



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 8, 2019**

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
Stephen Adams
Richard Zurawski
Matt Whitman
Lisa Blackburn
Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillor Russell Walker

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk
Robyn Dean, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and recessed at 3:10 p.m. Council reconvened in at 3:33 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 3:45 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m. Council adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

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

Deletions: 15.6.1 Councillor Austin – Rescission of Council Motion 14.1.5 October 30, 2018 CFL Stadium.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve agenda items 13.1.1, 15.1.1, 15.3.2, and 15.5.1.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Walker

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

7. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

8. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

9. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

10. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

10.1 Proposed Administrative Order 2017-009-ADM, Respecting District Funds - Capital District and Activity Funds

The following was before Council:

- An extract from Regional Council minutes for August 1, 2017
- A supplementary staff recommendation report dated June 21, 2019
- A staff recommendation report dated July 24, 2017

This matter was deferred from the August 1, 2017 meeting of Regional Council. Notice of Motion given September 24, 2019.

Bruce Fisher, Manager of Financial Policy and Planning responded to questions from Council regarding advertising funds vs. district activity funds and the proposed Administrative Order 2017-009-ADM.

In response to questions from Council, Fisher noted that the proposed changes would be effective at the time of approval by Regional Council for funding that has not been committed.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order number 2017-009-ADM, Respecting District Funds, as set out in Attachment C of the Supplementary Staff report dated June 21, 2019, to repeal and replace the current District Capital Fund and the District Activity Fund Policies.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Walker

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS, & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items: 15.1.2, 15.6.1, 16.1, and 16.2. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

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

13.1.1 Fly-past Request – Remembrance Day Ceremony

The following was before Council:

- A letter of request dated September 27, 2019 from D.E. Mazur, Captain(N), Base Commander, Canadian Armed Forces Base

The following motion was approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council grant permission for the Canadian Armed Forces to fly a Cyclone helicopter from 12 Wing Shearwater over Grand Parade, Halifax from north to south at a height of 500 feet above the highest obstacle on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 11:02 a.m. as part of the Remembrance Day ceremony.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Walker

13.2 Petitions

13.2.1 Councillor Nicoll

Councillor Nicoll submitted a petition containing 58 signatures respecting the link between Westmount Subdivision and Old Lawrencetown Road Trail.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 2019 Fall Debenture

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 9, 2019

The following motion was approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign the Resolution for Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance, subject to interest rate confirmation not to exceed 4.00%, to enable the Halifax Regional Municipality to issue a 10-year debenture of \$28,439,100.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Walker

15.1.2 Incentive/Bonus Zoning for 6009 and 6017 Quinpool Road

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 1, 2019
- Correspondence from Sandy Greenberg and Lois Murray

Carl Purvis, Applications Manager, Current Planning, responded to questions and informed Council that staff are currently working to set up a dedicated account for the Regional Centre area where the funds will be stored. It was also confirmed that should the funds be received before the account is available for use, Finance has earmarked an interim account.

Kelly Denty, Director, Planning and Development, responded to questions from Council respecting Density Bonusing. Denty stated that as per the Charter, money collected must be used for the purpose for which it was originally collected unless otherwise directed by Halifax Regional Council could re-direct the funds. The current intent is that the money will only be applied to the Centre Plan area.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the acceptance of \$1,800,000 as money in lieu of the contribution of twenty affordable housing dwelling units as the post-bonus contribution (public benefit) for the proposed development at 6009 and 6017 Quinpool Road, Halifax.

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

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

Against: Councillors Zurawski and Outhit

Not present: Councillor Walker

15.1.3 Appointment of a Building Official

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 1, 2019
- A Private and Confidential memorandum dated October 1, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council appoint Stephen Saword as a Building Official, pursuant to Section 5(2) of the Nova Scotia Building Code Act. This appointment is effective for the duration of his assignment to the duties of a Building Official with Halifax Regional Municipality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Walker

15.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Navigator Street Outreach Program – Bridge Funding

The following was before Council:

- An Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated September 18, 2019, with attached staff recommendation report dated August 29, 2019

Scott Sheffield, Community Developer, described the Navigator program, which is intended to provide supports for street-involved individuals (i.e., employment, identification, housing, etc.) and responded to questions from Council.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a grant of \$20,000 to the Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission and North End Business Association for the Navigator Street Outreach Program for fiscal year 2019/2020 to be funded from M310 – 6919.**
- 2. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a Grant Agreement between the Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission, the North End Business Association and Halifax Regional Municipality, with terms and conditions acceptable to the Chief Administrative Officer and subject to review and approval as to form and authority by Legal Services.**
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to Council, on or before February 1, 2020, with a Navigator Street Outreach Program report to permit further consideration of the multi-year (\$60,000 per annum) funding request for fiscal years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Walker

15.2.2 Herring Cove Servicing

The following was before Council:

- An Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated September 18, 2019, with attached staff recommendation report dated July 15, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve an increase of \$20,162 to Capital Account CS000001, Herring Cove Servicing Phase 2B, with funding to come from the Q421, The General Contingency Reserve.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Walker

15.3 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Workforce Supplemental Report – Gender Parity

The following was before Council:

- An Executive Standing Committee report dated September 24, 2019, with attached staff recommendation report dated August 22, 2019

Caroline Blair-Smith, Director, Human Resources and Diversity and Inclusion, provided an overview of the proposed survey, the Employment Equity Program, and the Employment Systems Review and responded to questions from Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Continue with the initiatives outlined in the Discussion section of the staff report dated August 22, 2019 including: updating the Hiring Policy, conducting the self-identification survey at an estimated cost of \$33,241 with net HST included, developing the Employment Equity Program, branding and community outreach; and**
- 2. Two years following the rollout of the Employment Equity Program, assess the gender demographic data and make an evidence-based decision on the appropriate next steps at that time.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Walker

15.3.2 2020 Council Meeting Schedule

The following was before Council:

- An Executive Standing Committee report dated September 24, 2019, with attached staff recommendation report dated July 5, 2019

The following motion was approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed 2020 Council meeting schedule as outlined in the revised Attachment 1 of the staff report dated July 5, 2019.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Walker

15.4 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

15.4.1 Proposed Route 91 – Hemlock Ravine

The following was before Council:

- A Transportation Standing Committee report dated September 27, 2019, with attached staff recommendation report dated August 13, 2019

Council considered the proposal for Route 91, and the additional traffic it may bring to Oceanview Drive. It was also discussed that the level of traffic may present a safety issue for residents and drivers, particularly during the winter and in relation to its proximity to Bedford South School.

Dave Reage, Director, Halifax Transit, responded to questions regarding the proposed Route 91 and addressed some of the safety concerns raised.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to monitor operations along Oceanview Drive following the implementation of Route 91 – Hemlock Ravine to identify any adjustments to bus stop locations, on-street parking and/or the installation of additional pavement markings, signage or other infrastructure, as required, resulting from the implementation of the transit route.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (6 in favour, 9 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Austin, Mason, Smith, Cleary, and Adams

Against: Deputy Mayor Mancini, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Zurawski, Whitman, Blackburn, and Outhit

Not present: Councillor Walker

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administration Officer to prepare a supplemental staff report proposing a funding source to pursue changes to the current routing proposed for Route 91 – Hemlock Ravine and refer the matter to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee for consideration and recommendation to Regional Council.

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

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

Against: Councillors Austin and Smith

Not present: Councillor Walker

15.5 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

15.5.1 Case 22036 – Rezoning of shoreline properties along the Northwest Arm

The following was before Council:

- A Halifax and West Community Council report dated September 20, 2019, with attached staff recommendation report dated July 15, 2019

The following motion was approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to review the protection of properties along the western side of the Northwest Arm from environmental degradation and visual intrusion as part of the Plan and By-law Simplification program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Walker

15.6 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.6.1 Councillor Austin - Rescission of Council Motion 14.1.5 October 30, 2018 CFL Stadium

The following was before Council:

- An Extract from Regional Council Minutes from October 30, 2018
- A Request for Council's Consideration

Note: This item was deleted during the approval of the order of business.

16. MOTIONS

16.1 Councillor Mason

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Janet Morris

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council requests that the Chief Administrative Officer provide a staff report exploring options for expanding the potential for integrated development on registered heritage properties within the South End Plan Area of the Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, with the goal of providing land use policy and standards that supports heritage conservation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Walker

16.2 Deputy Mayor Mancini

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Anne Cogdon, Wendy Fraser, Danny Chedrawe, Cathy Chenhall, James MacNeil, Sudanna MacDonald, Natalie J. Woodbury, Robert L. Miedema, and Sharon Clark

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding providing a \$100,000 special grant to invest in the critical social infrastructure provided by the Dartmouth Family Centre and Dartmouth North Community Food Centre including details on possible sources of funding.

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

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

Against: Councillor Adams

Not present: Councillor Walker

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

17.1 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff report dated September 24, 2019

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendation as outlined in the Executive Standing Committee report dated September 24, 2019; and**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential report dated September 24, 2019 to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Walker

17.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff report dated September 24, 2019

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the Executive Standing Committee report dated September 24, 2019 and release the identity of the appointees to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidates; and**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential report dated September 24, 2019 to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Walker

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council move to In Camera (In Private) to discuss the Property Matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.3 PROPERTY MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff report dated September 6, 2019

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

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendation as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated September 6, 2019; and**
2. **Not release the private and confidential staff report dated September 6, 2019 to the public until the transaction has concluded.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Walker

18. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Mason

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on October 22, 2019, I propose that Regional Council requests a staff report to:

- a) review garbage collection schedule for the student housing areas off campus around Dalhousie and St. Mary’s (south end of Halifax) and identify options to provide garbage collection on the normal scheduled weekday for municipal waste collection services following May 1 and September 1; and
- b) consider amending bylaw and policy to increase penalties and decrease timelines / warning period related to non-compliance on solid waste/garbage collection.”

19.2 Councillor Nicoll

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on October 22, 2019, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, the purpose of which is to update the existing planning and development fees and charges under this Administrative Order as well as implement new fee structures.”

19.3 Councillor Austin

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on October 22, 2019, I propose to:

1. move First Reading of proposed By-law P-1201, amending By-law P-1200, Respecting On-Street Parking Permits, the purpose of which is to update parking permits, permit parking zones and parking pay zones;
2. move First Reading to By-law P-507, amending By-law P-500, Respecting Parking Meters for the Regulation of Parking of Vehicles Left Standing in the Halifax Regional Municipality, the purpose of which is to reflect changes with parking technology; and
3. move amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, the purpose of which is to update the various parking permits and fees.”

19.4 Councillor Austin

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on October 22, 2019, I propose that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Rescind its motion of October 30, 2018 directing staff to, among other things, bring a detailed analysis back to Council on the Schooner Sports and Entertainment proposal for a stadium at Shannon Park;
2. Directs that staff take no further action on the stadium proposal submitted by Schooner Sport and Entertainment.”

19.5 Councillor Cleary

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on October 22, 2019, I propose that Halifax Regional Council requests a staff report on restricting all Animal Acts for Entertainment, including Bull Riding, on or in all HRM owned and maintained facilities and property. The restriction is **not** to prohibit the following:

- Displays or showing of animals in agricultural fairs, exhibitions or pet shows including horse or ox-pulls as traditionally practiced at county fairs and exhibitions within the municipality
- Horse races/dog races
- Performances where individuals ride horses or ponies
- Exhibition of animals for educational purposes.”

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk