



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
August 1, 2017**

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Savage
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: Deputy Mayor Steve Craig

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk
Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant
Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Council recessed at 3:41 p.m. to convene into In Camera (In Private) session and reconvened at 4:40 p.m. Council recessed at 5:09 p.m. and reconvened at 6:01 p.m. Council recessed at 7:51 p.m. and reconvened at 7:59 p.m. Council adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 – June 13, June 20 & June 21 and July 4, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT the minutes of June 13, June 20 & June 21 and July 4, 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 Councillor Adams – Operation of Drones in HRM

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

16.3 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

16.3.1 Property Matter – *Private and Confidential Report*

Council agreed to move In Camera (In Private) following their afternoon break.

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, 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 – 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 – NONE

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

12.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items 14.1.10 and 14.5.3. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

12.2 Petitions

12.2.1 Councillor Mancini

Councillor Mancini submitted a petition containing 307 signatures from the Francophone, Acadian and Francophile community in partnership with the *Imagine Bloomfield* community in support of transferring the Bloomfield School property to the Province in order to establish a K to 12 school for Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial (CSAP).

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

13.1 Councillor Nicoll - Smart City Challenge Fund – Federal Program

The following was before Council:

- A staff information report dated June 29, 2017
- Staff presentation

Sarah Teal, Manager ICT Strategic Plan & Delivery spoke to the Federal Smart Cities Challenge and provided an update on the Municipality's areas of focus.

14. REPORTS

14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

14.1.1 Award – Request for Proposal (RFP) #P15-371, Halifax Transit Technology Program – Fixed Route Planning, Scheduling and Operations

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 27, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

a) Subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, award RFP #P15-371, Halifax Transit Technology Program – Fixed Route Planning, Scheduling and Operations to the highest scoring proponent, Trapeze Software ULC, for a Total Price of:

a. \$2,216,909 (net HST included) with funding from the New Transit Technology Account CM020005, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated June 27, 2017, and

b. \$2,969,945 (net HST included) for support and maintenance over the anticipated ten-year life of the Fixed Route Planning, Scheduling and Operations solution. The funding for support and maintenance will be included in the proposed Operating Budget for each applicable fiscal year, starting in fiscal 2019-20; and

b) Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to execute a contract with Trapeze Software ULC with terms that are satisfactory to the CAO, subject the contract being stamped "Approved as to Form and Authority" by Legal Services.

Staff responded to questions on the solution requirements matrices outlined in the June 27, 2017 staff report. Members of Council expressed concern with the cost to update the software, questioning the compatibility with other systems.

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

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Walker, Adams, Blackburn and Outhit.

Against: Councillors Cleary, Zurawski and Whitman

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig

14.1.2 Award – Request for Proposal (RFP) P16-010, Halifax Transit Technology Program – Fare Management

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 27, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

a) Subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, award RFP #P16-010, Halifax Transit Technology Program – Fare Management to the highest scoring proponent, Trapeze Software ULC, for a Total Price of:

- a. \$7,120,127 (net HST included) with funding from the New Transit Technology Account CM020005, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated June 27, 2017,**
 - b. \$1,543,245 (net HST included) for support and maintenance of the Fare Management solution over a five year period. The funding for support and maintenance will be included in the proposed Operating Budget for each applicable fiscal year, starting in fiscal 2019-20; and**
- b) Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to execute a contract with Trapeze Software ULC with terms that are satisfactory to the CAO, subject to the contract being stamped “Approved as to Form and Authority” by Legal Services**

Members questioned compatibility with other systems such as parking metres, commenting that electronic tickets need to be widely accessible. Staff noted that an industry scan would be completed during phase 2, to identify options and determine the best approach to move forward. Members commented on the importance of making transit fast, accessible and reliable. Staff suggested that ridership may improve once they had the data to show high traffic routes and destination points.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (15 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Blackburn and Outhit.

Against: Councillor Whitman

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig

14.1.3 Award – Unit Price Tender No. 17-244, Sidewalk Renewal, Traffic Signal and Street Rehabilitation, Almon Street

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated July 6, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 17-244, Sidewalk Renewal, Traffic Signal and Street Rehabilitation, Almon Street – West Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$1,322,045 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account Nos. CR000005 – Street Recapitalization, CKU01084 – Sidewalk

Renewal, CTU00419 – Traffic Signal Rehabilitation, and CTU00420 – Active Transportation, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated July 6, 2017.

During the discussion, the following suggestions were made for consideration:

- that the design plans be included in the Request for Proposal (RFP)
- underground the power poles to provide additional space; it was noted that staff provide unit pricing for undergrounding power poles to Council
- having a multi-use pathway rather than a sidewalk

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to in camera to deal with the In Camera (In Private) section of the agenda.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council recessed at 3:41 p.m. to convene to In Camera (In Private).

Council reconvened at 4:40 p.m. without Councillor Streach in attendance.

14.1.4 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies - Case CA0113 - Street Naming from April 1, 2017 – May 31, 2017

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 2, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 29 Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 2, 2017 in order to approve:

- 1. the naming of four new private lanes as identified in Attachment B and Maps 1-3 of the staff report dated June 2, 2017 and;**
- 2. the naming of one water access island as identified in Attachment B and Map 4 of the staff report dated June 2, 2017.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

14.1.5 Request for Permanent Encroachment for Dartmouth General Hospital

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 21, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the attached Encroachment License Agreement, subject to non-substantive amendments, if any, allowing Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) to install the proposed underground power and communication services to the Dartmouth General Hospital.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

14.1.6 Proposed Administrative Order 2017-009-ADM, Respecting District Discretionary Funds – Review of the Approach to Grants, Non-Profit Taxation and the District Capital Fund Policy

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated July 24, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to continue with a review of Grants and Tax relief, using the Guiding Principles outlined in Attachment One of the staff report dated July 24, 2017; and**
- 2. Adopt Administrative Order Number 2017-009-ADM, Respecting District Discretionary Funds, as set out in Attachment Two of the staff report dated July 24, 2017, to establish the District Discretionary Fund and repeal the District Capital Fund and the District Activity Fund Policies.**

Concern was raised with combining the District Capital and District Activity Funds, with it being noted that District Capital funds are designated for community projects.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Karsten

To defer the motion pending a supplementary staff report regarding: revising the proposed Administrative Order such that it shall:

- a) Combine the current discretionary fund and advertising funds into a single operational fund.**
- b) Additionally, allow the current district capital fund to be used to fund projects in publicly accessible areas and facilities with demonstrated community use (gyms, auditoriums, common rooms, shared kitchens, parks) in provincial & federal assets including but not limited to parks, hospital grounds, public schools, and Metro Regional Housing Authority facilities.**

Discussion was held on the deferral, with staff responding to questions. It was noted that staff would provide a more robust Appendix 2 – Administrative Order Number 2017-009-ADM Respecting District Discretionary Funds in the report back to Council.

Members sought additional information on service level agreements and joint use agreements, as they did not want to be put in a position where they are asked to fund or improve upon non-community assets that are the responsibility of other levels of government.

Council recessed at 5:09 p.m. and reconvened at 6:01 p.m

Members of Council requested clarity in the supplementary report regarding policies including:

- advertising promotion and discretionary funds;
- using district capital for grants to non-profits; and
- using funds for enhancements to community schools.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Cleary

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

14.1.7 Proposed Approach to Uniform Land Use Regulation of Senior Citizen housing

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 18, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Halifax Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and all applicable community municipal planning strategies and land-use by-laws to simplify, consolidate and remove barriers to the development of special care facilities, consistent with the proposed policy direction outlined within the discussion section of the staff report dated May 18, 2017;

2. Follow the public participation program as set out in the community engagement section of the staff report dated May 18, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

14.1.8 Award – Unit Price Tender No. 17-247, Glendale Drive Improvements – Central Region

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated July 18, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 17-247, Glendale Drive Improvements – Central Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$1,348,314 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No(s). CR000005 – Street Recapitalization, CTU00420 – Active Transportation, CTU01086 – Intersection Improvement Program and CTU00419 - Traffic Signal Rehabilitation as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated July 18, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

14.1.9 Nuisance Smoke Petition dated February 12, 2016

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 3, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council decline to direct the Chief Administration Officer to draft a by-law that would regulate nuisance smoke from indoor wood burning appliances, electric smokers or any other device that emits smoke.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Councillors: Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Blackburn and Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

14.1.10 Site-Specific Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy (SMPS) Amendment Requests within the Regional Centre Boundary

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated July 26, 2017, with revised page 4
- A staff presentation dated August 1, 2017
- Correspondence from Vern Hicks, Pat Whitman, Alex Halef, and Eric Burchill

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Continue to process the requests for site-specific secondary municipal planning strategy amendments as outlined in Attachment A of the staff report dated July 26, 2017, subject to the proposals:

a) generally aligning with the June 2017 Centre Plan documents relative to Urban Structure, Height and Floor Area Ratio, and

b) addressing the planning principles of transition, pedestrian-orientation, human-scale, building design, and context-sensitive as noted in Table 2 of the staff report dated July 26, 2017;

2. Continue to process the site-specific secondary municipal planning strategy amendments for the proposals outlined in Attachment B of the staff report dated July 26, 2017;

3. Follow the public participation program for the site-specific secondary municipal planning strategy amendments as outlined in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated July 26, 2017; and

4. Discontinue process the requests for site-specific amendments as outlined in Attachment C of the staff report dated July 26, 2017.

Bob Bjerke, Chief Planner and Director of Planning and Development, and Kate Green, Policy & Strategic Initiatives Program Manager, provided the staff presentation. A brief discussion ensued.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT part 4 of the main motion be deferred to the September 5, 2017 meeting of Regional Council.

Several Councillors expressed support for the motion of deferral to provide time for additional consultation with members of the public and the development industry. Other Councillors suggested that they would not support a motion of deferral and spoke in favour of defeating part 4 to ensure consistency in the process for assessing applications, noting that the Centre Plan had not yet been finalized.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND DEFEATED. (7 in favour, 8 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors: Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Cleary and Walker

Against: Councillors: Hendsbee, Karsten, Smith, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Blackburn and Outhit

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

Council recessed at 7:51 p.m. and reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

Council agreed to a request to vote on each part of the motion separately, beginning with part 4, as follows:

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

4. Discontinue process the requests for site-specific amendments as outlined in Attachment C of the staff report dated July 26, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (7 in favour, 8 against)

In favour: Councillors: Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary and Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors: Hendsbee, Karsten, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman and Blackburn

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor advised that a motion to amend Part 1 of the main motion to include the applications identified in Attachment C would be in order.

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT the main motion be amended to continue to process the site-specific secondary municipal planning strategy amendments for the proposals outlined in Attachment C of the staff report.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND DEFEATED. (7 in favour, 8 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors: Hendsbee, Karsten, Walker, Adams, Zurawski and Whitman

Against: Councillors: Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Blackburn and Outhit

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

Council proceeded to consider the remaining three parts of the main motion as follows:

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Continue to process the requests for site-specific secondary municipal planning strategy amendments as outlined in Attachment A of the staff report dated July 26, 2017, subject to the proposals:

a) generally aligning with the June 2017 Centre Plan documents relative to Urban Structure, Height and Floor Area Ratio, and

b) addressing the planning principles of transition, pedestrian-orientation, human-scale, building design, and context-sensitive as noted in Table 2 of the staff report dated July 26, 2017

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

2. Continue to process the site-specific secondary municipal planning strategy amendments for the proposals outlined in Attachment B of the staff report dated July 26, 2017

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

3. Follow the public participation program for the site-specific secondary municipal planning strategy amendments as outlined in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated July 26, 2017

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

Bjerke advised that staff would return to Council with a report to clarify the next steps in the process.

14.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Gun Amnesty Program for HRM

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated July 18, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee; attached was a staff report dated July 11, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council recommend that Halifax Regional Police (HRP), in partnership with the Public Safety Advisor and Halifax District RCMP, consider gun amnesty program options as part of the 2017/18 Gun Safety Strategy deliverable approved by Regional Council; and, in the event a cash incentive program is determined to be the best way forward, transfer up to \$10,000 to HRP from Fiscal Services, as outlined in the Financial Implications' section of the July 11, 2017 staff report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

Council agreed to a request to consider item 14.4.2 next in the order of business.

14.4.2 Volunteer Search and Rescue Grants Program, Recommended Awards Fiscal Year 2017-2018

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated July 11, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Grants Committee; attached was a staff report dated June 23, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve:

1. The award of four (4) operating grants as described in the Discussion section of the June 23, 2017 staff report for a combined total of \$132,210 from Account C801-8004;
2. The award of one (1) capital grant as described in the Discussion section of the June 23, 2017 staff report for a total of \$5,595 from Account C801-8004;
3. The award of one (1) One-time Special Project Grant as described in the Discussion section of the June 23, 2017 staff report for a total of \$2,500 from Account C801-8004;
4. The allocation of \$8,195 towards Emergency Management Office (EMO) Joint Emergency Management (JEM) as described in the Discussion section of the June 23, 2017 staff report from Account C801-8004.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

14.3 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

14.3.1 Halifax Regional Municipality Charter Review – Natural Person Powers

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated July 18, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Executive Standing Committee; attached was a staff report dated April 28, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council endorse the direction laid out for the Charter Review in the Conclusion section of the staff report dated April 28, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

14.3.2 First Reading Proposed By-law E-102 an Amendment to By-law E-100, Respecting of a Prompt and Coordinated Response to an Emergency

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated July 18, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Executive Standing Committee; attached was a staff report dated June 13, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law E-102, the purpose of which is to amend By-law E-100, the Emergency Management By-law, to reflect the current administrative and organization structure of the Municipality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

14.3.3 Municipal Emergency Plan 2017

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated July 18, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Executive Standing Committee; attached was a staff report dated June 19, 2017
- A staff presentation dated August 1, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the Municipal Emergency Plan 2017 as attached to the staff report dated June 19, 2017 entitled Municipal Emergency Plan 2017.

Barry Manuel, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided the staff presentation regarding the Municipal Emergency Plan 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

14.4 GRANTS COMMITTEE

14.4.1 Rural Transit Funding Program 2017-2018

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated July 11, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Grants Committee; attached was a staff report dated May 24, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the following grants under the Rural Transit Grants Administrative Order, for the 2017-2018 fiscal year:

1. Lump Sum Grants

- a. MusGo Rider Cooperative (Musquodoboit) - \$10,000**
- b. MusGo Rider Cooperative (Valley-Sheet Harbour) - \$10,000**
- c. BayRides - \$5,000**

2. Flat Rate Grant of \$0.42 per in-service kilometer up to a program maximum of \$105,000

3. If, at the end of fiscal 2017-2018, residual funding remains in the account staff recommends the supplementary funds are distributed pro-rata based on in-service kilometers to the approved applicants up to a total of \$0.50 per kilometer.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

14.4.2 Volunteer Search and Rescue Grants Program, Recommended Awards Fiscal Year 2017-2018

This matter was considered earlier in the meeting, please see page 10 for details.

14.4.3 Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations – Appeal, Black Educators Association

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated July 14, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Grants Committee; attached was a staff report dated June 28, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Confirm that the tax relief provided to the Black Educators Association remain unchanged for fiscal year 2016-17; and

2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to direct staff to consider the Association's request for an increase in level of tax relief during the regular application review and decision-making process for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

3. Direct staff to invite representation from the Association's Board of Directors and staff to meet to review the application process for the current tax relief program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

14.4.4 Interim Professional Arts Organizations Grant Program 2017/18 Recommended Awards

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated July 10, 2017 submitted by the Chair of the Grants Committee; attached was a staff report dated July 8, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve 28 awards for operating assistance at a combined value of \$281,000 as detailed in Attachment 2 of the July 8, 2017 staff report from operating account C760-8004 – Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program; and**
- 2. Approve 12 awards for project assistance at a combined value of \$79,000 as detailed in Attachment 2 of the July 8, 2017 staff report from operating account C760-8004 – Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

14.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

14.5.1 Councillor Adams – Retirement of Roof Light # 943

The following was before Council:

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

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding retiring roof light # 943 in recognition of Robert "Bobby" Richards.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

14.5.2 Councillor Hendsbee – Petition from Residents Regarding Restriction of Motorized Access on a Proposed Active Transportation Greenway

The following was before Council:

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

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report giving consideration to permitting motorized access on the proposed active transportation greenway between the Head of Chezzetcook and Musquodoboit Harbour. The abutting property owners along the Gaetz Brook corridor are requesting motorized use, therefore, any municipal funding should be going towards the design of a multi-use, multi-share trail.

It was noted that there was a related petition tabled at the July 18, 2017 meeting of Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Cleary

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

14.5.3 Councillor Hendsbee – Permitting dogs on the Halifax Ferry Service

The following was before Council:

- A Request for Council's Consideration form submitted by Councillor Hendsbee
- Correspondence dated July 31, 2017 from G.M. Walker

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the feasibility of permitting dogs on the Halifax Transit Ferry service. This would include:

- 1. Pet owners having full control of the dogs by it being on a leash, muzzled or even in a carrier could be allowed.**
- 2. Option of HRM providing a couple of pet cage kennels to secure the dog while in transit.**
- 3. And, rules in place that dog owners must clean up after the pet should it happen to relieve itself.**

Council entered into a discussion of the matter. It was noted that should a resident walk their dog on the waterfront and wish to cross the harbour, their only options would be to use a car or walk across the bridge. Permitting dogs on the Halifax Transit Ferry service would connect active transportation trails on both sides of the harbour.

Several Members presented objections to the motion for reasons including allergies, phobias, irresponsible pet owners, aggressive dogs, dog waste, the impact on service dogs, limited space on ferries, and the consequences of having different rules for different parts of an integrated transit system.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (5 in favour, 10 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors: Hendsbee, Adams, Zurawski and Whitman

Against: Councillors: Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Blackburn and Outhit

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

14.5.4 Councillor Austin – Ferry Schedule Special Events

The following was before Council:

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

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on options for providing additional ferry service during special events and holidays starting in the 2018/2019 fiscal year.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillor Streach

15. MOTIONS

15.1 Councillor Adams

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding that a new fire station in Williamswood be named the Chris Boyle Memorial Fire Station, and to include the appropriate station number in a less-dominant position.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillors Streach and Outhit

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

16.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – June 20 and 21, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of June 20 and 21, 2017 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16.2 Personnel Matter

Citizen and Councillor appointments to boards and committees in keeping with the Public Appointment Policy adopted by Regional Council in August 2011, to be found at <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/boards-committees-commissions/volunteer-boards-committees/public-appointment-policy>

16.2.1 Ratification of Citizen Appointments to the Community Monitoring Committee – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was discussed during an In Camera (In Private) session held earlier in the meeting and were before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Cleary

That Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve of appointments to the Community Monitoring Committee as set out in the Discussion Section of the July 18, 2017 private and confidential report from the Executive Standing Committee.**
- 2. It is further recommended that the Citizen appointments be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidates.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillors Streach and Outhit

16.3 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

16.3.1 Property Matter – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was discussed during an In Camera (In Private) session held earlier in the meeting and were before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT it be resolved by the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality that, pursuant to the provisions of the Expropriation Act, the expropriation by the Halifax Regional Water Commission of the permanent easement referred to in the confidential handout as circulated on August 1, 2017 as Easement BC-1E and described in Schedule “B” attached herewith and shown on the plan in Schedule “B-1” attached herewith, together with the rights and restrictive covenants appurtenant to the permanent easement as set out in Schedule “C” attached herewith, is hereby approved for the purpose of the Sullivan’s Pond Storm System Replacement Project.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors: Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Zurawski and Blackburn

Against: Councillor Whitman

Not present: Deputy Mayor Craig and Councillors Streach and Outhit

17. ADDED ITEMS

17.1 Councillor Adams – Operation of Drones in HRM

The following was before Council:

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

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor advised that drone use is regulated by Transport Canada.

Councillor Adams withdrew the item with the consent of Council.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

18.1 Councillor Adams

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on August 15, 2017, I propose to move First Reading of proposed By-law S-445, which will amend By-law S-400, *the Street Improvement By-law* the purpose of which is to adopt the Local Improvement Charges for 2016 new paving projects outside the core area.”

18.2 Councillor Adams

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on August 15, 2017, I propose to request a staff report on possible amendments to By-law C-501, *Respecting Vending on Municipal Lands* to consider amendments to Section 39 that would enable existing site licenses to be applicable during special events or festivals.”

18.3 Councillor Walker

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on August 15, 2017, I intend to move First Reading of By-law C-900, *Respecting Charges for Stormwater from Municipal Streets*, the purpose of which is to impose a stormwater Right-of-Way charge.”

18.4 Councillor Nicoll

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on August 15, 2017, I intend to move a Proposed Amendment to Administrative Order 17, *Respecting Remuneration for Members of Council*, the purpose of which is to update the Annual Remuneration increase process and Pension Plan options for Members of Council.”

18.5 Councillor Nicoll (on behalf of Councillor Outhit)

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on August 15, 2017, I intend to move First Reading of proposed By-Law P-505, amending By-Law P-500, *Respecting Parking Meters for the Regulation of Parking of Vehicles Left Standing in the Halifax Regional Municipality*, the purpose of which is to allow the use of pay stations and payment options in addition to parking meters and coin-only payments.”

18.6 Councillor Nicoll (on behalf of Councillor Outhit)

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on August 15, 2017, I intend to

1. Move proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 1, *Respecting the Procedure of the Council*, the purpose of which is to update the terms of reference of the Executive Standing Committee; and
2. Introduce proposed Administrative Order 2017-005-GOV, *Respecting the Advisory Committee on Accessibility in the Halifax Regional Municipality*, the purpose of which is to establish the terms of reference under which the Advisory Committee on Accessibility will advise the Municipality on the impact of municipal policies, programs and services on persons with disabilities.”

18.7 Councillor Blackburn

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on August 15, 2017, I propose to introduce a Policy pursuant to Section 325 of the Halifax Municipality Charter, Administrative Order SC-85, the purpose of which is to close a portion of Metropolitan Avenue, Lower Sackville, Lot MA-1.”

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk