



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
December 12, 2017**

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk
Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant
Sharon Chase, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., and recessed at 12:01 p.m. Council reconvened in at 1:00 p.m. Council recessed again at 2:54 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 Council recessed at 5:20 p.m. Council reconvened and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened in public at 7:06 p.m. Council adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.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 – NONE

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

Additions:

17.1 Grants Committee – Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM, Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program – Fiscal Year 2017-18

17.2 Budget Increase and Increase to Contract, Tender 16-237 Fairview Overpass Parapet Wall Repairs

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

16.4 Personnel Matter

A matter pertaining to an identifiable individual or group.

16.4.1 Personnel Matter – *Private and Confidential Report*

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Whitman

To defer Item 14.1.13 Administrative Order 50 Disposal of Surplus Property - Community Interest PID 00076471 1588 Barrington Street, Halifax to the January 30, 2018 Council session.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

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 14.1.2, 14.1.5, 14.1.11, 14.1.13. 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 – End of CH-124 Sea King Helicopter Operations

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Colonel S.A. Connor, Wing Commander dated November 30, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council grant permission for the Canadian Forces to fly up to 4 Sea King helicopters over the Halifax Dockyard and the Halifax Regional Municipality at a height of 500 feet above the highest obstacle in the mid to late morning of January 26, 2018, to mark the end of CH-124 Sea King Helicopter Operations on the East Coast of Canada.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.2 Petitions – None

12.3 Presentation – Halifax Water 2016/2017 Annual Report

The following was before Council:

- A staff information report dated November 27, 2017
- Halifax Water presentation

Ray Ritcey, Chair of the Halifax Regional Water Commission Board recognized and introduced Board members. Carl Yates, General Manager, Halifax Water presented their annual report, reviewing the major initiatives and audited financial results in 2016/2017.

Yates and Ritcey responded to question on communication with public, they explained that board meetings are held in closed session but Halifax Water is considering opening their meetings to the public. Halifax Water started holding annual general meetings in 2017 for the public, as well as having the Board's meeting agendas and information is available online. In terms of Halifax Water's rates and operating expenditures, staff explained that these are set by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (UARB).

Yates and Ritcey provided information around promoting conservation programs but noted that most their costs are fixed as they are associated with infrastructure and the replacement of old infrastructure (e.g. lead service lines). They also spoke to their three-phased approach for the advanced meter infrastructure.

Members commented on the work being done in their districts and the measures needed to address droughts in lakes.

Mayor Savage recognized Halifax Water's progressive leadership and thanked them for their presentation.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

14. REPORTS

14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

14.1.1 Award – Request for Proposal (RFP) #17-360 – Halifax Transit Technology Program – Project Team Augmentation

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 14, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council Award RFP #P17-360, Halifax Transit Technology Program – Project Team Augmentation to the highest scoring proponent, Barrington Consulting Group, in the amount of \$2,429,815 (net HST included) with funding from the Transit Technology Program CM020005, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated November 14, 2017.

In response to a question raised, staff explained that they would be coming to Council with a proposal and options in relation to future funding through the Smart City Solutions program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.1.2 Crosswalk Flags

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 23, 2017
- Correspondence from Tarah Zisseron, Doug Curren, Janet Brush, The Crosswalk Safety Society of Nova Scotia, Judy Dudar, Sybil Nunn, Charles Wambolt, Vel Oakes, Harrison Robbins, Deby Loiseau, Mike Lewis, Jim MacLennan, Craig St. Peters, Karen Fougere, Clarry Robicheau, William Barker, Don Hill, Matthew Bishop, Angela Stoddart, Heather Samson, Norm Collins
- An extract of minutes from Regional Council May 9, 2017
- A staff presentation dated December 12, 2017

Taso Koutroulakis, Manager of Traffic Management gave an update on the Crosswalk Flag programs, outlining Council's current pedestrian safety initiatives and Council's options for consideration:

- Approve the staff report recommendations outlined in the staff report dated October 23, 2017;
- Adopt the recommendations from the May 9, 2017 staff report; or
- Adopt one of the alternatives from the May 9, 2017 staff report.

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

- 1. Continue with identification and pilot testing of various products to enhance the visibility of crosswalks as part of their on-going practice; and**
- 2. Not allow any further installations of crosswalk flags until such time as a decision is made regarding a policy governing their installation.**

Members discussed whether to continue with the program, recognizing the need to have safety at crosswalks.

Members suggested decreasing speeds, having better road design and signage rather than flags. Comments were made that those using the flags are already safety minded individuals. It also puts the onus on pedestrians to take the safety measures and does not address distracted driving.

Members who support having flags, commented that it is an extra, inexpensive step that the Municipality can take to increase the visibility of a pedestrian. The flags add an extra visual element on either side of the crosswalk, aiding motorists in identifying the crosswalk regardless if people use them. Member also commented on how the program is supported by the public, and there have been decreases in vehicle/pedestrian accidents at crosswalks where the flags have been installed.

Staff advised that they continue to look at alternate means to increase safety at crosswalks.

In response to a question raised on florescent yellow/green signage, staff could not speak to what is permitted in other jurisdictions. They explained that standard signage for the Municipality is black and white, and that the Municipality had received approval from the Nova Scotia Traffic Authority for the crosswalk flag pilot program.

Council recessed at 12:01 p.m.

Council reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

The discussion continued with staff responding to additional questions. The following points were noted:

- flags are currently installed in basic marked crosswalks and not at RA5 crosswalks; the Nova Scotia Traffic Authority views the flags as supplementary (e.g. similar to people wearing reflective vests or lights)
- the Municipality assumes some liability with the flags being in its right-of-way
- the Strategic Road Safety Plan (SRSP) will identify counter measures to address road safety
- the cost to install flags at RA5 crosswalks would be site specific, as they may require certain civil work to be done prior to installation (e.g. sidewalks or two poles)
- the exact number of flags installed at crosswalks could not be confirmed but it was estimated that it is over 100
- staff is reviewing and collecting data around reflective strips on poles

At the request of Council, the motion was split.

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

1. Continue with identification and pilot testing of various products to enhance the visibility of crosswalks as part of their on-going practice.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

2. Not allow any further installations of crosswalk flags until such time as a decision is made regarding a policy governing their installation.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (4 in favour, 12 against)

In favour: Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, Cleary and Zurawski

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Mason and Councillors Hendsbee, Austin, Mancini, Smith, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Blackburn, Craig and Outhit

Not present: Councillor Streach

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council waive notice of Rescission (A01 63(3)) and that the motion, to the extent that it imposes a moratorium on Crosswalk Flags, passed on May 9, 2017 be rescinded and that Regional Council:

2. **Reinstate the Crosswalk Flag program to be applied at 'Basic Crosswalks' until the pilot testing of various products to enhance the visibility of crosswalks is completed, and at that time determine the next steps for the Crosswalk Flag program.**

Two-thirds majority vote required.

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

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Mason and Councillors Hendsbee, Austin, Mancini, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Blackburn, Craig and Outhit

Against: Councillors Karsten, Nicoll and Zurawski

Not present: Councillor Streach

14.1.3 Award – Tender 17-103 for the purchase of two (2) Current Model Year 1000G Tankers

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 5, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT the Halifax Regional Council award Tender 17-103 for the purchase of two (2) current model year 1000g Tankers to Camions Carl Thibault, for \$1,274,865 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No. CVJ01088 - Fire Apparatus Replacement, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated October 5, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

14.1.4 AN102 – HRM Asset Names, October 1, 2016 – April 18, 2017

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 3, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. approve:

- a. The addition of the name Graham Downey to the existing Commemorative Names List as shown on Attachment A of the staff report dated November 3, 2017;**
- b. The renaming of Samuel R Balcolm Community Centre Park to Samuel R Balcom Community Centre Park and the renaming of Eastern Passage Commons to Eastern Passage Common as shown on Attachment B and C of the staff report dated November 3, 2017;**
- c. The naming of the walkway in the Public Gardens, Queen Elizabeth II Walkway as shown on Attachment D of the staff report dated November 3, 2017; and**
- d. The administrative park names as shown on Attachment E of the staff report dated November 3, 2017.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

14.1.5 CA0114 – Lucasville/Hammonds Plains and Area Community Boundary Project

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 17, 2017
- Correspondence from Jillian Canning, Jennifer Murphy, Craig Fearon, Ankur Shrivastava, AJ and Megan Benoit

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council recognize:

- 1. Lucasville as an official HRM Community, as per Map 1 of the staff report dated October 17, 2017, and authorize staff to install community signs as identified on Map 2 of the staff report dated October 17, 2017.**
- 2. Hammonds Plains as an official HRM Community, as per Map 3 of the staff report dated October 17, 2017, and authorize staff to install community signs as identified on Map 2 of the staff report dated October 17, 2017.**
- 3. Upper Hammonds Plains as an official HRM Community, as per Map 4 of the staff report dated October 17, 2017; and**
- 4. Stillwater Lake as an official HRM Community, as per Map 5 of the staff report dated October 17, 2017.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

14.1.6 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies – Case CA0115 – Street Naming from June 1, 2017 – July 15, 2017

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 3, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

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 November 3, 2017 in order to approve:

- 1. The naming of twelve new private lanes as identified in Attachment B and Maps 1-6 of the staff report dated November 3, 2017; and**
- 2. The naming of nine public streets as identified in Attachment B and Map 7-9 of the staff report dated November 3, 2017.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

14.1.7 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies – Case CA0116 – Street Naming from July 16, 2017 – September 30, 2017

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 3, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Walker

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 November 3, 2017 in order to approve:

1. the naming of two new private lanes as identified in Attachment A and Map 1 of the staff report dated November 3, 2017; and
2. the naming of one public street as identified in Attachment A and Map 2 of the staff report dated November 3, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

14.1.8 Property Acquisition – 6814 Bayers Road, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 8, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale for the acquisition of 6814 Bayers Road, PID No. 00032540 as per the key terms and conditions outlined in Table 1 of the Private and Confidential Information Report dated November 8, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

14.1.9 First Reading Proposed By-law P-601, an Amendment to By-law P-600, Respecting Municipal Parks, and Proposed Administrative Order 2017-013-OP, Respecting Off-Leash Dog Areas Within Parks – Off-Leash Dog Areas Program and Administrative Order

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 4, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law P-601, amending By-law P-600, the Municipal Parks By-law, as set out in Attachment C of the staff report dated December 4, 2017.

During the discussion, Mayor Savage stepped down as Chair and Deputy Mayor Mason assumed the Chair.

It was explained to members that they would be able to make requests to add new areas to the list of off-leash areas, by way of supplementary staff report, during Second Reading.

In response to a question raised, staff will clarify whether Graves Oakley #1 and #2 Sports Fields, Leiblin Drive refers to the sports fields in the back of the property or the ball fields in the front.

Mayor Savage resumed the Chair prior to the vote being taken and the Deputy Mayor took their seat.

Staff responded to questions regarding service gaps, clarifying that the Administrative Order focuses on having community consultation when establishing a new off-leash area, which is why they did not propose or identify any new ones at this time. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that new off-leash areas would be added to the extensive list of potential capital projects for Council's consideration during Capital Budget.

Staff was asked to look at possible sponsorship opportunities. They were also asked to review and clarify the following possible error and omission:

- Attachment E: Sports Field Off-Leash Areas, should Winter use be to *June 1* or *May 31*
- Eddie LeBlanc #3, First Lake Drive listed under Summer use and Eddie LeBlanc #1 and #2 Ball Diamonds, First Lake Drive under Winter use

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach

14.1.10 Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth Building Proposal – Kiwanis Grahams Grove Park

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 5, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

- 1. Include a new multi-use building at Kiwanis Grahams Grove Park with a net budget of \$800,000 for consideration in the 2019/20 capital budget process to be prioritized against other capital priorities;**
- 2. Return to Regional Council to confirm the funding commitment once the building design is complete; and**
- 3. Negotiate leases for space in the new building with the Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth and the Dartmouth Dragon Boat Association and return to Regional Council for approval of the resulting lease agreements, such that they are in place for the opening of a new building.**

Staff advised that they are on task to complete the Regional Washroom Strategy for Council's consideration. The Strategy will provide guidance on park classification and the type of washroom facility for the park land. It was noted that staff did not want to hold up a potential partnership opportunity with the Dartmouth Kiwanis Club waiting for the Strategy to be completed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

Council recessed at 2:54 p.m.

Council reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

14.1.11 Shakespeare by the Sea Society – New Building Proposal

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 29, 2017
- Correspondence from Elizabeth Murphy

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

- 1. Complete remaining repairs to the existing roof on 5480 Point Pleasant Drive to enable ongoing operations to support the Shakespeare by The Sea license agreement with funding from Project No. CBX01270 – Structural Upgrades, as outlined in the Financial Implication section of the staff report dated November 29, 2017;**
- 2. Include public consultation and conceptual planning for the Greenbank Multi-Use Building in the 2018/19 budget and business plan for Council's consideration;**
- 3. Engage Shakespeare by the Sea and Parks Canada directly in the conceptual planning process and develop a Memorandum of Understanding, if required, outlining future roles within Point Pleasant Park for Council's consideration; and**

4. Decline the request for \$100,000 funding to Shakespeare By The Sea in support of capital planning for 2018, at this time.

Denise Schofield reviewed the staff recommendation for construction of the Greenbank building which will initiate consultation to develop the full scope of the project. The roof replacement was being held off, as Shakespeare by the Sea Society considered fundraising for the construction of a new theatre building. HRM is committed to finishing the roof work. The goal is to consult with Shakespeare by the Sea Society as a stakeholder and deny funding; with the alternative proposal being to fund the Society if the Greenbank building is not constructed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

14.1.12 Appointment of Development Officers

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 6, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council appoint Karen Godwin as Development Officer, pursuant to Subsection 258(1) of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, and that these appointments be effective for the duration of their current conditions of employment with the Halifax Regional Municipality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

14.1.13 Administrative Order 50 Disposal of Surplus Property - Community Interest PID 00076471 1588 Barrington Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 20, 2017
- Correspondence from Emily Davidson, President, 1588 Barrington Building Preservation Society

This matter was deferred during the approval of the order of business to the January 30, 2018 Council session.

Mayor Savage stepped down from the Chair to introduce the motion for 14.1.14, Deputy Mayor Mason assumed the Chair.

14.1.14 The Downie Wenjack Legacy Room Project

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 30, 2017

MOVED by Mayor Savage, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a one-time contribution in the amount of \$25,000 from Account M311- Grants and Tax Concession to the Tides Canada Foundation to support cross-cultural reconciliation projects funded under the Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack Fund;**
- 2. Establish a Downie Wenjack Legacy Room in the Main Floor Boardroom at City Hall as per the**

terms of the Downie Wenjack Fund;

3. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and execute an agreement to participate in the Downie Wenjack Legacy Room Project with the Tides Canada Initiatives Society;
4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer, through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, to conduct engagement and participation with the Mi'kmaw Community specifically in the development of and in the ceremonial opening of the Room;
5. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer, through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, to collaborate with Indigenous visual artists, artisans, curators and cultural centers to display Indigenous Art in the proposed Downie Wenjack Room in City Hall.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Item 14.1.14, The Downie Wenjack Legacy Room Project be deferred and that a supplemental report be prepared to respond to the concerns raised in correspondence received by Regional Council.

Wyatt White, Advisor, Indigenous Community Engagement, answered questions about the project and fund. It is an important initiative in moving reconciliation forward. They acknowledged that a wide variety of perspectives are shared and that levels of understanding differ.

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

In favour: Councillor Hendsbee

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

Not present: Councillor Stretch

MAIN MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

Mayor Savage resumed the Chair.

14.1.15 Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) Applications – Updates and Revisions

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 26, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Waive the requirement to appear at Audit and Finance Standing Committee because of the time sensitive nature of the federal funding application;
2. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign the Contribution Agreement with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, to receive funding for fifteen Access-A-Buses;
3. Authorize HRM to modify existing PTIF project applications including: withdrawing the Ferry Terminal Generator Project, reducing the scope of Alderney Pontoon Replacement to allow for refurbishment of both the Alderney and Halifax pontoons, redistributing residual funds from the Transit Security project, and applying for a new project to allow for the purchase of conventional expansion buses;
4. Approve a budget transfer from capital accounts CM000013 – Ferry Terminal Generators in the amount of \$575K, CBX01171 – Ferry Terminal Pontoon Rehabilitation in the amount of \$2.61M, and CMU00982 – Transit Security in the amount of \$800K for a total transfer of \$3.985M to capital account CV020003 – Conventional Bus Expansion; and,
5. Approve advanced 18/19 funding in the amount of \$900K to account CV020003 – Conventional Bus Expansion.

Dave Reage, Director Halifax Transit, noted that it is necessary to ensure accessible transportation and maintain the level of service while investigating other options, including work on accessible taxis. These options are being considered by the Transportation Standing Committee. Accessible buses have a 5-year lifespan. The cost of 15 accessible buses will be \$1.88 million, whose purchase price will be shared with the province 50/50. Staff have assessed the condition of the Alderney pontoons and they are in good shape. The reduced scope of work will extend their lifespan. Reage confirmed that electric buses will be integrated. Details will follow in a February staff report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

14.2 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Proposed Administrative Order 2017-002-ADM, Respecting Charter of Governing Principles for Regulation and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 32, Respecting the Procedures for Developing By-Laws

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee dated December 4, 2017 with attached staff report dated November 6, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt:

- 1. Administrative Order Number 2017-002-ADM, the Charter of Governing Principles for Regulation Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated November 6, 2017; and**
- 2. The amendments to Administrative Order 32, the By-law Development Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated November 6, 2017.**

Jane Fraser, Director Corporate and Customer Services, provided an update on regulatory reform, emphasizing the importance of the customer service component. Performance excellence training and service strategies are being delivered. There has been focus on noise by-laws, signage, permitting and licensing as well as the Centre Plan.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

14.3 GRANTS COMMITTEE

14.3.1 Less than Market Value Lease – Scott Manor House, 15 Fort Sackville Road

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Grants Committee dated December 5, 2017 with attached staff report dated October 20, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a less than market value lease agreement with Fort Sackville Foundation for the leased premises located at 15 Fort Sackville Road, Bedford as per the key terms and conditions set out in Table 1 in the discussion section of the October 20, 2017 staff report.

Jacques Dubé Chief Administrative Officer, gave an update on the progress. An application has been made for the tax relief program. This issue is also wrapped up in Charter questions and they will seek a briefing from staff. There are other similar situations to consider.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

14.3.2 Less than Market Value Lease – Kinsmen Club of Sackville, N.S., 71 First Lake Drive

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Grants Committee dated December 5, 2017 with attached staff report dated November 6, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a less than market value lease agreement with the Kinsmen Club of Sackville, N.S. for the premises located at 71 First Lake Drive, PID NO. 00359958 per the key terms and conditions set out in Table 1 in the discussion section of the November 6, 2017 staff report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

14.4 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

14.4.1 Councillor Smith – Social Policy Lens

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration form from Councillor Smith

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Regional Council request a staff report and recommendations with respect to developing a Social policy lens through which to assess future initiatives by;

- 1. Assessing municipal responses and actions to support; health and livability initiatives, planning and land use policy/by-laws, recreation program delivery, operational services, and other HRM initiatives.**
- 2. Explore options for enhanced service delivery, not limited to departmental expansion, dedicated resources, partnerships, etc)**
- 3. Research what other jurisdictions are doing regarding municipal social policies.**

During introduction of the motion the following was noted:

- The existing social development programs in place in HRM were reviewed.
- Some examples of other jurisdictions who have social project departments was shared.
- A social policy lens is valuable due to its impact on citizens.
- It would be important to ensure initiatives match up with identified needs and include all HRM residents.

Mayor Savage stepped from the Chair to speak to the matter. Deputy Mayor Mason assumed the chair.

Mayor Savage noted that the goal is to refine how we look at social policy. There is a lot of work and focus on this lens already and it has been shown to be a priority. Savage shared some of the progressive work and initiatives being done where Halifax sets the example.

During the discussion members commented that the Municipal Charter does indicate responsibility in the social development area. Addressing our responsibility can be achieved through coordinating what is already being done and bringing it together in a cohesive way. Money may be spent differently by using a social policy lens and as a result serve our citizens better, tying in with the inclusive and diversity lens already being used. There are also many shared responsibilities with other levels of government that must be measured?

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

14.4.2 Councillor Karsten – District Capital Request

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration form from Councillor Karsten

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve a one-time exemption to grant a request for \$10,000.00 from the District 3 District Capital Fund for the supplies and labour to paint and repair the Fisherman’s Cove Development Association Heritage Centre.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

15. MOTIONS – NONE

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

Council may rise and go into a private In Camera session, in accordance with Section 19 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, for the purpose of dealing with the following:

16.1 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:

16.1.1 1940 Gottingen Street – Option Agreement – Mi’kmaw Native Friendship Society – *Private and Confidential Report*

The following was dealt with in public:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Declare surplus and categorize 1940 Gottingen Street, as identified in Attachment 1 of the private and confidential staff report dated November 6, 2017, as Economic Development, pursuant to Administrative Order 50; and,**
- 2. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter an Option Agreement with the Mi’kmaw Native Friendship Society as per the Terms and Conditions in Table 1 of the private and confidential staff report dated November 6, 2017.**
- 3. Not release the private and confidential report dated November 6, 2017 to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Nicoll

16.1.2 Terence Bay Lighthouse Public Access Feasibility

The following was dealt with in public:

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to advise the Terence Bay Lighthouse Committee (TBLC) as outlined in the private and confidential report dated November 28, 2017 and . further that the private and confidential report dated November 28, 2017 not be released to the public.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Nicoll

16.2 Intergovernmental Relations

A matter pertaining to any subject, the discussion of which could, violate the confidentiality of information obtained from another body of government, or a public body.

16.2.1 Transit Passes Pilot Program – *Private and Confidential Report*

The following was dealt with in public:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. direct staff as outlined in the private and confidential report dated November 29, 2017; and**
- 2. that the private and confidential report dated November 29, 2017 not be released to the public until the conditions as outlined in the report have been met.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

16.3 Labour Relations

16.3.1 Councillor Smith – Review and update on the HRM Human Resources Policy – *Private and Confidential Report*

The following was dealt with in public:

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the recommendations as outlined in the Private and Confidential Request for Council's consideration form.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

16.4 Personnel Matter

A matter pertaining to an identifiable individual or group.

16.4.1 Personnel Matter – *Private and Confidential Report*

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting, see page 18.

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Property Acquisition – 6814 Bayers Road, Halifax
2. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Administrative Order 50 Disposal of Surplus Property - Community Interest PID 00076471 1588 Barrington Street, Halifax

17. ADDED ITEMS

17.1 Grants Committee – Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM, Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program – Fiscal Year 2017-18

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by Chair of the Grants Committee dated December 5, 2017 with attached staff report dated October 30, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT Halifax Regional Council

1. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM, The Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 1 of the October 30, 2017 staff report, which will repeal and replace Schedules 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 of the administrative order at a combined estimated cost of \$3,744,916 from Operating Account M311- Grants and Tax Concession with the following amendment to Attachment A of the amending Administrative Order (Schedule 26): remove Canadian Mental Health Association: Nova Scotia Division, 63 King Street, Dartmouth; and
2. Defer a recommendation with respect to applications from S.P Lodge Limited, the Estabrooks Community Hall, MacDonald House Association, Ketch Harbour Residents Association [964 Ketch Harbour Road, Ketch Harbour] and the Fort Sackville Foundation, pending further review and a supplementary staff recommendation report.
3. Refer correspondence received by the Grants Committee from Canadian Blood Services to staff for further review.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

17.2 Budget Increase and Increase to Contract, Tender 16-237 Fairview Overpass Parapet Wall Repairs

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 30, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve a budget increase of \$58,398 (net HST included) to Project Account No. CRU01077 – Bridges, funded through cost sharing with NSTIR.
2. Authorize an increase to Tender 16-237 Fairview Overpass Parapet Wall Repairs to Duron Atlantic Ltd. (Purchase Order 2070758870), in the amount of \$101,741 (net HST included), with

funding from Project Account No. CRU01077 – Bridges, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated November 30, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Not present: Councillor Streach

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

18.1 Councillor Craig

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on January 16, 2018, I intend to:

1. Introduce proposed *Administrative Order 2017-011-GOV, Respecting the Youth Advisory Committee in the Halifax Regional Municipality*, the purpose of which is to establish a Youth Advisory Committee, which will advise the Municipality on the impact of municipal policies, programs and services on youth; and
2. 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 to include the Youth Advisory Committee.”

Council recessed at 5:20 p.m.
Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Craig

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss the personnel matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council convened into an In Camera (In Private) session at this time.

Council reconvened to public at 7:06 p.m. to ratify Item 16.4.1.

16.4.1 Personnel Matter – *Private and Confidential Report*

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Adams

THAT Halifax Regional Council ratify the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) annual evaluation rating as discussed in the In Camera session December 12, 2017 and that the report not be released to the public.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk