



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
June 13, 2017**

PRESENT: 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

REGRETS: Mayor Mike Savage

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, 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 3:06 p.m. Council reconvened in at 3:21 p.m. and recessed at 5:02 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 7:13 and reconvened at 8:43 p.m. Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and Council stood for a moment of reflection.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 9 and 23, 2017

Councillor Cleary noted a correction to page 5 of the May 9, 2017 minutes.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT the minutes of May 9, as amended, and May 23, 2017, as circulated, be approved.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mason

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

Councillor Whitman declared a conflict of interest with regard to agenda item 14.1.7 Property Acquisition – 6822 Bayers Road, Halifax, 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 HEARINGS

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

The public hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. Refer to page 12.

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.

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

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

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence dated May 16, 2017 from Paul MacDonald

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

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.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

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

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 30, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

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.”

Responding to an inquiry from Council, Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, agreed that there should be parameters set for the donation of surplus vehicles, and indicated that staff will prepare a policy.

Staff responded to questions from members regarding the replacement criteria for HRM vehicles, noting that life cycle costing is taken into account when determining the economic replacement point of these vehicles.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

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

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 15, 2017
- An Extract of Draft Minutes from the Regional Council meeting held May 23, 2017

First Reading was given May 23, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax 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; and**
- 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.**

Members of Council discussed concerns with declining voter participation and security related to online voting.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Adams,

THAT consideration of this matter be deferred to provide an opportunity for staff to prepare a report advising on a means of increasing voter participation and achieving a higher level of security around electronic voting with a report back to Council within six months.

In response to questions of clarification from members of Council, Lori McKinnon, Election Coordinator, Office of the Municipal Clerk, advised that this report is before Council in preparation for a special election, should one be required. McKinnon indicated that the scenario proposed would provide key information to a decision regarding voting methods for the 2020 general election, and further advised that Council would still retain the ability to change voting methods for future elections.

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, advised Council that a deferral without any specific direction would be considered a motion to table.

MOTION TO DEFER DEFEATED. (6 in favour, 10 against)

In favour: Councillors Karsten, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, and Outhit.

Against: Deputy Mayor Craig, Streach, Hendsbee, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Whitman, and Blackburn.

Not present: Mayor Savage

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Nicoll,

THAT the motion be amended to add:

3. Request staff provide a report on improved security around electronic voting and increased voter participation.

AMENDMENT PUT AND PASSED. (11 in favour, 5 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Craig, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Nicoll, Austin, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Whitman, Blackburn, and Outhit.

Against: Councillors Karsten, Mancini, Walker, Adams, and Zurawski.

Not present: Mayor Savage

At the request of members of Council, the amended motion was separated for voting purposes.

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax 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;

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 3 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Craig, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Zurawski, Whitman, Blackburn, and Outhit.

Against: Councillors Karsten, Walker, and Adams.

Not present: Mayor Savage

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

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.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (9 in favour, 7 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Craig, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Smith, Whitman, and Blackburn.

Against: Councillors Karsten, Mason, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, and Outhit.

Not present: Mayor Savage

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

3. Request staff provide a report on improved security around electronic voting and increased voter participation.

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

In favour: Deputy Mayor Craig, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Zurawski, Whitman, Blackburn, and Outhit.

Against: Councillors Walker and Adams.

Not present: Mayor Savage

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

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 30, 2017
- An Extract of Draft Minutes from the Regional Council meeting held May 23, 2017

First Reading was given May 23, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Outhit

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.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

14.1.4 Bloomfield Property Disposal Process

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 23, 2017
- Correspondence from Victor Tetrault dated June 12, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Categorize the Bloomfield Property, located at 2748-86 Agricola Street, as Economic Development, pursuant to Administrative Order 50 Respecting the Disposal of Surplus Real Property;**
- 2. And direct staff to explore incorporating the following principles of the Bloomfield Master Plan concept through a combination of plan policies and/or as conditions of sale:**
 - 10,000 square feet of commercial market space, targeted to creative industry;
 - 20,000 square feet of affordable community and cultural space; and,
 - 20 percent of the site as open space, public and private; and,
- 3. Explore incorporating affordable housing, as a condition of sale, consistent with policy direction to be set out in the Center Plan.**

Councillor Smith indicated that it has recently come to light that another party is interested in the property, and that this matter should be deferred to explore that option.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council defer this matter to the July 18, 2017 Council meeting, to have conversations with stakeholders and come back to Council.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, spoke in support of the deferral, and suggested that the matter be deferred to the August 15th meeting to allow staff time to review financial considerations and undertake consultation with stakeholders.

The mover and seconder agreed to amend the motion to defer to August 15, 2017.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

14.1.5 Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 19, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

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.**

Council discussed the report, with John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, Martin Ward, General Counsel, and Katherine Salsman, Solicitor, Legal Services, responding to questions, noting that any changes to the Memorandum of Understanding between HRM, the Board of Police, and the Provincial Police Service (RCMP - Halifax Detachment) would have to be approved by the Province. Legal staff also clarified that By-law P-100 Police Board overrides the Memorandum of Understanding.

At the request of Council, Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, and John Traves outlined the roles of the Chief of Police and Chief Administrative Officer as it relates to the Board of Police Commissioners. The CAO spoke of the collaborative working relationship between Halifax Regional Police and the RCMP – Halifax Detachment.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

Council recessed at 3:06 p.m. and reconvened at 3:21 p.m.

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

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 30, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Karsten

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).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

14.1.7 Property Acquisition – 6822 Bayers Road, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 30, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Karsten

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.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage and Councillor Whitman.

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

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 1, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

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.

At the request of members of Council, Kelly Denty, Manager, Current Planning, Planning and Development, clarified that the Waterfront Development Corporation Ltd. maintains the public space in the public interest, and while the developer is making improvements to the public space, it remains in public ownership. Staff indicated that changes will be coming forward to the density bonusing program through the Centre Plan.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

14.2 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Centre Plan Adoption Path

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated May 19, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee; with attached recommendation report dated April 27, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Community Design Advisory Committee and staff recommendation report dated April 6, 2017
- Staff presentation dated June 13, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

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).

Members of Council asked for a presentation of the report. Council agreed to move forward with other agenda items (14.3.1, 14.3.2, 14.3.3, and 14.4.1), and return to this item. Refer to page 11.

14.3 GRANTS COMMITTEE

14.3.1 Community Grants Program 2017 – Recommended Awards

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated May 18, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Grants Committee; with attached staff recommendation report dated May 3, 2017
- A motion memo with corrections to the staff report

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

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.

Councillor Walker indicated that the grant application from the Fairview United Family Resource Centre should be referred back to the Grants Committee based on new information for possible consideration of funding. No motion was made in this regard.

The Municipal Clerk noted that a quote received by the Halifax Women's Housing Coop came in lower than initially submitted, and revised figures were circulated via the motion memo.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

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

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated May 18, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Grants Committee; with attached staff recommendation report dated March 28, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a less than market value license 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.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

14.3.3 Regional Special Events Grant Report 2017

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated May 19, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Grants Committee; with attached staff recommendation report dated May 10, 2017
- A handout entitled Regional Events Grant Programs approved funding for 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council 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.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

14.4 SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

14.4.1 Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve Grant Report 2017

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated May 24, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Special Events Advisory Committee; with attached staff recommendation report dated May 15, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Mancini

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 and one in the amount of \$400,000 for Rendez-Vous 2017 – Tall Ships Nova Scotia 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.

Councillor Adams noted that Mayor Savage requested that the Community and Events grant for Rendez-Vous 2017 Tall Ships Nova Scotia be deferred to the June 20, 2017 Council meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Mancini

That the Community and Events grant for Rendez-Vous 2017 Tall Ships Nova Scotia of \$400,000 from Reserve Q621 be deferred to the Regional Council meeting of June 20, 2017.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

The motion now reads:

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. 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**
- 3. 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 PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

14.2 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Centre Plan Adoption Path

Council resumed discussion of this item from earlier in the meeting (refer to page 9).

Jacob Ritchie, Urban Design Program Manager, presented an overview of the Centre Plan process to date, and the proposed adoption path. The presentation is available on file and online.

Bob Bjerke, Chief Planner & Director, Planning & Development, responded to questions of clarification from members of Council, addressing concerns with respect to the length of the timeframe outlined in the presentation. Bob Bjerke advised that the framework identified will allow for confident implementation of the Centre Plan.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

14.3 GRANTS COMMITTEE

14.3.1 Community Grants Program 2017 – Recommended Awards

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting. Refer to page 9.

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

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting. Refer to page 9.

14.3.3 Regional Special Events Grant Report 2017

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting. Refer to page 10.

14.4 SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

14.4.1 Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve Grant Report 2017

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting. Refer to page 10.

14.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

14.5.1 Councillor Karsten – Qualifying Criteria for Traffic Calming Measures

The following was before Council:

- A Request for Council's Consideration form submitted by Councillor Karsten

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council 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.

Councillor Karsten used an example of a street that was petitioned for traffic calming measures where 53 ballots were returned out of 160, with 50 of 53 ballots in favour of traffic calming measures on the street. The petition was unsuccessful because it did not meet the 50%-plus-one (81) response requirement. Councillor Karsten advised that only three or four streets will have traffic calming measures implemented each year, and unsuccessful streets won't be reviewed again for a period of five years.

Members of Council discussed the motion, putting forward the following suggestions for the report:

- The response requirement should be 50% plus one *of the votes returned*.
- Traffic calming should be a part of all new street construction and street repaving.
- Temporary markings should be used for streets wanting traffic calming measures instead of waiting for repaving.
- Remove the voting process and automatically implement traffic calming measure on all residential streets.
- Where there is evidence of shortcutting, traffic calming should be introduced.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Whitman

That the motion be amended to add: That the streets already petitioned be reviewed under the potentially new formula should it be adopted.

AMENDMENT PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

The motion now reads:

THAT Halifax Regional Council 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 further that the streets already petitioned be reviewed under the potentially new formula should it be adopted.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

14.5.2 Councillor Adams – Community Integration Fund

The following was before Council:

- A Request for Council's Consideration form submitted by Councillor Adams

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax 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.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

The meeting recessed at 5:02 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

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

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 21, 2017
- A staff presentation dated June 13, 2017
- An Extract of Minutes from the Regional Council meeting held April 25, 2017
- Correspondence dated June 12, 2017 from Christian Rankin

Kevin Hindle, Regional Coordinator, Licence Standards provided the staff presentation regarding proposed by-law S-1002, advising that the by-law would amend by-law S-1000 to provide tenants the option of providing either the consent of the owner or a security deposit for a sidewalk café.

Deputy Mayor Craig reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings and opened the public hearing for anyone wishing to speak on the matter.

Christian Rankin, Halifax, spoke to their experience operating the Obladee Wine Bar, noting that the current regulations may create uncertainty that property owners could unreasonably withhold their consent for business operators to apply for a sidewalk café.

The Deputy Mayor called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak on the matter. There being none, it was MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the public hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

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.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

15. MOTIONS

15.1 Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

- 1. Prepare a report addressing a policy, process and any necessary by-laws for residents of a street 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.**

Council agreed to a request to vote on each part of the motion separately.

Members of Council entered into a discussion on the matter; key highlights include:

- It would be problematic to allow some residents to opt out of HRM sidewalk clearing as this would go against the principle of universality in the delivery of public services, could create logistical challenges, and may raise liability concerns stemming from HRM's responsibility to maintain the public right-of-way;
- There are challenges to sidewalk clearing unique to the peninsula such as narrow historic streets that may require hand-clearing or custom equipment; and
- It is not clear that in-house service is preferable to contracted service.

Councillor Blackburn requested that part one of the motion be amended to add the phrases "outlining possible" and "if they choose." The amendment was accepted by Council as friendly.

The motion was separated for voting purposes as per Section 90 of Administrative Order One. The question was called on each part of the motion as follows:

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.**

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

In favour: Councillors Cleary, Zurawski, and Blackburn

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

Not present: Mayor Savage

- 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.**

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (7 in favour, 9 against)

In favour: Councillors: Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Zurawski and Blackburn

Against: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillors: Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Walker, Adams, Whitman and Outhit

Not present: Mayor Savage

Regional Council agreed to consider items 17 and 18 prior to convening In Camera (In Private).

17. ADDED ITEMS

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

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council's Consideration form submitted by Councillor Austin

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

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.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

18.1 Councillor Whitman

"TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Halifax Regional Council, scheduled 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.”

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

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

This matter was considered in public session.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to consider items 16.2.1, 16.2.2, and 16.3.1.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council recessed at 7:13 p.m. and reconvened at 8:43 p.m. to ratify the following motions.

16.2 Property Matter

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

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.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillors: Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Walker, Zurawski, Whitman, Blackburn and Outhit

Against: Councillors Cleary and Adams

Not present: Mayor Savage and Councillor Streach

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

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Whitman

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.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 2 against)

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

Against: Councillors Hendsbee and Whitman

Not present: Mayor Savage and Councillor Streach

16.3 Legal Matter

16.3.1 Legal Matter – Verbal Update – Private and Confidential Report

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

17. ADDED ITEMS

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

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting, see page 14 for details.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting, see page 15 for details.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk