of interest for Item 14.1.2 - Award - Unit Price Tender No. 17-001, Fort Needham Memorial Park Improvements, explaining that the proponent is involved in his family’s business.

Subsequent, Councillor Streatch exited the meeting at 10:45 a.m. to attend an appointment and was not present when Item 14.1.2 was addressed.
7. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE
8. MOTIONS OF RECISSION – NONE
9. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE
10. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

11. HERITAGE HEARING – 1:00 P.M.
11.1 Case H00430 – Request to Register 59 Hawthorne Street, Dartmouth as a Municipal Heritage Property

Heritage hearing held and closed. Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council approve the registration of 59 Hawthorne Street, Dartmouth as shown on Map 1 of the December 6, 2016 staff report, as a Municipal Heritage Property.

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

Heritage hearing held and closed. Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council approve the registration of 68 Hawthorne Street, Dartmouth as shown on Map 1 of the December 21, 2016 staff report, as a Municipal Heritage Property.

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS
12.1 Correspondence

The Deputy Clerk noted that correspondence was received for item 14.4.2. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

12.2 Petitions
12.2.1 Councillor Hendsbee

Councillor Hendsbee submitted a petition containing 75 signatures on behalf of citizens residing on or traveling on Mozier Cove Road, situated on Sober Island HRM in the constituency of Guysborough Sheet Harbour. Citizens are petitioning the Department of Highways to give attention to the deficient infrastructure of Mozier Cove Road especially the low lying section of road across the beach which is impossible to maintain due to its elevation in relation to the bodies of water on either side.

Councillor Hendsbee asked that the petition be forwarded to staff and local MLA for their information.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

14. REPORTS
14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
14.1.1 Increase to Contract, Request for Proposal 15-334 Argyle and Grafton Shared Streetscape

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council authorize an increase to contract for RFP No.15-334, Consulting Services - Argyle & Grafton Shared Streetscapes, to Ekistics Plan + Design, for changes to the contracted scope of work, in the amount of $31,368 (net HST included), with funding from Project Account No. CD000002, Downtown Streetscapes - Capital Improvement Campaign, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated March 23, 2017.

14.1.2 Award - Unit Price Tender No. 17-001, Fort Needham Memorial Park Improvements

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Award Tender No. 17-001, Fort Needham Memorial Park Improvements, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Turf Masters Landscaping Ltd., for a Total Tender Price of $2,001,023 (net
1. HST included) from Project Account No. CP000012, Fort Needham Master Plan Implementation, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated March 30, 2017.

2. Award construction and administration fees to Ekistics Planning & Design in the amount of $75,404 (net HST included), with funding from Project Account No. CP000012, Fort Needham Master Plan Implementation, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated March 30, 2017.

14.1.3 Award Tender 16-171, Dartmouth Sportsplex Revitalization – Construction Services

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council award Tender 16-171, Dartmouth Sportsplex Revitalization – Construction Services, to the lowest priced qualified bidder, Marco Maritimes Ltd., for a total cost of $23,273,000 (HST fully refundable). Funding is available from Project Account CB000006 – Dartmouth Sportsplex Revitalization, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated March 10, 2017.

14.1.4 First Reading Proposed By-law S-1002, an Amendment to By-Law S-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Sidewalk Cafés

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to 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.

14.1.5 First Reading Proposed By-Law L-137, an Amendment to By-Law L-100, Respecting Charges for Local Improvements - Extension of Municipal Water Service into Fall River Village

Amended motion unanimously approved to give First Reading:

1. to amendments to the Regional Subdivision By-law to extend the Water Service Area in Fall River, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated March 10, 2017, and schedule a Public Hearing;

2. to By-law L-137, further amending By-law L-100, the Local Improvement By-law, as detailed in Attachment C of the staff report dated March 10, 2017, to impose 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, and schedule a Public Hearing;

And furthermore, that Regional Council request a staff report to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee regarding a contribution of $25,000 to reflect the benefits directly received by its municipal properties in the service area.

14.1.6 Community Grants Program - Trails Funding (Supplementary Report)

(i) Grants Committee Report Recommendation dated May 2, 2016

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council continue to provide eligibility for funding, through the Community Grants Program, to recreation trails that are located on property owned and operated by non-profit and charitable organizations until such time as:

1. Council receives a staff report and recommendation respecting the possible adoption of a policy to regularize participation and funding consideration for HRM partnered trail associations; and

2. Council provides direction to the Chief Administrative Officer in respect of that report and recommendation.

14.1.7 Proposed Administrative Order 2017-003-GOV, Respecting the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Advisory Committee

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order 2017-003-GOV, the FCM Advisory Committee Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated March 29, 2017.
Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council appoint Mayor Mike Savage, Councillors Russell Walker, Bill Karsten, Lindell Smith, Waye Mason, Sam Austin, David Hendsbee and Deputy Mayor Steve Craig to the 2018 FCM Conference Council Advisory Committee for a term beginning April 11, 2017 and ending July 1, 2018.

14.1.8 Petition - Saraguay Place Snow Plowing

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to maintain the Municipality’s existing winter sidewalk snow clearing services for Saraguay Place.

14.1.9 Case 20756 – Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments for 246 Waverley Road and 2 and 4 Montebello Drive, Dartmouth

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy for Dartmouth to acknowledge the lands at the southeast corner of Waverley Road and Montebello Drive (Civic 246 Waverley Road and 2 and 4 Montebello Drive) within the Waverley Road Mixed Use sub-designation, to enable consideration of a development agreement for a multiple unit dwelling on these properties; and
2. Follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 27, 1997.

14.1.10 Mobile Sign Industry and Payment Methods

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to undertake consultations with internal and external stakeholders to consider possible by-law and administrative amendments to By-law S-801, Respecting Licensing of Temporary Signs and Administrative Order #15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees and prepare a recommendation report with proposed amendments for Regional Councils consideration.

14.1.11 Organics Management Consultation and Strategy

Amended motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council

1. Approve the Organics Management Strategy as outlined on page 7 of the staff report dated March 2, 2017;
2. Approve the Request for Qualifications Key Terms as outlined in Attachment A of the staff report dated March 2, 2017, as amended to add “grass” to Section 9, paragraph 2;
3. Direct staff to issue a Request for Qualifications and return to Council with the recommended Request for Proposals Key Terms for input and approval prior to its issuance;
4. Direct staff to make application for subdivision approval to expand the Northern and Eastern lot boundaries of 61 Evergreen Place by 200 meters North and 100 meters East as conceptualized in Attachment D to the staff report dated March 2, 2017;
5. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Halifax Land Use By-law to enable the expansion of HRM’s Goodwood composting facility located at 61 Evergreen Place;
6. Follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 27, 1997; and
7. Approve in principle a community integration fund be established in the amount of $1 million for the expansion of 61 Evergreen Place with $350,000 in funding allocated toward the development of the Western Common Wilderness Common, $325,000 in funding allocated toward infrastructure at the Prospect Road Community Center and $325,000 in funding allocated to projects identified through a community consultation.


Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council:
1. Award RFP 17-048, HRM 2017 Insurance Renewal to Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc. for a one year term, effective June 1, 2017, renewable annually for a period not to exceed five (5) years, at an estimated cost in the first year of $2,202,956 (HST Exempt) as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the staff report dated April 5, 2017.

2. Direct staff to negotiate remaining coverages with the successful proponent as outlined in the Discussion Section of the staff report dated April 5, 2017.

14.1.13 Update regarding the Proposed Blue Mountain/Birch Cove Regional Park

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to undertake additional analysis and advance discussions regarding the acquisition of lands or the rights to lands for public access as identified within the staff report dated April 5, 2017 and the Private and Confidential Information Report dated April 5, 2017, and report back to Regional Council with any prospective terms, conditions, and costs.

14.1.14 Case 20227 - Incentive or Bonus Zoning Agreement - Mixed-Use Development at 5515 Clyde Street, Halifax

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council adopt, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into and execute, the Incentive or Bonus Zoning Agreement as provided in “Attachment A” of the staff report dated April 7, 2017 for the mixed-used development at 5515 Clyde Street, Halifax.

14.1.15 Supplementary Education Tax Rate for 2017-18

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council recommended that
   - the Operating Budget for Supplementary Education in the amount of $15,648,600 gross expenditures and $15,648,600 in area rate tax revenues be approved; and
   - the tax rates for Supplementary Education, under Section 80 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, shall be set at the rate of $0.027 per $100 of the residential and resource assessment and at $0.075 per $100 of the commercial assessment.

14.1.16 Award – Unit Price Tender No. 17-200, Argyle & Grafton Shared Streetscapes

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council:
   1. Award Tender No. 17-200, Argyle & Grafton Shared Streetscapes to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of $5,139,527 (net HST included);
   2. Award the Construction Services component of RFP No. P15-334 Consulting Services - Argyle & Grafton Shared Streetscapes (Phase 3 - Construction including Construction Administration, Inspection and Certification Services), to Ekistics Plan + Design in the amount of $337,072 (net HST included); and
   3. Award Archaeological Monitoring and Reporting for this project to Davis MacIntyre & Associates Ltd in the amount of $6,373 (net HST included).
   4. Approve an increase to Project Account No. CD000002 – Downtown Streetscapes Capital Improvement Campaign in the amount of $102,022 which will be funded through cost sharing as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated April 13, 2017 and approve cost sharing agreements in Attachments A, B and C of the staff report dated April 13, 2017.

All of the above to be awarded with funding from Project Account No. CD000002 – Downtown Streetscapes – Capital Improvement Campaign, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated April 13, 2017.

14.2 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
14.2.1 Halifax Green Network Plan – Planning & Implementation Directions

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council direct that staff use the Halifax Green Network Plan Primer December 2016, attached as Attachment A of the staff report dated February 2, 2017, as the framework for the final phase of public engagement, and for the development of the full consolidated Halifax Green Network Plan, and that staff return to Council for its consideration of the resulting Plan.

14.2.2 HRM Anti-Poverty Strategy

Motion unanimously approved that Regional Council:
2. Initially make up to $20,000 of in-kind support available to develop the strategy.
3. Consider additional involvement in activities designed to reduce poverty based on the report arising from the consultations to be launched by the United Way

14.3 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

14.3.1 Traffic Control Persons for Special Events

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council:
1. Request that the Government of Nova Scotia amend the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act to permit Traffic Control Persons to direct the movement of traffic for special events.
2. Request that the Government of Nova Scotia modify the Province’s training and accreditation processes to reflect special events-related roles for Traffic Control Persons and Temporary Workplace Signers.
3. Request that the Government of Nova Scotia revise the Province’s TC Manual to include standards, principles and guidelines applicable to special events-related traffic control scenarios.

14.4 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

14.4.1 Councillor Austin - Administrative Order 1 Public Presentations

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding potential changes to Administrative Order 1 section 45 (1) f regarding the automatic referral of presentations before Council to staff for review, comments and recommendations.

14.4.2 Councillor Cleary – Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis on Municipal Assets and Reconciliation

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council, in the spirit of the Council-adopted Statement of Reconciliation of December 8, 2015, request a staff report with terms of reference and a recommended composition for an expert panel to review and advise Council regarding any changes to the commemoration of Edward Cornwallis on municipal assets, including Cornwallis Park and Cornwallis Street, and recommendations to recognize and commemorate the indigenous history in the lands now known as Halifax Regional Municipality.

15. MOTIONS

15.1 Councillor Adams

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to acquire a portion of PID 00385989 to allow for access to the Terence Bay Lighthouse, in Terence Bay (PID 00385880).

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

The following matters were considered in public session.

16.1 Personnel Matter
16.1.1 Ratification of Citizen Appointments to Boards and Committees – Private and Confidential Report

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council:
1. Adopt the recommendations of the Standing Committee and the Community Council regarding the Citizen Appointments as outlined in Attachment #1 of the private and confidential report dated April 13, 2017.
2. It is further recommended that the Citizen Appointments be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidates.

16.2 Contract Negotiations

16.2.1 Sole Source Award – Rail Corridor Capacity Study – Private and Confidential Report

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council:
1. Approve the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated March 16, 2017.
2. It is further recommended that the private and confidential report dated March 16, 2017 not be released to the public.

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report – re: Update regarding the Proposed Blue Mountain/Birch Cove Regional Park

17. ADDED ITEMS

17.1 Invitation to Party Leaders to Present

Motion unanimously approved that Halifax Regional Council invite each of the provincial party leaders or a designate to present to Council about how each sees the relationship between HRM and the Province moving forward following an election and that a list of issues be developed for the leaders to address.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

18.1 Councillor Outhit

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on May 9, 2017, I propose to:
1. Introduce Administrative Order 2017-001-OP, Respecting the Placement of Crosswalk Flags; and
2. Move First Reading of proposed By-law S-310, amendment to By-law S-300 Respecting Streets, to include crosswalk flags.

The purpose of which is to develop guidelines for the placement of Crosswalk Flags.”

18.2 Councillor Austin

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council scheduled for May 9, 2017, I intend to move Amendments to Administrative Order SC-70, Respecting Closure of a portion of Marilyn Drive right-of-way, Dartmouth, and Administrative Order SC-71, Respecting Closure of Closure of a portion of Victoria Road right-of-way, Dartmouth, purpose of which is to add Attachment C (Legal Description) to each Administrative Order.”

19. ADJOURNMENT – 5:07 p.m.
1. Proclamation – Landscape Architecture Day – April 26, 2017

2. Memorandum from the Chair of Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee dated April 7, 2017 re: Provincial Office of the Ombudsman

3. Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer dated March 10, 2017 re: Status of Dangerous and Unsightly Orders

4. Memorandum from the Director of Transportation and Public Works dated March 28, 2017 re: Sidewalk Snow Removal Options

5. Memorandum from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Communities dated April 5, 2017 re: Purcell's Cove Backlands – Shaw Group/Nature Conservancy of Canada Proposal Update

6. Memorandum from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Communities dated April 5, 2017 re: Sawmill Creek Daylighting

7. Memorandum from the Acting Municipal Clerk dated April 18, 2017 re: Requests for Presentation to Council – None

8. Proclamation – Parental Alienation Awareness Day – April 25, 2017

9. Proclamation – Gaelic Awareness Month – May 2017


11. Proclamation – Global Love Day – May 1, 2017