



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 9, 2017**

PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Steve Craig
Councillors: Steve Streach
David Hendsbee
Bill Karsten
Lorelei Nicoll
Sam Austin
Tony Mancini
Waye Mason
Lindell Smith
Shawn Cleary
Russell Walker
Stephen Adams
Richard Zurawski
Matt Whitman
Lisa Blackburn
Tim Outhit

STAFF:

Brad Anguish, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk
Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant
Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and recessed at 2:30 p.m. Council reconvened in at 2:45 p.m. and recessed at 4:45 p.m. Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and Council stood for a moment of reflection in remembrance of those that lost their lives in the Westray Mine disaster of 1992.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

This matter was addressed later in the meeting. Refer to page 8.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 21, March 28 and April 11, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the minutes of March 21, March 28 and April 11, 2017 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

17.1 District Capital Fund Policy re: Fall River Minor Football Association

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor 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 – NONE

10. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

11.1 By-law N-200, Respecting Noise – Exemption Application – Glen Arbour Golf Club

This matter was addressed later in the meeting. Refer to page 9.

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

12.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items: 14.1.4 & 14.2.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

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

12.2 Petitions

12.2.1 Councillor Streach

Councillor Streach submitted a petition with approximately 208 signatures in support of the installation of a pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of Highway 2 and Coach Avenue, crossing over to Fletcher Drive, Fall River.

The Clerk will work with the Councillor to ensure a recommendation returns to Council in response to the petition.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

13.1 Councillor Cleary – Sidewalk Snow Removal Options

The following was before Council:

- A staff information report dated March 28, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Adams

That Regional Council waive section 48 of Administrative Order Number One, the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order, requiring Notice of Motion.

A two third vote was required.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (10 in favour, 7 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Craig, Councillors: Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Adams, Blackburn, and Outhit.

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors: Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Walker, Zurawski, and Whitman.

14. REPORTS

14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

14.1.1 Award – Unit Price Tender No. 17-205, Asphalt Overlays Phase 1, Various Locations

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 11, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 17-205, Asphalt Overlays Phase 1 – Various Locations, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$2,013,909 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account Nos.

CR000005 – Street Recapitalization and CKU01084 – Sidewalk Renewal, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated April 11, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.1.2 Proposed 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 – Housekeeping Amendments

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 20, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order SC-70, Respecting Closure of a Portion of Marilyn Drive, Dartmouth and Administrative Order SC-71, Respecting Closure of a Portion of Victoria Road, Dartmouth, adding Attachment C to each Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated March 20, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.1.3 Special Elections – Appointment of Returning Officer and Delegation of Duties

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 31, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Craig, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Appoint Lori A. McKinnon, Election Coordinator, as the Returning Officer to conduct any special election that may be required prior to the 2020 regular municipal and school board election; and

2. Delegate duties and responsibilities as provided for under the Municipal Elections Act for any special election that may be required prior to the 2020 regular municipal and school board election as follows:

- (1) to the Returning Officer, delegate Council's authority to fix a day for the second day of advance polls;**
- (2) to the Municipal Clerk, delegate Council's power to appoint assistant returning officers as required; and**
- (3) to the Municipal Clerk, delegate Council's authority to make, revise and amend the tariff of fees and expenses and provide for the method of rendering and verifying accounts for payment.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.1.4 First Reading Proposed By-Law S-310, an Amendment to By-Law S-300, Respecting Streets and Proposed Administrative Order 2017-001-OP, the Placement of Crosswalk Flags Administrative Order

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 9, 2017
- Correspondence from Oliver Doepner dated May 8, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law S-310, amending By-law S-300, the Streets By-law, as set out in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated March 9, 2017.

Councillor Outhit encouraged Council to vote against the motion, noting that he intends to bring forward Alternative no. 2 as outlined in the staff report.

Responding to questions regarding the data in Attachment 4 of the staff report, Taso Koutroulakis, Manager, Traffic Management, explained that data was collected based on feedback and each crosswalk identified in the attachment was monitored for an hour.

Members noted that the data provided in the Attachment 4 is not descriptive enough and all aspects of the data should be analyzed. It was also noted that it would be helpful to look at traffic data before and after flags are installed, and data for use of crosswalk lights.

A discussion ensued on the use of crosswalk flags, for and against the staff recommendation, with the following comments noted:

- Staff have implemented or are planning to implement several crosswalk safety innovations, as outlined in the annual Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, including side beacons, bright green crosswalk signs, and zebra striped crosswalk markings.
- Crosswalk Safety education is important, including the message that all intersections are crosswalks, whether the crosswalk is marked or unmarked.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (2 in favour, 15 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillor Mason

Against: Deputy Mayor Craig, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Blackburn, and Outhit

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT Halifax Regional Council not allow any further community installations of crosswalk flags and direct staff to begin a pilot of various treatments to enhance the visibility and safety, with relevant high-quality data collected pre-treatment and post-treatment, including at least one treatment of crosswalk flags and also consider solutions that other jurisdictions have implemented based on evidence.

Councillor Mancini offered a friendly amendment to the motion, that staff provide an update to Council on the pilot when the Halifax Strategic Road Safety Plan is scheduled to be completed in December 2017, **to which Council agreed.**

Councillor Karsten requested that the Road Safety Strategy return to Regional Council, as opposed to the Transportation Standing Committee, as it was initiated by Council, **to which Council agreed.**

At the request of Council, Taso Koutroulakis discussed elements of the proposed timeline of the pilot being completed in December 2017, noting that it would be challenging to meet.

Councillor Mason proposed a friendly amendment to the motion, that staff provide an update by the end of December 2017 to Regional Council, **to which Council agreed.**

Taso Koutroulakis indicated that staff report to the Transportation Standing Committee concerning traffic statistics twice a year, and this can also be provided to Regional Council.

Bruce Zvaniga, Director, Transportation and Public Works, advised that staff will be able to provide data within 6 months, but that will not give enough time to analyze trends. Members suggested that information from other cities using these crosswalk safety technologies could also be analyzed.

The question was called on the amended motion, as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT Halifax Regional Council not allow any further community installations of crosswalk flags and direct staff to begin a pilot of various treatments to enhance the visibility and safety, with relevant high-quality data collected pre-treatment and post-treatment, including at least one treatment of crosswalk flags, and also consider solutions that other jurisdictions have implemented based on evidence, and that staff provide an update by the end of December 2017 to Regional Council.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (10 in favour, 7 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Streach, Karsten, Nicoll, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Zurawski, Blackburn, and Outhit.

Against: Deputy Mayor Craig, Councillors Hendsbee, Austin, Mancini, Walker, Adams, and Whitman.

14.1.5 Case 20232 – Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Amendments for 686 Bedford Highway, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 31, 2017
- Handout regarding an Alternate Motion from Councillor Outhit

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Deputy Mayor Craig

THAT Halifax Regional Council refuse to initiate the process to consider amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy for Halifax and the Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland to enable the development of a multi-unit residential building at 686 Bedford Highway, Halifax.

Councillor Outhit noted that he intended to bring forward an alternative motion and asked his colleagues to defeat the motion.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Deputy Mayor Craig

THAT Regional Council direct staff to:

1. **Initiate a process to review and consider amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy for Halifax and the Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland for properties within Schedule "R". The review would consider issues such as appropriate land uses, planning tools, maximum height, density, built form requirements, and consider opportunities to expand Schedule "R" onto properties that abut the Bedford Highway and are located between the existing segments of Schedule "R".**
2. **Follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 27, 1997.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.1.6 Case 20226 – Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy (SMPS) and Land Use By-Law Amendments for Lovett Lake Lands, Beechville

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 2, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Initiate a process to consider a comprehensive set of amendments to the Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Timberlea / Lakeside / Beechville, and to the Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy for Halifax and the Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland, for lands near Lovett Lake in Beechville (identified as the Study Area in the staff report dated May 2, 2017), consistent with the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy's characteristics for Urban Local Growth Centres; and**
- 2. Follow a public participation program, as outlined in Attachment F of the staff report dated May 2, 2017.**

Councillor Zurawski indicated that in speaking with all parties involved including the Beechville Community, it has become apparent that the consultation process between the community and the developer has broken down.

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council defer Case 20226 Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law Amendments for Lovett Lake Lands, Beechville, pending a supplemental staff report regarding the impacts on the local African Nova Scotian Communities, and Heritage in the Beechville Area to be received by Halifax Regional Council no later than August 1, 2017.

Responding to questions about the public participation program, Sean Gillis, Planner II, Planning and Development, advised that the public participation program recommended for this proposed development was for three public meetings, although additional meetings can be held if requested.

Members of Council discussed concerns raised by members of the Beechville community with regard to this development proposal, including land title clarification issues, and protection of the Baptist Church cemetery and baptismal path.

Responding to further questions from Council, Sean Gillis advised that the proposed development agreement at present is approximately one year minimum away from the public hearing stage in the process.

At the request of Council, John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, advised that community consultation is not binding, it is instructive. The Municipal Solicitor further advised that for private property title issues, the parties would need to engage their own legal counsel and take the matter to court; the public participation process would not resolve legal issues.

Bob Bjerke, Director, Planning and Development, noted that the public participation program as set out in Attachment F of the staff report involves working with the HRM African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office.

Councillor Zurawski suggested that the consultation be held at the Beechville Baptist Church.

Councillor Mason noted that the black community of Beechville and the Beechville Baptist Church are not synonymous, and asked that staff ensure the whole black community of Beechville is consulted.

Mayor Savage noted that the report should be completed by August 1, 2017, or staff will provide an update at that time.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Grant Request – Parking Lot Reconstruction Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts Society and Maritime Muslim Academy

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated April 20, 2017 submitted by the Vice Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee; with attached staff report dated March 3, 2017
- Correspondence from Cathy Hope, Walter Toth on behalf of Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts and Maritime Muslim Academy

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council decline the grant request for \$124,195.11 towards private parking lot upgrades.

Councillor Smith encouraged Council to vote against the motion, noting that he intends to move an alternative to refer this request to the Grants Committee and he will contribute \$25,000 from district capital funds.

Councillor Smith commented on the layout of the area, noting that it includes an HRM owned playground, that HRM put funding toward the gym in the mosque, and HRM has a written agreement for access to the parking lot. The Councillor also noted that the proposal includes landscaping and lighting improvements.

Responding to questions from Council, John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, advised that he would have to review further whether HRM is legally able to do as proposed by Councillor Smith.

Discussion ensued on this matter, with the following comments noted:

- A suggestion that any supplemental staff report examine why HRM currently has an easement on the parking lot, but not permission to park there.
- That a condition of granting funds could be to erect signage to clarify parking rules.
- That HRM invested in the mosque community centre, which supplements HRM recreation needs.

Council agreed to recess and continue discussion on this matter later in the meeting. Refer to page 10.

The meeting recessed at 4:55 pm.

Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m. Councillor Cleary was not present.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – 2017 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Deputy Mayor Craig welcomed all those in attendance for the 2017 Citizenship Awards. Mayor Savage and Councillors presented the awards to the following students:

Alexandra March Spencer	Musquodoboit Rural High School
Matthew Logan Hogg	Duncan MacMillan High School
Tyler Milne	Gaetz Brook Junior High School
Araya Smith	Graham Creighton Junior High School
Lauren Johnson	Oyster Pond Academy

Jaime Spicer	Ross Road School
Flavie Deveaux	Eastern Passage Education Centre
Julia Yurchesyn	Ellenvale Junior High School
Alexander Torrealba	Astral Drive Junior High School
Alexandria Ruth Grandy	Caledonia Junior High School
Nicholas Highmore	Eric Graves Memorial Junior High
Mya Slawter	Sir Robert Borden Junior High School
Macy Giles	Bicentennial School
Matthew Croft	Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart
Taliyah Brooks	John Martin Junior High School
Emma Martel	Gorsebrook Junior High School
Cornell Reddick	Highland Park Junior High School
Rand Abounahia	Maritime Muslim Academy
Ayanna Turner-Bru	Oxford School
Katie Rooney	Cunard Junior High School
Owen Connolly	Halifax Central Junior High School
Matthew Fraser	Halifax Grammar School
John Sargeant Greenwood	King's View Academy
Jayleigh Bryan	St. Agnes Junior High School
Sarah Page	Clayton Park Junior High School
Caitlyn Mae Skelhorn	Brookside Junior High School
Asha Sethi	Halifax Christian Academy
Cullen Brady	Herring Cove Junior High School
Gladys Wembo	Rockingstone Heights School
Tanzima Fariha	Park West School
Olivia Grace	Ridgecliff Middle School
Joanna Louise Armstrong	Sandy Lake Academy
Niket Sampalli	Armbrae Academy
Noah Robinson	Five Bridges Junior High School
Jasmine Metzler	Millwood High School
Ryan Hogan	Sackville High School
Danielle Baribeau	École Secondaire du Sommet
Sara Ibsen	Fairview Junior High School
Ridhi Mittal	Madeline Symonds Middle School
Maryn Elizabeth Matheson	Rocky Lake Junior High School
Not in attendance	
Atticus Morse	Shambhala School
Cassidy Bonnell	Sacred Heart School of Halifax

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

11.1 By-law N-200, Respecting Noise – Exemption Application – Glen Arbour Golf Club

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 19, 2017

Tanya Phillips, Manager By-Law Standards presented the request for exemption application as set out in the staff report dated April 19, 2017.

Mayor Savage invited the applicant to come forward and address Council.

Mike Young, General Manager of the Glen Arbour Golf Club advised that the intent of the request for exception application is to allow for weddings at the venue, and the plan has been approved by the Glen Arbour Homeowners Association.

Mayor Savage reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings and opened the public hearing for anyone wishing to speak on the matter. The Mayor called three times for any members of the public wishing to speak on the matter. There being none, it was MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the public hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the Glen Arbour Golf Club's application for an exemption from the provisions of the Noise By-Law pursuant to the contents of the staff report dated April 19, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

14.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Grant Request – Parking Lot Reconstruction Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts Society and Maritime Muslim Academy

This matter was introduced earlier in the meeting. See page 8 for details.

Council entered into a discussion regarding the motion to decline the grant request. Highlights include:

- The requested amount exceeds the Community & Events Reserve budget, so funds would need to be identified within the operating budget;
- The facilities are used to host public events and the municipality retains the right to use the parking lot after hours;
- The request is for one-third of the total cost of the parking lot reconstruction;
- Providing the grant could set a precedent for the use of municipal funds on private property; and
- The three Councillors representing peninsular Halifax districts indicated they would be willing to contribute partial funds from district capital accounts.

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor advised that Council has the legal authority to provide a grant in this instance.

The question was called on the motion as follows:

THAT Halifax Regional Council decline the grant request for \$124,195.11 towards private parking lot upgrades.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (2 in favour, 14 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Whitman

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors: Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Blackburn and Outhit

Not present: Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council refer the staff report dated April 20, 2017, Grant Request – Parking Lot Reconstruction Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts Society and Maritime Muslim Academy, to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee for a recommendation with respect to a funding source for a special grant in the amount requested.

A brief discussion ensued. Several Councillors expressed discomfort with the amount requested.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the motion be amended to reduce the level of proposed funding by fifty percent.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND DEFEATED. (3 in favour, 13 against)

In favour: Councillors Nicoll, Austin and Mancini

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Craig, Councillors: Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Mason, Smith, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Blackburn and Outhit

Not present: Councillor Cleary

The question was called on the motion as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council refer the staff report dated April 20, 2017, Grant Request – Parking Lot Reconstruction Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts Society and Maritime Muslim Academy, to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee for a recommendation with respect to a funding source for a special grant in the amount requested.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (10 in favour, 6 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors: Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Mason, Smith, Walker, Zurawski, Blackburn and Outhit

Against: Deputy Mayor Craig, Councillors: Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Adams and Whitman

Not present: Councillor Cleary

14.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

14.3.1 Universal Access to Municipal Washroom Facilities

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated April 25, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee; with attached staff report dated March 23, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to draft an Administrative Order on universal access to all municipal facilities.

Darren Young, Acting Senior Project Manager responded to questions of clarification, noting that the budget implications will depend on the wording of the Administrative Order, and that the policy would not be applied retroactively.

Councillors noted that there was confusion amongst members of the public regarding the intent of the Administrative Order. Brad Anguish, Acting Chief Administrative Officer advised that staff would work with Corporate Communications to provide clarification.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

14.3.2 Potential International Partnership with Zhuhai China

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated April 25, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee; with attached staff report dated March 31, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor to prepare a Letter of Intent to initiate the process of establishing an Economic Partnership Agreement with Zhuhai, China.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

14.3.3 Back to Our Roots Urban Farm Market

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated April 25, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee; with attached staff report dated February 27, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to prepare an agreement with “Back To Our Roots” urban farm to operate a small-scale market in accordance with Table 1 of the staff report dated February 27, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

14.4 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

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

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated March 31, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee; with attached staff report dated January 16, 2017
- An Extract of Draft Minutes from the Regional Council meeting held April 11, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt 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; and**

2. **Approve the amendments to the EPass Memorandum of Understanding, converting the EPass Program from one based on a calendar year to one based on a 12-month commitment, as set out in Attachment E of the staff report dated January 16, 2017.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

14.4.2 Taxi Safety

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated April 28, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee; with attached staff report dated March 21, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

1. **Draft amendments to Administrative Order #39 so that Licensing Decals are displayed inside the front passenger and back passenger areas of a vehicle for hire to identify the license number of a vehicle.**
2. **Create a Request for Proposal (RFP) toward an in-depth industry review and jurisdictional scan including recommendations not limited to the following:**
 - **Incorporating new industry technologies, e.g., in taxi video / audio recording systems, GPS real-time tracking systems, smartphone applications; etc.**
 - **License restrictions;**
 - **Sensitivity and Safety Training;**
 - **Passenger/Driver safety measures, e.g., in car shields, emergency alarm buttons and passenger trip logs;**
 - **Standards of professional, moral and ethical conduct of license holders; and**
 - **Conditions that would result in an automatic suspension or revocation of a license**

Kevin Hindle, Regional Coordinator, License Standards outlined the rationale and recommendation as set out in the staff report dated April 28, 2017.

Council expressed interest in receiving recommendations regarding the use of tinted windows in taxis.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

14.5 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

14.5.1 Case H00443 – Substantial Alteration to the Clarke-Halliston House, 1029 South Park Street, Halifax a municipally registered heritage property

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated April 27, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee; with attached staff report dated March 24, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the substantial alteration to the Clarke-Halliston House, 1029 South Park Street, Halifax.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

14.5.2 Case H00449 – 2017/2018 Heritage Incentive Program

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated April 27, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee; with attached staff report dated March 23, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the recommended grants to the properties listed in Attachment A of the March 23, 2017 staff report, conditional upon the applicants' compliance with section 29 through 35 of Administrative Order Number 2014-002-ADM, the Heritage Incentives Program Administrative Order.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

15. MOTIONS - NONE

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

The following matters were considered in public session. There was no In Camera (In Private) session convened.

16.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – March 28 and April 11, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of March 28 and April 11, 2017 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16.2 Personnel Matter

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

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential recommendation report dated April 20, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt the recommendations of the Standing Committees regarding the Citizen Appointments as outlined in Attachment #1 of the private and confidential report dated April 20, 2017.

2. It is further recommended that the Citizen Appointments be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidates.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

16.3 Property Matter

16.3.1 Proposed World Trade and Convention Centre, September 2, 2009 – *Private and Confidential Report*

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential recommendation report dated April 4, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council declassify the Private & Confidential Report regarding the Proposed World Trade & Convention Centre dated September 2, 2009. It is further recommended that the Private and Confidential Report dated April 4, 2017 be released to the public.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

16.3.2 Bancroft Lane, Burnside Industrial Park (Supplementary Report) – *Private and Confidential Report*

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential recommendation report dated April 4, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council

1) Amend, ratify and approve the resolution of the February 3, 2015 In-Camera Report “Property Matter – Bancroft Lane, Burnside Park, Dartmouth” as originally approved by Regional Council on March 24, 2015 as follows:

- a) Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a Licence and Conversion with Harbour Isle Halifax Incorporated (“HIHI”) with respect to the use and construction upgrade of Bancroft Lane to a public street and the use and construction of a public street known as Marketplace Drive Extension over a portion of the Municipality’s Lands pursuant to the core terms and conditions outlined in Table 1 of the April 4th, 2017 In Camera (In Private) report to Council and as contained in Attachment 2 thereof, as may be amended to give effect to the intentions of the parties;**
- b) Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with HIHI for proposed Lot JIR-1-R2 intended to be the location of a future Transit transfer station as per the terms and conditions outlined in Table 2 of the April 4th, 2017 In Camera (In Private) report to Council and as contained in Attachment 3 thereof, as may be amended to give effect to the intentions of the parties;**
- c) Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a Subdivision Agreement with HIHI, and others if necessary, under substantially the same terms and conditions as contained in Attachment 4 of the April 4th, 2017 In Camera (In Private) report to Council, as may be amended to give effect to the intentions of the parties;**
- d) Approve the minimum unit value for the sale of the remaining Burnside Industrial Lot Inventory respecting of PIDs 41093477 and 41093485, Bancroft Lane, Dartmouth, as per the terms and conditions outlined in Table 3 of the April 4th, 2017 In Camera (In Private) report to Council; and**
- e) Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to accept, if necessary, a Collateral Assignment of Contracts from HIHI with respect to the benefits associated under certain contracts between HIHI and third parties in connection with the intended road improvements under substantially the same terms and conditions as contained in Attachment 5 of the April 4th, 2017 In Camera (In Private) report to Council, as may be amended to give effect to the intentions of the parties;**

2) The April 4th, 2017 In Camera (In Private) report to Council shall not be released to the public until the transaction has closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

17. ADDED ITEMS

17.1 District Capital Fund Policy re: Fall River Minor Football Association

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council's consideration form submitted by Councillor Streach

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve a one-time amendment to the district Capital Fund Policy to allow for a disbursement of \$5000 to the Fall River Minor Football Association for the purpose of completing hydro-seeding for a new community multi-purpose sports field at High Road and Carmel Crescent in Fall River, to be funded from the District 1 Capital Funds.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

18.1 Councillor Hendsbee

"TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on May 23, 2017, I propose to request a staff report for the establishment of an HRM by-law or Administrative Order (AO) to permit residents to secure a better on-site water supply (wells) that have gone dry or extremely low from drought conditions to apply for refinancing options to be made available through the municipality."

18.2 Deputy Mayor Craig

"TAKE NOTICE that at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on May 23, 2017, I intend to move First Reading of By-law A-405, amending By-law A-400, the Alternative Voting By-law the purpose of which is to update supporting legislation for internet and telephone voting (alternative voting)."

18.3 Deputy Mayor Craig

"TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday the 23rd of May, 2017, I propose to ask Regional Council to ask for a staff report and recommendation to considering a closure of a portion of Metropolitan Avenue, north of Nictaux Drive, Lower Sackville."

18.4 Councillor Whitman

"TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on May 23, 2017, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 45, Respecting Private Road Maintenance, the purpose of which is to replace the charge of no more than \$580.00 annually with a charge of no more than \$750.00 annually."

18.5 Councillor Mason

"TAKE NOTICE that at the meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on May 23, 2017, I intend to move First Reading of By-law E-204, amending By-law E-200, *Respecting Encroachments Upon, Under or Over a Street*, the purpose of which is to amend clause 10(b) to give Council the authority to waive

fees associated with enlarging existing encroachments to install barrier free access I residential and commercial properties to improve accessibility.”

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk