



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 17 and 18, 2019**

REVISED

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Martin Ward, Solicitor
Claire Gillivan, Solicitor
Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Clerk
David Perusse, Legislative Assistant
Judith Ng'ethe, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 11:53 a.m. and reconvened in public at 12:10 p.m. Council recessed at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:04 p.m. Council recessed at 2:54 p.m. and reconvened at 3:19 p.m. Council convened to an In Camera (In Private) session at 3:54 p.m. and reconvened to public session at 4:17 p.m.. Council recessed at 4:22 p.m. and reconvened at 6:01 p.m. Council recessed at 7:48 p.m. and reconvened at 8:00 p.m. Council recessed at 9:39 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m. Council recessed at 10:36 p.m. Council reconvened at 2:02 p.m. Council recessed at 4:12 p.m., reconvened at 4:30 p.m. and adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on September 17, 2019 and Council stood for a moment of reflection.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

Councillor Hendsbee requested the Mayor to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Art MacKenzie.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regional Council July 30 and August 13, 2019 and Special Regional Council August 28, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the minutes of July 30 and August 13, 2019, and Special Regional Council minutes of August 28, 2019 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Council agreed to change the order of business to address items 15.1.5 and 15.1.6 after 1:00 p.m to allow for correspondence to be received on these items and to move item 17.6 at 11:45 a.m. due to its time sensitive nature.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the agenda be approved as amended

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSENT AGENDA - NONE

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

7. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

8. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – August 13, 2019

8.1 Proposed By-law U-105, an Amendment to By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law – Halifax Transit Fare Strategy 2019

The following was before Council:

- An extract of draft minutes from the August 13, 2019 Council meeting

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a report investigating the feasibility of implementing a fee for access to Halifax Transit Park and Rides.

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

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

Against: Councillors Walker, Zurawski, Whitman and Outhit.

9. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

10. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

12.1 Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy (SMPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) (Package A)

The following was before Council:

- An extract of draft minutes from the July 30, 2019 Council meeting
- A supplementary staff recommendation report dated September 3, 2019
- A supplementary staff recommendation report dated July 25, 2019
- A staff presentation dated September 17, 2019
- Correspondence submitted by Greg Zwicker, Joe Arab and Benjamin Carr, Philip Darnos, Savayda Jarone, Judy Haiven, Leslie Pezzack, Elinor Reynolds, Ronald Smith, Hung-yeh Peisinger, Tim Leary, Edward Edelstein, Judith Fingard, David Harrison, Carolyn Conrad, Victor Matthews, Gretchen Fitzgerald, Kaley Doleman, John Ghosn, Claire Dykhuis, Molly DeShong, M. Claudine, Patty Cuttell Busby, Andrew Inch, Neil Lovitt, Chelsea Kinnee, Heather O'Brien, Joshua Szulewics, Megan LeLievre, Marilynne Bell, Judith Cabrita, Pat White, Sandy Stackhouse, Melanie Briand, Rob LeBlanc, Andrea D'Sylva, Wendy Scott, Steve Parcell, Rob LeBlance, Jared Dalziel, Ron Pachal, Mark Smith, Jennifer Angel, Eugene Pieczonka, Stella Lord, Mike Cowie, Jeanie Cowie and Hung-Yeh Peisinger.

Eric Lucic, Manager, Regional Planning, and Kasia Tota, Principle Planner, provided Council with a presentation on the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy (SMPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) (Package A).

Responding to questions from members of Council, Lucic and Tota noted that based on analysis, the 'Future Growth Nodes' identified in Package A can accommodate approximately three (3) times the housing and population growth in the Regional Centre to 2031.

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

Joseph Arab and Benjamin Carr, Halifax, noted that they own a property located at 1584 Robie Street comprised on three (3) PIDs, being PID 00641035, PID 00641043, and PID 00136796. They explained that their plan is to consolidate the lots for a future planned development. They noted that until recently, all PIDs were zoned corridor (COR) under the draft Centre Plan. However, the most recent document released in July excludes PID 00641035 from the COR zoning. This would result in two zones for their lots. They requested that PID 00641035 once again be included in the COR zoning. Their second request related to a property on Green Street, being PID 0010334, PID 00103333, and PID 00103325. They requested that the height restrictions on these lots be relaxed due to the steep elevation on the side, requesting that the height requirements be changed from seventeen (17) meters to twenty (20) meters. They additionally requested that there be a formal mechanism through which these small changes to the Centre Plan can be addressed. They added that the density bonusing provisions in the Centre Plan will be a significant detriment to development in the City.

Kevin Neatt, Halifax, speaking on behalf of UDI Nova Scotia, expressed their concerns relating to the density bonusing provisions in the Centre Plan. Specifically, they noted that the requirement that the density bonusing charge be paid up front at the construction permit stage will have a significant financial impact on small and medium-sized developers. They noted that they would like for Regional Council to take a more wholistic approach to affordable housing, suggesting that the density bonus aspect of the Centre Plan be deferred for further evaluation. They noted that as a result of variabilities in properties, some flexibility and variance in the Centre Plan would assist developers to work within the guidelines to be able to properly develop properties based on their specific needs. Additionally, they requested that Council direct staff to measure the timelines for the approval process and report back to Council on any deficiencies. Lastly, with regards to wind modeling, they requested that Council direct staff to develop a guidelines document to assist developers in understanding and meeting the requirements set out in the Centre Plan.

Jared Dalziel, Halifax, spoke to Council about their concerns regarding the Comprehensive Development District (“CDD”) zones. They noted that as currently drafted, new signage would be prohibited in CDD zones. This would be detrimental to commercial properties in those areas. They requested that Council amend the document to permit signs as-of-right in the CDD zones. They explained that this would enable their client to proceed with a renovation for a commercial tenant at 3711 Joseph Howe Drive, which would require new signs.

Neil Lovitt, Halifax, noted that they were speaking on behalf of Robin Stewart, who owns 5687 and 5689 Harris Street. They noted that the parcels are located in an area which is set to be zoned as either Corridor or Higher-Order-Residential 1 (HR-1) under Package A. They noted, however, that a small pocket of the properties in question are excluded from these changes, and are slated to be zoned under the established residential categories under Package B. They requested that Council include these properties in Package A under the HR-1 zoning.

David Harrison, Dartmouth, noted that they are a professional planner with significant experience helping to develop mixed income planning strategies in other cities in Atlantic Canada. They recommended that the Dartmouth Main Street District form-based code be used as the design platform for the Dartmouth side of the harbour, as it would allow for urban planning to be better able to respond to local context and needs. They added that it would be impractical to prescribe a uniform code throughout the centre region of HRM. They additionally expressed the view that the HRM does not need a new community council to ensure consistency in urban planning and that the plans be scrapped.

Ian Watson, Halifax, noted that they are a professional planner in the HRM, and have contributed to the Centre Plan through its development. They noted that the Centre Plan represents a huge leap forward for planning in the regional core. However, they expressed concerns relating to the large lot development provisions, which would see large properties developed via development agreements. They noted that development agreements provide for flexibility in planning, and that a good development agreement process trades administrative speed and efficiency for greater flexibility in site specific design. However, they noted that the current large lot development provisions impose many prescriptive requirements that undermine the flexibility of the development agreement process. They urged Council not to move forward

with the Centre Plan Package A without first amending the document to make the large lot development policy more flexible.

Elizabeth Powell, Dartmouth, on behalf of Fathom Studio, spoke to Council about 65 Kings Street, Dartmouth. Under the Centre Plan, this property would be part of the Historic Dartmouth Precinct. As a result, the floor area ratio ("FAR") has been capped at 2.25. The property in question was originally built as a hotel, and is currently being used as short-term monthly rentals. It is a non-conforming building with an FAR of over 4. As a consequence, it is difficult to renovate the building to create reasonable sized units. They noted that the property in question has no heritage value that the Developers are aware of, and requested that Council remove the property from the Historic Dartmouth Precinct.

Chris Millier, Halifax, Director of Real Estate with Canada Lands Company, spoke to Council about two properties, being Shannon Park lands located at 75 Iroquois Drive, and the former RCMP complex at 3139 Oxford Street. With regards to 75 Iroquois Drive, they requested that Schedule 11 from the current Centre Plan document be replaced with the March 2018 Schedule 7, noting that it is more consistent with urban design principles. With regards to 3139 Oxford Street, they noted that the property would be included under the large lot development provisions of the Centre Plan. They requested that Council consider amending the large lot development provisions as they are burdensome, do not provide sufficient flexibility to developers, and are inconsistent with long-term innovating planning.

Paul Mackinnon, Halifax, CEO Downtown Halifax Business Commission, spoke to Council about the affordable housing provisions in the Centre Plan. They noted that by requiring a higher quality of development in the regional core, affordable housing may actually be pushed out. As density bonusing will only impose a charge on some developments in the regional centre, it may push developments outside the centre so as to avoid this charge, contrary to the stated intention of the Centre Plan. They noted that the density bonusing provisions may make accommodations more expensive in the short-term. They also expressed concern that it is not currently clear how the funds generated by density bonusing will be managed. They noted that a wholistic plan is needed to tackle the issue of affordable housing, which includes more than just density bonusing. Speaking to investment, they additionally requested that the Centre Plan be consistent with Action 50 in the Halifax Economic Strategy.

Sue Uteck, Halifax, expressed their concerns to Council about moving forward with Package A without a wholistic view that takes Package B into account. They expressed concern that there is currently no plan to track the success of Package A. They noted that affordable housing is not sufficiently dealt with in the current Plan, and that the proposed density bonus approach will not provide sufficient funds to effectively address affordable housing. They noted that the future growth nodes identified in the Plan will not be able to develop into full communities as a result of the restrictions on certain commercial and industrial developments in these areas. They additionally noted that the Centre Plan needs to be accompanied by a robust construction mitigation plan.

Doug Carlton, Dartmouth, provided members of Council with a postcard depicting artistic renderings of art instillation on HRM crosswalks. They noted that street names could be scrolled on these 3D crosswalks.

Council recessed at 7:48 p.m. and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Peter Poller, Halifax, expressed their concerns relating to the density bonusing provisions of the Centre Plan, expressing the view that they will negatively impact housing affordability in the regional core. They noted that the density bonusing provisions are effectively a tax on developers, who will in turn have to increase prices to cover the increased costs. They requested that Council defers consideration of the affordable housing components of the Centre Plan, and direct staff to undertake further evaluation and consultation with developers and the community.

Responding to questions from members of Council, Poller noted that developers have never been asked to get together to develop their own proposal for affordable housing to present to the Municipality.

Cesar Salah, Halifax, noted that they are speaking on behalf of WM Fares Architects, who has been fully engaged in the Centre Plan development and approval process. They noted three (3) adjustments to the Centre Plan that they would like for Council to consider. The first is to increase the variation on maximum street wall heights from five (5) percent to ten (10) percent to accommodate slopping conditions. The second adjustment is to change the provisions in the Plan relating to the deadline to complete public benefit (section 231) from "...prior to the development permit being issues" to "prior to the occupancy permit being issued". The third adjustment is to add the following as subsection (f) to the provisions in the Plan relating to the public benefit categories (236): "(f) the undergrounding of overhead electrical and communication distribution systems". They additionally expressed their concerns relating to the affordable housing provisions of the Centre Plan, noting that as currently proposed, they will hurt small and medium sized developers. They suggested that the development community needs to be a part of developing affordable housing solutions.

Ron Pachal, Halifax, spoke to Council about two properties located on Liverpool Street and Dublin Street, being PID 41443375 and PID 00160119. They requested that the properties be included in Package A. They noted that the owner of the property is seeking to put multi-unit dwellings on the properties in question and is hoping that they will be zoned HR-1 under the Centre Plan. They noted that under the existing zoning, with the angel controls, the property is limited to a few low-rise units. The HR-1 zoning would allow the flexibility to design and build a multi-unit residential building that would provide additional housing units in this area, which is in keeping with the intention of the Centre Plan.

Peggy Cameron, Halifax, requested that Council remove 1624 Charles Street from the corridor zoning. Two other properties on Charles Street were removed from this zoning, but they noted that the property in question remained under this zoning, which they believe to have been done in error. They noted a petition signed by ninety-six (96) residents opposing the corridor designation of Charles Street. They also spoke about affordable housing, citing other jurisdictions that have implemented a requirement that new developments have a twenty (20) percent ratio of affordable housing units.

Joan Fraser, Halifax, spoke to Council about their property located at 6399 North Street, questioning why the property has been included as part of the Chebucto corridor. They additionally expressed concern with the growing infringement in the neighbourhood of tall buildings. They encouraged Council to review the Plan with an eye to retaining the integrity of residential neighbourhoods. They additionally spoke to the process for making amendments when the Centre Plan is adopted, noting that they do not see sufficient mechanisms for public consultation. They suggested that the notification of change requirements in the Plan be increased from thirty (30) meters to one hundred (100) meters.

Greg Zwicker, Dartmouth, on behalf of North Point Properties, spoke to Council about a property located at 1018 South Park Street. They requested that this property be included in Package A, suggesting an HR-1 zoning. The property is currently vacant, and they would like to move forward and have it included in Package A, rather than waiting a year to have it included in Package B. They additionally spoke to Council about the one-hectare policy in the Centre Plan. They noted that there are several lots of this size in the Plan, but due to their size, they warrant special consideration in terms of development flexibility. Under the proposed Centre Plan, these sites are currently treated as corridors with the same height limitations.

Kaurosh Rad, Halifax, encouraged Council to put procedures in place for the regular review of the Centre Plan. With regards to affordable housing, they noted that a more comprehensive affordable housing strategy is needed. Specifically, they spoke to Council about rooming houses and lodges within the regional core. They noted that these properties need to be converted into units that residents would want to live in. This would be a big boost to the number of affordable housing units in the Municipality without the need for new developments. However, the proposed regulations under the Centre Plan would in practice prohibit these properties from being renovated and retrofitted as affordable housing units. This is largely due to requirements for the minimum number of bedrooms. They noted that this small change in the Centre Plan would be an easy 'win' in terms of affordable housing, and requested that Council consider making the change.

Katie Campbell, Halifax, spoke to Council about affordable housing, noting that it is a core issue that comes up all the time in public consultations, yet is never adequately dealt with. The Centre Plan should not be approved without first having a firm strategy and plan for affordable housing. They noted that there currently is no plan on how the Municipality will specifically use the funds generated by the density bonus charge. They also noted that there currently is no formal process for members of the public to request affordable housing in their communities. They expressed the view that the community council approval process is not transparent enough and heavily favours developers at the expense of the larger community.

Derrick Vallac, Dartmouth, expressed their concern with the new community council being proposed to oversee planning under the Centre Plan. They question why staff feel that the current community council regime would be insufficient to take on this task. They also questioned why there was not more public consultation about this new community council, citing public participation requirements for planning matters set out in the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*. They noted that retaining separate community councils will help to avoid the 'cookie cutter' approach to development in the regional core.

Patricia Kuddle, Halifax, speaking on behalf of the North End Business Association, requested that Council consider several changes to the Centre Plan relating to the North End area. With regards to the Centre 2 Pedestrian Zone, they noted that the North End contains many ground floor offices, which is an integral part of the fabric of the community. The Centre Plan envisions high-rise offices in this area, which is not consistent with the current reality of the North End. They asked that the pedestrian zoning be changed so as to continue to allow ground level offices. The second concern related to the elimination of auto services in the area, with Kuddle noting that it may be premature to rule out the need for these services in the regional centre in the future.

Alex Hallef, Halifax, noted that they are a real estate developer in HRM. Speaking to the Centre Plan's density bonusing provisions, they noted that it amounts to an affordable housing tax. They used several examples to illustrate the financial burden that this would place on small to medium-sized developers. They additionally questioned the Municipality's plan for how this pool of funds will be administered. They spoke about the South End of Halifax under the Centre Plan, suggesting that the height restrictions should be reviewed as part of Package B. They also expressed support for the request to change the allowable variation in the maximum street wall heights from five to ten percent.

Andrew Murphy, Halifax, speaking on behalf of the Nova Scotia Heritage Trust, noted that their organization is generally pleased with the proposed Centre Plan. They noted that it provides more encouragement and support for property owners to register and maintain their heritage properties.

Allan Ruffman, Furgason's Cove, expressed their disappointment that members of the public are only permitted to speak for five minutes during the public hearing, given the complexity and significance of the Centre Plan. They expressed their concern that the majority of those speaking at the public hearing have been developers, rather than members of the broader public. They additionally expressed concerns with the proposed changes to the governance regime for planning approval oversight. Speaking specifically about the Design Review Committee, they noted that the make up of the Committee is largely comprised of professional engineers and architects. They suggested that greater participation from the broader public is required to make the process more open and democratic.

Norman Nahas, Halifax, spoke to Council about the former St. Patrick's Alexandra property on Maitland Street, requesting that Council remove the property from Package A and put it in Package B. They noted that under the current proposal, its zoning would not match that of neighbouring properties. As the current restrictions on the property would not be conducive to 'good' future development, they noted that they would like more time to undertake a comprehensive assessment and dialog on this property and its future.

Responding to questions from members of Council, Nahas noted that the heritage development agreement does not provide sufficient flexibility to adequately plan out the site when it comes of features such as open space.

Janet Morrison, Halifax, expressed their concerns relating to the Centre Plan Package A. They noted that under the Plan, there are ten proposed Heritage Conservation Districts (HCD), but it would likely be some time before these HCDs are implemented. They expressed their concern that these areas may be compromised before the protections of the HCDs can be implemented. As a result, they requested that Council consider putting forward a moratorium on demolitions in these areas while the HCDs are being developed. They pointed to the loss of buildings identified as having heritage value over the past ten years. They suggested that greater effort should be made on the part of the Municipality to register many of the properties before they are lost.

Hadrian Lang, Halifax, noted that they are pleased with the Centre Plan before Council. In particular, they expressed their support for the interactive mapping components, which they noted were intuitive. They added that they hope that these mapping tools will become readily available to members of the public.

William Breckenridge, Halifax, spoke to Council about the relationship between protecting heritage and affordable housing, noting that renovating heritage buildings is much more cost effective than new development. They additionally noted the constant conflict between development and protecting the City's heritage identity. They suggested that Council consider steps to alleviate some of this conflict, such as allowing high-rise towers to be constructed as a component near the rear of heritage buildings as a means of compromise. They cited Schmitville as a leading example of a mixed neighbourhood that balances development with the protection of heritage.

Teddy McClain, Halifax, spoke to Council about two properties, being 1142 and 1144 South Park Street. They questioned why South Part is not designated as a corridor in the Centre Plan, as it meets the stated criteria. They requested that Council include it as a corridor zone.

Mayor Savage called three (3) times for any other members of the public wishing to speak on the matter; there were none present.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT the public hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council recessed at 9:39 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council continue past 10:00 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Responding to questions from members of Council, Kelly Denty, Director, Planning and Development, Lucic and Tota noted that with regards to affordable housing provisions of the Centre Plan, the charges arising from density bonusing would be required to be paid by developers at the construction permit stage. The reason for using this timing, rather than at the occupancy permit stage, comes down to issues of authority and enforcement. At the occupancy permit stage, the building would have already been constructed and the Municipality is obliged to issue such a permit when specific conditions are met. They added that this charge would only affect larger developments over two-thousand (2,000) square metres.

With regards to the administration of the funds generated by the density bonusing charge, Lucic noted that the plan is for staff to come back to Council with a draft administrative order. They added that generally, the funds are to be directed towards the non-profit sector to facilitate affordable housing

programs in the Regional Centre. It was also noted that the plan is to roll out density bonusing to the rest of the HRM in the future.

Responding to further questions from members of Council, Denty, Lucic and Tota noted that there was public consultation on the proposed governance model under the Centre Plan, including consultations at the Community Design Advisory Committee (CDAC), as well as a public consultation open house in downtown Dartmouth.

Councillors directed several questions to staff regarding how some of the specific concerns raised during the public hearing could be brought forward, either for inclusion in Package A or for consideration at a future date.

In response, Denty, Lucic and Tota noted that most of the concerns would be considered substantive changes that would require a new public hearing should Council wish to consider them for inclusion in Package A. One exception was noted, being the request to permit signage in Comprehensive Development District zones.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council recess and reconvene at 2:00 p.m. on September 18, 2019.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council recessed at 10:36 p.m. and reconvened at 2:02 p.m. on September 18, 2019.

When Council reconvened, Councillor Blackburn was in attendance, but where they were not present for the public hearing portion of the meeting on September 17, 2019: therefore they were not qualified to vote in accordance with Administrative Order One, Appendix A, Section 20 and 21.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the Regional Centre Land Use By-law as contained in Attachments A and B of the supplementary staff report dated July 25, 2019 with the following amendments:**
 - a. Policy 10.29 (f) included in Attachment 1 of the supplementary staff report dated September 3, 2019, and**
 - b. Maps 1, 3 and 10 and Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 24, 25 and 26 are replaced with Attachments 2-14 of the supplementary staff report dated September 3, 2019;**
- 2. Adopt the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, the Regional Subdivision By-law, the Dartmouth Municipal Planning Strategy, the Dartmouth Land Use By-law, the Downtown Dartmouth Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, the Downtown Dartmouth Land Use By-law, the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy, the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law, and the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law as contained in Attachments C to M-2 of the July 25, 2019 supplementary staff report.**
- 3. Suspend section 142 of Administrative Order One and ratify items 16 through 20 of the June 18th, 2019 motion of Committee of the Whole, as follows:**
 - 16. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop and return to Council with proposed amendments to Administrative Order Number 48 to remove the lands within Package A from the jurisdictional authority of the Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee, the Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council, and the Halifax and West Community Council, to provide for the creation of a new Regional Centre Community Council to review, address and deal with matters relating to appeals of site plans and variances and land use by-law amendments over those lands following the adoption of**

- the Regional Centre Plan Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law;
17. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a new Administrative Order establishing a Design Advisory Committee for the Regional Centre Package A lands, and return to the Council for consideration;
 18. Rescind the Regional Council December 13, 2016 motion, Item 9.2.2, Parts 1 and 2, with respect to developing an incentive or bonus zoning program for affordable housing benefits and negotiating with Housing Nova Scotia a Memorandum of Understanding, as outlined in the staff report dated September 6, 2016;
 19. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a business case for a Regional Centre Incentive or Bonus Zoning Reserve, and an Administrative Order to direct future spending from the reserve within the Regional Centre and return to Council for consideration; and
 20. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare amendments to the various committee Terms of Reference as appropriate, to establish the Community Design Advisory Committee, the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee, the Heritage Advisory Committee, the Halifax and West Community Council, and the Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council as the only advisory bodies to the planning process for the Regional Centre Plan Package B area, and return to the Council or the necessary body for consideration, with an amendment to add “the Design Review Committee” after “Community Design Advisory Committee;”.

Councillor Mason suggested an amendment responding to the concern raised during the public hearing relating to Comprehensive Development District zones, which staff noted would not constitute a substantive change that would require a new public hearing.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the motion be amended to include the following:

4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:
 - a. Amend the Table of Contents to add the CDD zone to the listing of zones under the entry for Chapter 2 of Part XI.
 - b. Amend the header for Chapter 2 of Part XI, to add the CDD zone to the listing of zones for which the signage requirements of Chapter 2, Part XI, are to apply to.
 - c. Amend Subsection 222(2), Section 223, Section 224, Subsection 225(1), and Section 226 to add the CDD zone to each listing of zones.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

Not qualified to vote: Councillor Blackburn

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the motion be amended to include the following:

5. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include for consideration in the Centre Plan area during the Package B consultation and adoption process, the removal of 31 Queen Street Dartmouth, PID 00083949 from the potential Downtown Dartmouth Heritage District and reconsideration of the property's 2.5 FAR.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

Not qualified to vote: Councillor Blackburn

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Defer consideration of the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy (SMPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) (Package A) to November of 2019; and**
- 2. Direct staff to prepare a supplementary staff report outlining the items raised during the public hearing on the Centre Plan (Package A) held on September 17, 2019.**

Several Councillors noted their opposition to a deferral, noting that Package A has gone through a rigorous public consultation process, and the outstanding items raised during the public hearing could be addressed during the consultation process for Package B.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND DEFEATED. (4 in favour, 9 against)

In favour: Councillors Hendsbee, Walker, Adams and Whitman

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Mancini, Councillors Nicoll, Austin, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Zurawski and Outhit

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

Not qualified to vote: Councillor Blackburn

Council recessed at 4:12 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the motion be amended to include the following:

- 6. Request that staff explore changing the designation for PID:00148643 (St. Patrick's Alexandra) from HR-1 to HR-2 during the completion of Package B.**

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

Not qualified to vote: Councillor Blackburn

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the motion be amended to include the following:

- 7. Request that staff explore permitting ground floor office uses in the Gottingen street Centre or all CEN-2 Zones during the completion of Package B.**

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

Not qualified to vote: Councillor Blackburn

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the motion be amended to include the following:

- 8. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include the following items for consideration for possible inclusion the Centre Plan area during the Package B consultation and adoption process:**
- a. Amendments to the MPS and LUB to exempt large shared housing uses existing at adoption from bedroom requirements required in section 57 of the LUB.**
 - b. Consider additional relaxation of height on sites with significant grade, such as 5213, 5215, 5225 Green Street.**
 - c. To consider methods to delaying payment of the affordable housing component of density bonusing to later in the construction process, allowing posting of bonds, or rebating affordable housing component at time of permitting if an affordable housing agreement is in place.**
 - d. Consider the inclusion of Lot 15 Robie PID00641035 in the Corridor Zone.**

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

Not qualified to vote: Councillor Blackburn

The motion before Council was as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the Regional Centre Land Use By-law as contained in Attachments A and B of the supplementary staff report dated July 25, 2019 with the following amendments:**
 - a. Policy 10.29 (f) included in Attachment 1 of the supplementary staff report dated September 3, 2019, and**
 - b. Maps 1, 3 and 10 and Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 24, 25 and 26 are replaced with Attachments 2-14 of the supplementary staff report dated September 3, 2019;**
- 2. Adopt the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, the Regional Subdivision By-law, the Dartmouth Municipal Planning Strategy, the Dartmouth Land Use By-law, the Downtown Dartmouth Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, the Downtown Dartmouth Land Use By-law, the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy, the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law, and the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law as contained in Attachments C to M-2 of the July 25, 2019 supplementary staff report.**
- 3. Suspend section 142 of Administrative Order One and ratify items 16 through 20 of the June 18th, 2019 motion of Committee of the Whole, as follows:**
 - 16. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop and return to Council with proposed amendments to Administrative Order Number 48 to remove the lands within Package A from the jurisdictional authority of the Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee, the Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council, and the Halifax and West Community Council, to provide for the creation of a new Regional Centre Community Council to review, address and deal with matters relating to appeals of site plans and variances and land use by-law amendments over those lands following the adoption of the Regional Centre Plan Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law;**
 - 17. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a new Administrative Order establishing a Design Advisory Committee for the Regional Centre Package A lands, and return to the Council for consideration;**
 - 18. Rescind the Regional Council December 13, 2016 motion, Item 9.2.2, Parts 1 and 2, with respect to developing an incentive or bonus zoning program for affordable**

- housing benefits and negotiating with Housing Nova Scotia a Memorandum of Understanding, as outlined in the staff report dated September 6, 2016;
19. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a business case for a Regional Centre Incentive or Bonus Zoning Reserve, and an Administrative Order to direct future spending from the reserve within the Regional Centre and return to Council for consideration; and
 20. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare amendments to the various committee Terms of Reference as appropriate, to establish the Community Design Advisory Committee, the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee, the Heritage Advisory Committee, the Halifax and West Community Council, and the Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council as the only advisory bodies to the planning process for the Regional Centre Plan Package B area, and return to the Council or the necessary body for consideration, with an amendment to add “the Design Review Committee” after “Community Design Advisory Committee;”.
4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:
 - a. Amend the Table of Contents to add the CDD zone to the listing of zones under the entry for Chapter 2 of Part XI.
 - b. Amend the header for Chapter 2 of Part XI, to add the CDD zone to the listing of zones for which the signage requirements of Chapter 2, Part XI, are to apply to.
 - c. Amend Subsection 222(2), Section 223, Section 224, Subsection 225(1), and Section 226 to add the CDD zone to each listing of zones.
 5. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include for consideration in the Centre Plan area during the Package B consultation and adoption process, the removal of 31 Queen Street Dartmouth, PID 00083949 from the potential Downtown Dartmouth Heritage District and reconsideration of the property’s 2.5 FAR.
 6. Request that staff explore changing the designation for PID:00148643 (St. Patrick’s Alexandra) from HR-1 to HR-2 during the completion of Package B.
 7. Request that staff explore permitting ground floor office uses in the Gottingen street Centre or all CEN-2 Zones during the completion of Package B.
 8. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include the following items for consideration for possible inclusion the Centre Plan area during the Package B consultation and adoption process:
 - a. Amendments to the MPS and LUB to exempt large shared housing uses existing at adoption from bedroom requirements required in section 57 of the LUB.
 - b. Consider additional relaxation of height on sites with significant grade, such as 5213, 5215, 5225 Green Street.
 - c. To consider methods to delaying payment of the affordable housing component of density bonusing to later in the construction process, allowing posting of bonds, or rebating affordable housing component at time of permitting if an affordable housing agreement is in place.
 - d. Consider the inclusion of Lot 15 Robie PID00641035 in the Corridor Zone.

Councillor Hendsbee expressed opposition to the provision in the motion relating to the proposed governance model and the creation of a new community council. Specifically, they expressed concern that the new community council may create an urban/rural split. They requested that the motion be separated for voting purposes so as to hold a separate vote on part 3(16).

Council agreed to separate the vote on the motion and proceeded to vote on the main motion minus part 3(16).

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

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2. Adopt the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, the Regional Subdivision By-law, the Dartmouth Municipal Planning Strategy, the Dartmouth Land Use By-law, the Downtown Dartmouth Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, the Downtown Dartmouth Land Use By-law, the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy, the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law, and the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law as contained in Attachments C to M-2 of the July 25, 2019 supplementary staff report.
3. Suspend section 142 of Administrative Order One and ratify items 16 through 20 of the June 18th, 2019 motion of Committee of the Whole, as follows:
 17. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a new Administrative Order establishing a Design Advisory Committee for the Regional Centre Package A lands, and return to the Council for consideration;
 18. Rescind the Regional Council December 13, 2016 motion, Item 9.2.2, Parts 1 and 2, with respect to developing an incentive or bonus zoning program for affordable housing benefits and negotiating with Housing Nova Scotia a Memorandum of Understanding, as outlined in the staff report dated September 6, 2016;
 19. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a business case for a Regional Centre Incentive or Bonus Zoning Reserve, and an Administrative Order to direct future spending from the reserve within the Regional Centre and return to Council for consideration; and
 20. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare amendments to the various committee Terms of Reference as appropriate, to establish the Community Design Advisory Committee, the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee, the Heritage Advisory Committee, the Halifax and West Community Council, and the Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council as the only advisory bodies to the planning process for the Regional Centre Plan Package B area, and return to the Council or the necessary body for consideration, with an amendment to add “the Design Review Committee” after “Community Design Advisory Committee;”.
4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:
 - a. Amend the Table of Contents to add the CDD zone to the listing of zones under the entry for Chapter 2 of Part XI.
 - b. Amend the header for Chapter 2 of Part XI, to add the CDD zone to the listing of zones for which the signage requirements of Chapter 2, Part XI, are to apply to.
 - c. Amend Subsection 222(2), Section 223, Section 224, Subsection 225(1), and Section 226 to add the CDD zone to each listing of zones.
5. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include for consideration in the Centre Plan area during the Package B consultation and adoption process, the removal of 31 Queen Street Dartmouth, PID 00083949 from the potential Downtown Dartmouth Heritage District and reconsideration of the property’s 2.5 FAR.
6. Request that staff explore changing the designation for PID:00148643 (St. Patrick’s Alexandra) from HR-1 to HR-2 during the completion of Package B.
7. Request that staff explore permitting ground floor office uses in the Gottingen street Centre or all CEN-2 Zones during the completion of Package B.
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 - a. Amendments to the MPS and LUB to exempt large shared housing uses existing at adoption from bedroom requirements required in section 57 of the LUB.
 - b. Consider additional relaxation of height on sites with significant grade, such as 5213, 5215, 5225 Green Street.
 - c. To consider methods to delaying payment of the affordable housing component of density bonusing to later in the construction process, allowing posting of bonds,

- or rebating affordable housing component at time of permitting if an affordable housing agreement is in place.
- d. Consider the inclusion of Lot 15 Robie PID00641035 in the Corridor Zone.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

Not qualified to vote: Councillor Blackburn

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

Part 3 (16) Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop and return to Council with proposed amendments to Administrative Order Number 48 to remove the lands within Package A from the jurisdictional authority of the Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee, the Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council, and the Halifax and West Community Council, to provide for the creation of a new Regional Centre Community Council to review, address and deal with matters relating to appeals of site plans and variances and land use by-law amendments over those lands following the adoption of the Regional Centre Plan Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law;

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (9 in favour, 4 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Mancini, Councillors Nicoll, Austin, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Zurawski, and Outhit

Against: Councillors Hendsbee, Walker, Adams, Whitman

Not present: Councillors Streach and Karsten

Not qualified to vote: Councillor Blackburn

Councillor Outhit noted that they mistakenly voted against the motion and requested that their vote be recorded as in favour of the motion.

Responding to questions from members of Council, Claire Gillivan, Solicitor, noted that the main motion relating to Package A required a nine (9) vote majority, as it related to a planning document. However, the split vote on part 3(16) of the motion only requires a simple majority vote as it relates to an Administrative Order, rather than a planning document.

Councillor Whitman left the meeting at 4:55 p.m on September 18, 2019.

Councillor Cleary put forward an additional motion regarding items for consideration in Package B.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include the following items for consideration for possible inclusion the Centre Plan area during the Package B consultation and adoption process:

- **Reconsider the FAR in CEN-2 zone on Quinpool between Monastery and Harvard to better match the FAR directly opposite on the south side of Quinpool;**
- **Reconsider the maximum height for the HR-2 zone on the block bounded by Chebucto, Clinton, and Joseph Howe;**

- Consider adding undergrounding of utility wires as a public benefit for the density bonus; and
- Consider increasing the variance from 5% to 10% for maximum street wall height on sloping conditions.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach, Karsten and Whitman

Not qualified to vote: Councillor Blackburn

Councillor Hendsbee requested that staff provide a briefing note on the items raised during the public hearing but were not addressed by an amendments or motion.

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

The Deputy Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items: 12.1, 14.1, 15.1.6 and 17.6. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

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

13.2 Petitions

13.2.1 Councillor Whitman

Councillor Whitman submitted a petition from Aileen McGinty containing 288 signatures and in opposition to speed bumps on Kingswood Drive.

13.2.2 Councillor Hendsbee

Councillor Hendsbee submitted a petition from Catherine A. MacKenzie with 393 signatures from Porters Lake area residents opposing development on PID#00609537, commonly known and used as a pedestrian pathway between the Porter's Lake Provincial Park and the Kinap playground and public park. The petition called for the property to be acquired for the purpose of parkland.

13.2.3 Councillor Smith

Councillor Smith submitted a petition from Peggy Cameron containing 96 signatures from residents in the Charles Street area requesting for removal of 6024 Charles Street from the Centre Plan Corridor designation.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – August 13, 2019

14.1 Councillor Whitman - Progress Report – Conveyance of 1588 Barrington Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff information report dated June 19, 2019
- Correspondence from Emily Davidson

Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants and Contributions, provided Council with an update on the conveyance of 1588 Barrington Street, Halifax.

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Streach

THAT Halifax Regional Council request the CAO to instruct staff to prepare a report recommending milestone targets to support Halifax Regional Council in assessing the Society's progress in future reports.

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

In favour: Councillors Streach, Adams and Whitman.

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

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Proposed Administrative Order SC-89, Respecting Street Closure Parcel 2 – Portion of Purcells Cove Road, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated July 9, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order SC-89 in Attachment "B" of the staff report dated July 9, 2019, to close that portion of Purcells Cove Road shown as Parcel 2 on Attachment "A" of the staff report dated July 9, 2019.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.1.2 Increase to Contract – 17-168 Design Consultant Services St. Andrew's Community Centre

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated August 8, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize an increase to the Purchase Order No. 2070777575 for changes to the contracted scope of work in the amount of \$40,254 (net HST included), with funding from Project No. CB000011 – St. Andrew's Community Centre outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated August 8, 2019.

In response to questions from Council, John MacPherson, Manager of Corporate Facility, Design and Construction noted that that additional funds were part of the contingency amount and therefore part of the overall project budget.

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

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

Against: Councillor Whitman

15.1.3 Increase to Contract – Request for Proposal (RFP) 18-176 Consulting Services for Woodside Ferry Terminal Recapitalization Phase 1 and Phase 2

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated July 24, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve an increase of \$149,411 (net HST included) to RFP 18-176, Consulting Services for Woodside Ferry Terminal, Phase 1 and Phase 2, to Abbott Brown Architects, from Project No. CB000042 – Woodside Ferry Terminal Upgrades, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated July 24, 2019.

Council discussed the motion with staff responding to questions. Members of Council expressed concern that the project had not been considered through the climate change lens and that consideration for rising sea levels had not been part of the initial project request proposal.

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

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

Against: Councillor Whitman

15.1.4 Proposed Administrative Order SC-90, Respecting Street Closure - Portions of Grosvenor Road, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated July 23, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order SC-90 as set out in Attachment 'C' of the staff report dated July 23, 2019 to close those portions of Grosvenor Road.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.1.5 Second Reading Proposed By-law U-105, an Amendment to By-law U-100, Respecting User Charges – Halifax Transit Fare Strategy 2019

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee dated July 29, 2019, with attached staff recommendation report dated June 11, 2019
- An extract of draft minutes from the August 13, 2019 Council meeting

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law U-105, the purpose of which is to amend Schedule 1 of By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law, establishing changes to the existing fare structure and fares as set out in Attachment 2 of the Transportation Standing Committee report dated July 29, 2019, subject to retaining the senior fare category and increasing the senior's fare proportionate to the proposed increases to the general fare.

Councillor Streach requested an amendment to shield residents of Fall River from the changes to the fare structure. The amendment was as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Mason that the motion be amended to include the following:

THAT Halifax Regional Council request the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a supplemental report with respect to fees on route 320 relating to residents of the Fall River community who commute to the metro area which will hold in abeyance the \$6 fare increase and represents an increase of 75 cents.

Dave Reage, Director, Halifax Transit responded to questions from Council regarding the potential financial implications of the proposed amendment and on electronic fare boxes.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Hendsbee proposed an amendment that would result in adult cash fare increase at a uniform rate for all routes.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council amend the By-law to provide for an increase to the adult fare to \$3 and an increase to the Metro X fare to \$4.

Councillor Hendsbee requested that the motion to amend be separated to hold a separate vote on the \$3 increase to the adult fare and the \$4 increase to the Metro X fare.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council amend the By-law to provide for an increase to the adult fare to \$3.

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

In favour: Councillors Streach and Hendsbee

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

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council amend the By-law to provide for an increase to the Metro X fare to \$4.

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

In favour: Deputy Mayor Mancini, Councillors Streach and Hendsbee

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

The motion before Council was now as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt By-law U-105, the purpose of which is to amend Schedule 1 of By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law, establishing changes to the existing fare structure and fares as set out in Attachment 2 of the Transportation Standing Committee report dated July 29, 2019, subject to

retaining the senior fare category and increasing the senior's fare proportionate to the proposed increases to the general fare.

2. Request the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a supplemental report with respect to fees on route 320 relating to residents of the Fall River community who commute to the metro area which will hold in abeyance the \$6 fare increase and represents an increase of 75 cents.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED. (11 in favour, 5 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Mancini, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mason, Smith, Cleary and Blackburn.

Against: Councillor Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman and Outhit.

15.1.6 Second Reading Proposed By-law T-1003, an Amendment to By-law T-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis and Limousines, and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation

The following was before Council:

- A staff presentation dated September 17, 2019
- An extract of draft minutes from the July 30, 2019 Council meeting
- A supplementary staff recommendation report dated August 28, 2019
- A supplementary staff recommendation report dated May 27, 2019
- Correspondence submitted by Greg Fownes and United Cab Drivers Association of Halifax

Sally Christie, Supervisor, Regional Licencing, gave a presentation to Council on proposed amendments to By-law T-1000 and Administrative Order 39 as pertains to taxis, limousines and accessible taxis and responded to questions from Council on safety for taxi users and the wait list for taxi licenses.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the revised By-law T-1003, dated September 12, 2019, the purpose of which is to amend By-law T-1000, the Halifax Regional Municipality Taxi and Limousine By-law as set out in Attachment 2 to the supplementary staff report dated August 28, 2019, and**
2. **Adopt the revised amending Administrative Order, dated August 21, 2019, the purpose of which is to amend Administrative Order 39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulations, as set out in Attachment 4 to the supplementary staff report dated August 28, 2019.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 3 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Mancini, Councillors Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Whitman, Blackburn and Outhit

Against: Councillors Walker, Adams and Zurawski

Not present: Councillor Streach

15.1.7 Case CA0126 - Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies – Street Naming and Renaming from May 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated July 31, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

Approve the name Norma Eddy as an approved heritage name as shown on Attachment A of the staff report dated July 31, 2019; and

Adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting Civic Addressing Policies in order to approve:

1. **The naming of five new private lanes as identified in Attachment B and Maps 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the staff report dated July 31, 2019;**
2. **The naming of five public streets as identified in Attachment B and Map 2 of the staff report dated July 31, 2019; and**
3. **The renaming of Brenton Place to Clyde Street, Halifax as identified in Attachment B and Maps 5 and 6 of the staff report dated July 31, 2019.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.1.8 Halifax Transit Fare Strategy 2019 - Youth Free Transit Pilot

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated August 20, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the Youth Free Transit Pilot as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated August 20, 2019.

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

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

Against: Councillor Karsten

15.1.9 2019 – 2020 Area Rate Amendment – Dartmouth Main Business Improvement District (BID)

The following was before Council:

- An extract of draft minutes from the August 13, 2019 Council meeting
- A staff recommendation report dated August 16, 2019

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council amend the area tax rate for the Dartmouth Main Business Improvement District from 0.185 to 0.195.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.1.10 Award - Tender No. 19-173 – Fire Station No. 62 Williamswood – Mass Earthworks

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated August 29, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 19-173, Fire Station No. 62 Williamswood – Mass Earthworks to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Brycon Construction Limited for a Total Price of \$1,407,601 (net HST included), with funding from Project No. CB000079 –

Sambro/Harrietsfield Fire Station and CB180006 – Fire Station Land Acquisition, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated August 29, 2019.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Funding Request – The Vimy Foundation

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated August 14, 2019, with attached staff recommendation report dated June 11, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve a one-time contribution to The Vimy Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 from Operating Account M310-8004 for the purchase of a “legacy gift”, a Vimy Oak Tree, which will be planted in the Vimy Foundation Centennial Park, France.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.2.2 Revised Business Case for Q521 – Convention Centre Reserve [PDF]

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated August 14, 2019, with attached staff recommendation report dated February 14, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council repeal and replace the business case for Q521 – Convention Centre Reserve, as set out in revised Attachment 1 of the staff report dated February 14, 2019.

Bruce Fisher, Manager, Fiscal Policy and Planning, responded to a question from Council regarding any financial impact of the revision to the reserve business case and deposits into the reserve.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.3 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Pet Waste Recycling

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee dated September 5, 2019, with attached staff recommendation report dated August 7, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to consider a pilot project for the collection of dog waste in select parks as part of the business and budget planning process for implementation in 2020/21.

Laurie Lewis, Program Manager, Policy and Outreach for Solid Waste Resources, responded to questions from Council regarding the estimate and breakdown of the cost of the pilot project. Responding to a follow up question, Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer set out the next steps in the pilot project.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.3.2 Initiatives to increase the number of electric vehicles and charging stations in the Municipality

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee dated September 5, 2019, with attached staff recommendation report dated August 22, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Zurawksi, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Report back to Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee with both an electric vehicle infrastructure strategy and light-duty fleet strategy, complete with budgetary considerations to:**
 - a. Install and administer public electric vehicle charging infrastructure at new and existing Municipal facilities, rights of way and/or public parking sites including rural fire stations with backup generators and park and ride terminal locations; and**
 - b. Convert a portion of the municipal fleet to electric vehicles and install charging stations at municipal facilities.**
- 2. Return to Council with recommendations for specific legislative amendments to enable the Municipality to require necessary zero emission vehicle infrastructure in new developments.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Mancini and Councillors Streach and Karsten

15.4 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.4.1 Councillor Austin - Artisanal Vending, Ferry Terminal Park

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration form from Councillor Austin

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on amending By-Law C-501 to add Ferry Terminal Park to part C of Schedule B to permit artisanal vending to occur in this location.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Mancini and Councillors Streach and Whitman

15.4.2 Councillor Nicoll – Trail Connection

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration form from Councillor Nicoll

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding the possibility of developing a trail linking the Westmount Plains subdivision to the Old Lawrencetown Road.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Mancini and Councillor Streach

15.4.3 Councillor Karsten – The Beacon Community Newspaper

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration form from Councillor Karsten
- A copy of the September 2019 edition of the The Beacon

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve an exemption for a district capital donation in the amount of \$5000.00 to give The Beacon Community Newspaper the funds needed to sustain the publication for the time period needed to conduct a study and support the transition of the way the publication is to move forward for the residents of Eastern Passage and Cow Bay.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

15.4.4 Councillor Hendsbee – Establishing a crosswalk location on the Williams Porter Connector Road

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration form from Councillor Hendsbee

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report investigating the possibility of establishing a crosswalk location on the William Porter Connector Road in front of the Porter's Lake Elementary School.

At the request of Council, Brad Anguish, Director, Transportation and Public Works clarified the process of assessment of a crosswalk.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

16. MOTIONS

16.1 Councillor Zurawski

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to examine the connection of Eider Drive in Timberlea to Sussex Drive as it pertains to the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Wilderness area, Haliburton Hills, and the Highland Park Hammond Plains community.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker and Streach

16.2 Councillor Whitman

MOVED by Councillor Whitman seconded by Councillor Zurawksi

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to examine the status of the proposed provincial highway 113 adjacent to the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Wilderness Reserve.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Walker and Streach

16.3 Councillor Whitman

This item was withdrawn by Councillor Whitman.

17. 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:

17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – Regional Council July 30 and August 13, 2019 and Special Regional Council August 28, 2019

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mancini

THAT the In Camera (In Private) Regional Council minutes of July 30 and August 13, 2019 and Special Regional Council minutes of August 28, 2019 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Not present: Councillors Walker and Streach

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Whitman

That Halifax Regional Council convene to in camera.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.2 PROPERTY MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was discussed In Camera (In Private). The following motion was ratified in public session:

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated August 15, 2019;**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated August 15, 2019 to the public until the transaction has closed.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach, Karsten, Walker and Whitman.

17.3 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was discussed In Camera (In Private). The following motion was ratified in public session:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the recommendation as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated August 22, 2019.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Not present: Councillors Streach, Karsten, Walker and Whitman.

17.4 PROPERTY MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was discussed In Camera (In Private). The following motion was ratified in public session:

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated August 30, 2019.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach, Karsten, Walker and Whitman.

17.5 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report (Deferred from July 30, 2019)

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and no further action was required.

17.6 LABOUR RELATIONS - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was discussed In Camera (In Private). The following motion was ratified in public session:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Nicoll`

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the recommendation as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated August 26, 2019; and**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential report dated August 26, 2019.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach, Karsten, Walker and Whitman.

17.7 PROPERTY MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was discussed In Camera (In Private). The following motion was ratified in public session:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the recommendation as outlined in the private and confidential Councillor Request for consideration form.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (11 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Cleary

Not present: Councillors Streach, Karsten, Walker and Whitman.

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Intergovernmental Relations

18. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Adams

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on September 24, 2019, I propose to:

1. move First Reading of proposed By-law C-301, amending By-law C-300, Respecting Civic Addressing, the purpose of which is to amend the definition of a private road and to remove the requirement that private road owners maintain their private road signage; and
2. move amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, the purpose of which is to increase the fee for a private road sign from \$150 to \$200, to add the \$31 fee for sign blade manufacture and to require that no fee be paid where a private road sign is required because of a civic addressing change.”

19.2 Councillor Nicoll

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on September 24, 2019, I intend to move that Council consider adopting, by policy, a Public Participation Program which is different from the 1997 Public Participation Program, for the consideration of proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy for Cole Harbour/Westphal to remove commercial uses and enable residential used and allow the consideration of rezoning to multi-unit dwelling zone at 272 Auburn Drive, Westphal.”

20. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting recessed at 10:36 p.m. on September 17, 2019 and reconvened at 2:02 p.m. on September 18, 2019 and then adjourned at 5:03 p.m. on September 18, 2019.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk