



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 22, 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
Russell Walker
Stephen Adams
Richard Zurawski
Matt Whitman
Lisa Blackburn
Paul Russell
Tim Outhit

STAFF:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk
Judith Ng'ethe, Legislative Assistant
Robyn Dean, Legislative Assistant

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

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and recessed at 3:11 p.m. Council reconvened in at 3:35 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 4:51 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Council adjourned at 6:39 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.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY – COUNCILLOR DISTRICT 15 – LOWER SACKVILLE

Mayor Savage introduced Councillor Elect Paul Russell and provided introductory remarks.

Mayor Savage administered the Oath of Office to Councillor Elect Russell and welcomed them to Council. Councillor Russell took their seat as the Councillor for District 15 – Lower Sackville and gave introductory remarks.

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

Addition: 18.1 Councillor Smith – Free Transit on Election Days

Councillor Streach requested that Item 15.1.2 be dealt with immediately following Item 9.1.

Councillor Whitman requested that Information Item No. 3 re: Award of Contracts – Quarterly Report July to September 2019, be brought forward at the October 29, 2019 Regional Council meeting for discussion.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the following item: 15.1.4.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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 – October 30, 2018

9.1 Councillor Austin – Rescission of Council Motion 14.1.5 October 30, 2018 CFL Stadium

The following was before Council:

- A Councillor Request for Consideration form from Councillor Austin
- An extract of Regional Council Minutes – October 30, 2018
- Correspondence from Ken MacInnis, Janet Brush, Elle Adams, Tanice Mundle, Darlene Grant Fiander, Joanne Light, Margo Pullen Sly, Terence Rowell, Steve and Debbie Savage and Kate Hannah.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Cleary

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; and**
- 2. Directs that staff take no further action on the stadium proposal submitted by Schooner Sport and Entertainment.**

Responding to questions from members of Council, Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that staff has commenced an evaluation process and is in contact with Schooner Sports and Entertainment. Further, the staff analysis is being undertaken on the basis of the stadium being located at the Shannon Park site, as per the proposal put forward by the proponent.

Two third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (8 in favour, 9 against)

In favour: Councillors Austin, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Zurawski, Whitman, Russell and Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Mancini, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Walker, Adams and Blackburn

Councillor Karsten proposed an additional motion for consideration.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to Halifax Regional Council in December 2019 with a staff report of the stadium proposal received from Schooner Sports Entertainment on August 30, 2019, the report will address financing options and impact, transportation and development requirements, facility programming, municipal service and infrastructure gaps and community consultation.

In response to questions from members of Council, Dubé noted that it would not be possible to bring a full analysis to Council by December 2019, as due diligence would not have been completed. A high-level financial impact, based on a certain set of assumptions, could be made available.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (10 in favour, 6 against)

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

Against: Councillors Smith, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Blackburn and Russell

Not present: Councillor Streach

10. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

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: 9.1 and 16.2. 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 Outhit

Councillor Outhit submitted a petition containing 97 signatures in support of the placement of a crosswalk at 54 Larry Uteck Boulevard (École Beaubassin).

13.2.2 Councillor Nicoll

Councillor Nicoll submitted a petition from Martyn Williams containing 21 signatures in support of safety and infrastructure improvements for vulnerable road users throughout Halifax.

13.2.3 Councillor Mason

Councillor Mason submitted a petition from the residents of Spring Garden Road and Summer Street containing 56 signatures regarding vehicular noise pollution.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Second Reading Proposed By-law C-301, an Amendment to By-law C-300, Respecting Civic Addressing and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated August 27, 2019
- An extract of Draft Regional Council Minutes – September 24, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt By-law C-301, amending By-law C-300, Respecting Civic Addressing, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated August 27, 2019 to amend the definition of a private road and to remove the requirement that private road owners maintain their private road signage; and**
- 2. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, as set out in Attachment D of the staff report dated August 27, 2019 to:**
 - a. Increase the fee for a private road sign from \$150 to \$200;**
 - b. To add the \$31 fee for sign blade manufacture; and**

c. To require that no fee be paid where a private road sign is required because of a civic addressing change.

It is also recommended that Halifax Regional Council consider increasing the operating budget by \$28,000 in the following accounts for consideration in the 2020/2021 budget to:

3. R747-6518 (Sign Shop Metals) by \$11,000 per annum,
4. R747-6499 (Sign Shop Sign Blades) by \$2,000 per annum; and
5. C420-6910 (Planning and Development Signage) by \$15,000 per annum.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Streach

15.1.2 Case 22195 – Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Amendments for Block B at Canal Court, Fall River

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 18, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Planning Districts 14 and 17 to review the existing Canal Court Policies for Block B and if appropriate, enable consideration of a development agreement for a townhouse development on a portion of Block B; and
2. Follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Halifax Regional Council on February 27, 1997.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (15 in favour, 2 against)

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

Against: Councillors Cleary and Russell

15.1.3 First Reading Proposed By-law P-1201, an Amendment to By-law P-1200, Respecting On-Street Parking Permits, First Reading Proposed By-law P-507, an Amendment to By-law P-500, Respecting Parking Meters for the Regulation of Parking of Vehicles Left Standing in the Halifax Regional Municipality and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees – Parking Program Changes

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated August 2, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council Give First Reading to:

1. Proposed By-Law P-1201, the purpose of which is to amend By-Law P-1200, Respecting On-Street Permits as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated August 2, 2019;
2. Proposed By-Law P-507, the purpose of which is to amend By-Law P-500, Respecting Parking Meters for the Regulation of parking of Vehicles left Standing in the Halifax Regional Municipality as set out in Attachment D of the staff report dated August 2, 2019.

Victoria Horne, Parking Services Program Manager, Transportation and Public Works, responded to questions from Halifax Regional Council and provided a brief overview of the proposed parking program changes, specifically describing the model used in London, Ontario.

Council expressed concern about raising the Annual Carshare Vehicle Parking Permit from \$30.00 to \$100.00 per year.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Administrative Order Number 15 (Attachment E) be amended to reduce the Annual Carshare Vehicle Parking Permit from \$100.00 per year – to \$40.00 per year.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED. (11 in favour, 5 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Mancini, Councillors Hendsbee, Nicoll, Austin, Cleary, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Karsten, Mason, Smith, Walker

Not present: Councillor Streach

The motion before Council now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council Give First Reading to:

1. Proposed By-Law P-1201, the purpose of which is to amend By-Law P-1200, Respecting On-Street Permits as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated August 2, 2019 and that Administrative Order Number 15 (Attachment E) be amended as follows:

- **Reduce the Annual Carshare Vehicle Parking Permit from \$100.00 per year – to \$40.00 per year.**

2. Proposed By-Law P-507, the purpose of which is to amend By-Law P-500, Respecting Parking Meters for the Regulation of parking of Vehicles left Standing in the Halifax Regional Municipality as set out in Attachment D of the staff report dated August 2, 2019.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

15.1.4 Councillor Appointments to Standing Committees

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 23, 2019

This matter was approved as part of the Consent agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Suspend the rules of procedures

a. requiring the Executive Standing Committee to review the nominations and make Recommendation to Regional Council, and

b. respecting the nominations of Members to committees; and

2. Subject to being Officially Sworn In as the Councillor for District 15, appoint Councillor Paul Russell to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee and Community Planning Economic Development Standing Committee for a term to November 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.2 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.2.1 Councillor Austin – Boulevard Gardening

The following was before Council:

- A Councillor request for consideration form from Councillor Austin

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on establishing guidelines for boulevard gardens.

Council suggested the following information be included in the staff report:

- Potential future uses of boulevard land areas
- Consideration of adjacent street speed limits
- The difference between implementing raised beds vs. lowered beds
- Guidelines to include the Urban Forest Master Plan
- Jurisdictional scan on rock gardens

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

15.2.2 Councillor Mason – Amendment to Administrative Order 2017-009-ADM – Respecting District Funds

The following was before Council:

- A Councillor request for consideration form from Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to provide a staff report to consider eliminating Clause 19 - The maximum amount that may be given to a non-profit organization that is not registered is five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in PART II – District Capital Fund from Administrative Order 2017-009-ADM – Respecting District Funds.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

16. MOTIONS

16.1 Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax 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.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

16.2 Councillor Cleary

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Tracey Jessiman

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Adams

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

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

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

Against: Councillor Russell

Not present: Councillor Streach

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:

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene in camera to discuss the In Camera (In Private) items.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.1 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS - In Camera – Information Item Brought Forward – September 17, 2019

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

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the recommendation as outlined in the private and confidential memo.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Streach and Outhit

17.2 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – Private and Confidential Report

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated September 27, 2019.**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated September 27, 2019 to the public.**

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

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

Against: Councillors Adams, Whitman, and Russell

Not present: Councillors Streach and Outhit

17.3 LEGAL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

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

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Whitman

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

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

In favour: Councillors Austin, Mason, Smith, Zurawski, Whitman, Blackburn

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Mancini, Councillors Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Russell

Not present: Councillors Streach and Outhit

18. ADDED ITEMS

18.1 Councillor Smith – Free Transit on Election Days

The following was before Council:

- A Councillor request for consideration form from Councillor Smith

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the possibility of providing free public transit on Municipal, Provincial, and Federal election days. Starting from the time polling stations open, ending at the scheduled time polling stations close. The staff report should consider:

- **The financial and service impacts on Halifax Transit**
- **Potential partnerships with the Provincial and Federal government or other stakeholders; including non-profits, community groups, etc.**
- **Jurisdictional scan of other municipalities that have offered free public transit on election days**
- **The potential of HRM creating a “how to get to your polling station” campaign for Halifax Transit.**

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

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

Against: Councillors Karsten, Walker, Adams, Russell

Not present: Councillor Streach

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Blackburn

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on October 29, 2019, I propose to introduce policies pursuant to Section 325 of the Halifax Municipality Charter, as follows:

1. Administrative Order SC-91, the purpose of which is to close a portion of Majestic Avenue, Beaver Bank described as Parcel A; and
2. Administrative Order SC-92, the purpose of which is to close a portion of Monarch Drive, Beaver Bank described as Parcel B and subject to the outcome of a public hearing consider adopting the proposed Administrative Order SC-91 and SC-92.”

19.2 Councillor Nicoll

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on October 29, 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 Cleary

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on October 29, 2019, I propose that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on initiating a program to enable optional payment of parking tickets by donation of equal or greater value of the ticket to Feed Nova Scotia (or similar organization) for parking tickets issued between December 2nd and 20th.”

19.4 Councillor Mason

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on October 29, 2019, I propose that Halifax Regional Council direct the Mayor to sign the United Nations High Commission for Refugees’ (UNHCR) statement of solidarity to stand with refugees and send a letter to UNHCR confirming this action.”

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk