



HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

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June 13, 2017
1:00 p.m.
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 – May 9 and 23, 2017

Minutes of May 9, 2017 approved as amended.

Minutes of May 23, 2017 approved as presented.

These can be reviewed online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php>

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

Additions:

*17.1 **Councillor Austin** – Amendments to By Law P-1000 Respecting On-Street Parking Exemptions and Permits*

Order of Business approved as amended.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Councillor Whitman declared a conflict of interest with regard to agenda item 14.1.7 and recused himself from the meeting during that item.

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.

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

Public Hearing held and closed.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council adopt 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.

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

12.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items: 11.1 and 14.1.4. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

Later in the meeting, correspondence was received for item 16.2.1 and circulated to Council.

12.1.1 Fly-Past Request – 2017 Battle of Britain Parade and Ceremony

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council grant permission for a SeaKing or Cyclone flypast at an altitude of 500 feet on Sunday September 17, 2017 at approximately 2:10 PM over Sullivans Pond, Dartmouth in conjunction with the 2017 Battle of Britain Parade and Ceremony.

12.2 Petitions

12.2.1 Councillor Zurawski

Councillor Zurawski submitted a petition containing approximately 282 signatures in support of the donation of a retired Metro Transit Bus to Halifax Christian Academy Early Childhood Centre.

12.2.2 Councillor Adams

Councillor Adams submitted a petition containing approximately 36 signatures in support of removing 120,000 tons of non-recyclable construction and demolition debris buried and leaching heavy metals into the water supply, and bringing city water to the community of Harrietsfield / Williamswood.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

14. REPORTS

14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

14.1.1 Metro X Bus Donations

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve the donation of two buses to the Town of Bridgewater and one bus to the Halifax Christian Academy, and direct the CAO to negotiate and execute a donation agreement with each recipient to transfer ownership of the assets of the buses “as is, where is”.

14.1.2 Second Reading Proposed By-law A-405, Amendments to By-law A-400, Respecting Alternative Voting – Special Elections and Method of Voting

Motion approved that Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt By-law A-405, respecting amendments of By-law A-400, the Alternative Voting By-law, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated May 15, 2017;*
- 2. Subject to the adoption of the By-law A-405, direct the use of telephone and personal computing device as the only two means of voting to be used for the next special election that may be required prior to the 2020 regular municipal and school board election.*
- 3. Request staff provide a report on improved security around electronic voting and increased voter participation following a special election.*

14.1.3 Second Reading Proposed By-law E-204, Amendments to By-law E-200, Respecting Encroachments Upon, Under or Over a Street – For the Purpose of Facilitating Accessibility

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council adopt By-Law E-204, the purpose of which is to amend By-Law E-200, the Encroachment By-law, as set out in Attachment B to the staff report dated March 30, 2017.

14.1.4 Bloomfield Property Disposal Process

Motion approved that Item 14.1.4 Bloomfield Property Disposal Process be deferred to the Regional Council meeting of August 15, 2017 to allow for further discussions with stakeholders with members of Council.

14.1.5 Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct staff to prepare amendments to By-law P-100 Respecting the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality to:*
 - a. Clarify the accountabilities between the Chief of Police, Halifax Board of Police Commissioners, and Chief Administrative Officer, as set out in the staff report dated May 19, 2017;*
 - b. Authorize the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners to oversee any competition for the role of Chief of Police, and to recommend the appointment or contract renewal of the Chief of Police, with the recommendation to then be approved by Council;*
 - c. Allow for member's terms on the Board of Police Commissioners to be renewed up to two times;*
 - d. Specify that the end dates of appointments to the Board of Police Commissioners are to be staggered where possible;*
 - e. Set desired qualifications and expertise for members appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners; and*
 - f. Require the Board of Police Commissioners to provide an annual report to Council outlining its achievements in the past year and work plan for the coming year.*

14.1.6 Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency (HRFE) – Disposal of Surplus Firefighting Equipment

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve the sale of surplus HRFE firefighting and technical rescue equipment at below market value to Volunteer and Combination Nova Scotia Fire Departments with the proceeds to be transferred to the Fleet Vehicle and Equipment Reserve (Q531).

14.1.7 Property Acquisition – 6822 Bayers Road, Halifax

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale for the acquisition of 6822 Bayers Road, PID No. 00032532 as per the key terms and conditions outlined in Table 1 of the Private and Confidential Information Report dated May 30, 2017.

14.1.8 Case 20848 – Incentive or Bonus Zoning Agreement – Mixed-Use Development at 1721-1735 Lower Water Street, Halifax (Queen's Marque)

Motion 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 B" of the staff report dated June 1, 2017 for the mixed-used development at 1721-1735 Lower Water Street, Halifax.

14.2 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Centre Plan Adoption Path

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the direction contained within the Centre Plan document in Attachment 1 of the April 27, 2017 Community Design Advisory Committee report (Attachment A of the April 6, 2017 staff report) as a framework for amending existing planning documents and developing new planning documents as may be necessary to implement the Centre Plan direction; and*
- 2. Direct staff to continue the 'Step 4 Approvals Process' of the Centre Plan Engagement Strategy as the public participation program as set out in Attachment 1 of the April 27, 2017 Community Design Advisory Committee report (Attachment C of the April 6, 2017 staff report).*

14.3 GRANTS COMMITTEE

14.3.1 Community Grants Program 2017 – Recommended Awards

*Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve the fifty-two (52) grants as set out in Attachment 2 of the May 3, 2017 staff report for a total of **\$448,658** from operating account M311-8004 Community Grants.*

14.3.2 211 Information and Referral Services (211 NS) – License Agreement

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a less than market value licence agreement with 211 Nova Scotia for the premises located at 21 Mount Hope Avenue, Dartmouth as per the key terms and conditions set out in Table 1 in the discussion section of the March 28, 2017 staff report.

14.3.3 Regional Special Events Grant Report 2017

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve twenty-three (23) Event Grants for a total of \$25,275 as identified in Attachment 1 from the approved 2017/18 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events; and*
- 2. Approve a grant of \$4,500 to the Light Up Bedford Parade for 2017/18 from the approved 2017/18 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events, and pending final approval of the 2018/19 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events, approve a grant of \$4,500 to the Light Up Bedford Parade for 2018/19.*

14.4 SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

14.4.1 Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve Grant Report 2017

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the 15 Event Grants for a total of \$332,000 from the 2017/18 Community and Events Reserve, Q621 as identified in Table 1 of the staff report dated May 15, 2017;*
- 2. Approve 2 Event Grants, one in the amount of \$150,000 for the East Coast Music Awards from the Community and Events Reserve Q621 as outlined in the discussion section of the committee report dated May 24, 2017;*
- 3. Pending final approval of the 2018/19 operating budget, approve 2 Event Grants for a total of \$19,000 from the 2018/19 Community and Events Reserve, Q621 as identified in Table 2 of the staff report dated May 15, 2017; and*
- 4. Pending the approval of the 2019/20 budget, approve 2 Event Grants for a total of \$19,000 from the 2019/20 Community and Events Reserve, Q621 as identified in Table 3 of the staff report dated May 15, 2017.*

Motion approved that the Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve Grant for Rendez-Vous 2017 Tall Ships Nova Scotia of \$400,000.00 from, Reserve Q621 be deferred to the Regional Council meeting of June 20, 2017.

14.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

14.5.1 Councillor Karsten – Qualifying Criteria for Traffic Calming Measures

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Request a staff report, with recommendations to the Transportation Standing Committee, that reviews the qualifying criteria for a resident vote regarding traffic calming measures on residential streets; and*
- 2. That the streets already petitioned be reviewed under the potentially new formula should it be adopted.*

14.5.2 Councillor Adams – Community Integration Fund

Motion approved that Regional Council request a staff report on the merits of the development of a Community Integration Fund to compensate the affected communities around the Otter Lake Landfill.

15. MOTIONS

15.1 Councillor Cleary

Motion DEFEATED that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

- 1. Prepare a report **outlining possible** policy, process and any necessary by-laws for residents of a street **if they choose to** opt out of the HRM sidewalk snow and ice clearing service and instead perform this activity themselves to comply with Halifax Regional Municipality's service standards.*
- 2. Prepare a report documenting a complete business plan to undertake all sidewalk snow and ice clearing service in-house, including all cost implications and options for deploying the additional workforce during non-storm response days. The plan should also address the transition steps and timelines to implement the in-house service.*

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

16.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – May 23, 2017

Council dealt with this matter in public session.

In Camera (In Private) minutes of May 23, 2017 approved as circulated.

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 Property Disposal - Parcel RL-F, Walcot Run, Halifax – *Private and Confidential Report*

Council dealt with this matter In Camera (In Private), and ratified the following motion in the public session.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize and direct the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale for Parcel RL-F (PID 41194846), Walcot Run, Halifax, ("Parcel RL-F") as per the terms and conditions outlined in Table 1 of the private and confidential report dated May 26, 2017; and*
- 2. Release the private and confidential report dated May 26, 2017 once the transaction has closed.*

16.2.2 Acquisition of Lands – New Road Connection – *Private and Confidential Report*

Council dealt with this matter In Camera (In Private), and ratified the following motion in the public session.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the CAO to instruct staff to suspend negotiations to acquire the lands required for a road corridor as outlined in the private and confidential report date May 22, 2017.*
- 2. It is further recommended that the private and confidential report dated May 22, 2017 not to be released to the Public.*

16.3 Legal Matter

A matter pertaining to litigation or potential litigation in regard to information disclosure that could reasonably be expected to prejudice the interests of the Municipality.

16.3.1 Legal Matter – Verbal Update – Private and Confidential Report

Council dealt with this matter In Camera (In Private); no further action required.

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Property Acquisition – 6822 Bayers Road, Halifax.

17. ADDED ITEMS

17.1 Councillor Austin – Amendments to By Law P-1000 Respecting On-Street Parking Exemptions and Permits

Motion approved that Regional Council request a staff report considering amendments to By Law P-1000 Respecting On-Street Parking Exemptions and Permits to allow residents with Residential Parking Exemption permits to display permits on the back window for better visibility for Parking Enforcement and reduce ticketing errors.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

18.1 Councillor Whitman

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Halifax Regional Council, schedule for June 20, 2017, I intend to:

1. Move First Reading of By-law S-444, further amending By-law S-400, the Street Improvement By-law.
2. Introduce Administrative Order 2017-007-ADM, Respecting the Local Improvement Charges for Sewers, the purpose of which is to set out process to determine level of support for a sewer project and to repeal the 1997 Local Improvement Policy adopted by Council on April 29, 1997, and any amendments.”

18.2 Councillor Mason

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on June 20, 2017, I propose to move that Regional Council waive the rules of order requiring a staff report and amend the Administrative Order 1 Schedule 3 – Community Planning and Economic Standing Committee terms of reference such that:

1. Section 1 c is amended from “arts, culture and recreation” to “arts, culture, recreation and heritage” per appendix 1 of this request.
2. Section 5, 5 a, and 5 b is amended from “arts, culture and recreation” to “arts, culture, recreation and heritage” per appendix 1 of this request.”

18.3 Councillor Walker

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on June 20, 2017, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM, Respecting Tax Relief to Non-Profit Organizations, the purpose of which is to consider amendments to policy to address (i) incremental pro-rated awards for late renewal applications, and (ii) eligibility criteria in regards to expired lease or license agreements.”

18.4 Councillor Streach

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on June 20, 2017, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 45, Respecting Private Road Maintenance, the purpose of which is to correct an error in Schedule 4A (1.), The Area Rates charges, and in Schedule 4A (2.), The Flat Area Rate Charges for the South West Grand Lake Property Owners Association and for all properties which must be accessed via Kings Road in Wellington.”

18.5 Councillor Hendsbee

“TAKE NOTICE that at the meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on June 20, 2017, I propose to:

1. Move First Reading of Proposed By-law B-402, Amending By-law B-400, Respecting Burglary, Robbery and Fire Alarm Systems; and
2. Introduce proposed amendments to Administrative Order 15 Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees.

The purpose of which is to update False Alarm fees and to make other housekeeping amendments to By-law B-400; and to add Section 24 to Administrative Order 15.”

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS
June 13, 2017

1. Proclamation – Intergenerational Day Canada – June 1, 2017
2. Proclamation – National Health and Fitness Day – June 3, 2017
3. Proclamation – Parachute Safe Kids Week – June 5 - 11, 2017
4. Memorandum from the Chair of Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated May 17, 2017 re: Investment Activities – Quarter Ending December 31, 2016
5. Memorandum from the Chair of Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated May 17, 2017 re: Investment Policy Advisory Report – Quarter Ending December 31, 2016
6. Memorandum from the Director of Finance and Asset Management dated May 26, 2017 re: Administrative Order 50 - Proposed Disposal of North Street Dartmouth Properties
7. Memorandum from the Director, Parks, Recreation and Communities dated May 25, 2017 re: Taking Possession of 5 Cemeteries
8. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated June 5, 2017 re: Requests for Presentation to Council – None