



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
December 10, 2019**

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk
Judith Ng'ethe, Legislative Assistant
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and recessed at 2:59 p.m. Council reconvened at 3:20 p.m. and recessed at 5:05 p.m. Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 6:38 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.

Will Brewer, Town Crier, gave a holiday wishes proclamation.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced John MacIsaac, Executive Director of Corporate Services, to Council.

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 Myrna Provo (Cain).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 29 and November 12, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT the minutes of October 29 and November 12, 2019 be approved as circulated.

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

Addition: 17.5 Property Matter – Private and Confidential Report

Councillor Zurawski requested that Information Item No. 1 – Memorandum from the Director of Planning and Development dated November 12, 2019 re: Climate Action Plan Update be brought forward for discussion at the January 14, 2020 Regional Council meeting.

The Mayor noted that a staff presentation would be given as part of agenda item 15.1.4 – Community Stadium Recommendation.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSENT AGENDA*

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the following agenda item: 15.1.1.

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 – NONE

10. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – December 3, 2019

10.1 Councillor Streach

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to investigate options for a land purchase, within the municipal water & sewer service boundary, in Middle Musquodoboit to facilitate and provide for the construction of an outdoor recreation facility, incorporating a splash pad to service the community and surrounding area.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2 Case H00446 – Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan, By-law, and Amendments to the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law

The following was before Council:

- A staff supplementary report dated December 3, 2019
- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee report dated November 21, 2019
- Design Review Committee report dated November 22, 2019
- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated October 25, 2019
- Staff report dated September 25, 2019
- Correspondence from William Breckenridge and Luke Stock
- Handout of correspondence from the December 3, 2019 Regional Council meeting

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading and schedule a public hearing to consider the:

1. Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan and the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District By-law as contained in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated September 25, 2019, with the following amendments:

a. Delete terms “Foreign Protestant” on page 5 of the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan and replace with the terms “primarily German-speaking” and “German-speaking”, as set out in Attachment A of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019;

b. Delete Map 1, Heritage Resources, of the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan and replace with Map 1, Heritage Resources, contained in Attachment B of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019;

c. Delete heritage property inventory sheets for 1144 Barrington Street, 1146-48 Barrington Street and 1150 Barrington Street in the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan and replace with heritage property inventory sheets for 1144 Barrington Street, 1146-48 Barrington Street and 1150 Barrington Street, contained in Attachment C of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019; and

d. Delete Schedule A, Heritage Resources, of the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District By-law and replace with Schedule A, Heritage Resources, contained in Attachment D of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019.

2. amendments to the Downtown Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law as contained in Attachments C and D of the staff report dated September 25, 2019, with the following amendments:

a. Delete Schedule E, Map 7.5, Old South Suburb Heritage Resources, contained in Attachment C of the staff report dated September 25, 2019 and replace with Schedule E, Map 7.5, Old South Suburb Heritage Resources, contained in Attachment E of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019; and

b. Delete Attachment D, amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law, contained in the staff report dated September 25, 2019 and replace with Attachment D, amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law, contained in Attachment F of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019.

Responding to a question from Council, Kelly Denty, Director, Planning and Development, explained that if Council moved the Design Review Committee recommendation, the motion on the floor would need to be delayed for staff to provide a supplementary report on the recommendation and advised that this would delay the hearing process for the heritage conservation district by at least a month. Denty further advised that one of the mandates of the Design Review Committee is to provide advice on amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law and had made its recommendation to Council in this advisory capacity.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

12.1 Case 17272 - Amendments to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Cushing Hill (Commercial Comprehensive Development District area and adjacent lands), Bedford

The following was before Council:

- A report from the North West Community Council dated November 5, 2019 with attached staff report dated October 2, 2019 and North West Planning Advisory memo dated August 11, 2016
- A draft Minute extract from Halifax Regional Council– November 12, 2019
- A staff presentation
- Correspondence from Emily Armstrong

First reading given on November 12, 2019

Andrew Bone, Planner III, provided Council with a presentation on Case 17272 - Amendments to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Cushing Hill (Commercial Comprehensive Development District area and adjacent lands), Bedford.

In response to questions from Council regarding the height of the developments proposed for the commercial zone, staff noted that there was a significant elevation difference between the proposed commercial and residential zones. The grade differences would help mitigate height disparities between the two zones.

In response to questions from Council regarding access to the development site, staff noted that the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation have denied access to the property owner from all adjacent properties they control. By including a new property from the site, there is already existing access and if the property owners negotiate, the developer may be able to obtain access over the adjacent property. Staff's planning has allowed for this as a possible solution.

In response to questions from Council regarding prescriptions for the design and aesthetics of the roof in the commercial zone, staff stated that there is nothing which requires the developer to install a particular roof type on buildings in the commercial zone. If Council wanted to require a roof type, this would require staff to seek a development agreement.

Responding to questions regarding the protection of trees, staff noted that the current proposal does not specify which trees must be retained and specifying particular trees for retention would require staff to pursue a development agreement. Staff noted that if staff were directed to pursue a development agreement, this would constitute a substantial change and require a further public hearing.

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

Janet Shiers, of Bedford noted they live close to the development and are interested in preserving ways into and out of the development. The speaker spoke about their concerns that an influx of new residents may add traffic to the area which with an absence of sidewalks on Oakmount Drive may create a safety risk for pedestrians. The speaker noted that Oakmount Drive is quite a steep roadway and is used regularly by pedestrians and that children also are picked up by school buses in the area. There is a strong desire for sidewalks or added traffic safety measures in the area. The speaker expressed concern about added flow-through traffic off of the highway. The speaker stated it is important to ensure wildlife corridors are preserved flowing through the area for deer and birds. The speaker concluded by noting concerns about added strain on the capacity of schools, fire and police services.

Cynthia Vox, of Bedford stated that the proposal before Council was the least concerning of the previous proposed developments for the subject site, but raised issues regarding a need for traffic calming, and supported lowering of speed limits for the area to protect pedestrians and children traveling to and from schools. One of the biggest concerns was to ensure there be no access through the Bedford Highway to the residential streets of the proposed development and adjacent area.

Claire Holt, of Bedford noted that it appeared that a great deal of consultation had occurred. The speaker thanked staff for their diligence in consulting with area residents. The speaker noted that this area has a mixed demographic with many new families for whom safety is of the utmost importance. The speaker stated they believe that area residents welcome new neighbours but want to ensure community safety is preserved.

Chris Palmer, a local resident since 1988, asked what type of materials are capable of being recycled as part of a recycling facility in the commercial zone. The speaker reiterated comments previously made by other speakers regarding the importance of traffic safety noting that children use residential streets to walk to and from school. The speaker stated that the local streets cannot absorb more traffic in the area and that it is virtually impossible to take a left hand turn from Oakmount Drive.

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

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT the public hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

In reply to questions regarding the number of dwelling units which could be added to the residential site, Bone noted that it is difficult to provide a meaningful estimate however, half of site, approximately four acres, could accommodate residential additions. By staff's rough estimate, this would be less than 40 dwelling units, though further precision could come from a complete design process. Regarding traffic concerns, Bone stated that a traffic study has not been completed as part of the application but typically a home would produce between eight and ten trips per day.

Bone advised that the site would permit the construction of a household recycling depot which would be limited to assorted recyclables such as cans and bottles, though due to the higher value of the land, the subject site will likely attract higher rent businesses.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law for Bedford, as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff

report dated October 2, 2019, to create new MPS policies and zoning for the Cushing Hill Commercial Comprehensive Development District (CCDD) area, Bedford.

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

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

Against: Councillor Smith, Cleary

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items 10.2, 12.1, 15.1.2, 15.1.3, 15.1.4, 15.3.1. and Budget Committee items no. 3 and no. 4. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

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

13.2 Petitions – NONE

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1. 1 Increase to Contract, RFP-18-302 Consulting Services – Bayers Road Transit Priority Corridor – Detailed Design*

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 22, 2019

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve an increase to contract with WSP Canada Inc. (Purchase Order No. 2070796457) for additional work beyond the original scope in the amount of \$119,878 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account CM000014 – Transit Priority Measures Corridors as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated November 22, 2019.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.1.2 Supervised Consumption/Overdose Prevention Site

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 6, 2019
- Correspondence from the Reverend Dr. Rhonda Y. Britton and Patricia Cuttell Busby

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to formalize discussions with the provincial government, community partners and other stakeholders regarding HRM's participation in the co-development of a municipal drug strategy.

Amy Siciliano, Public Safety Advisor, responded to questions from Council, noting that there has not been any increase in incidents resulting from the creation of the site. Siciliano further confirmed that Halifax Regional Police has representation on the advisory committee for the site and information is being shared with relevant parties on how many people use it and incidents that have taken place. Responding to a further question from Council, John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, advised that it is not necessary to amend the motion to specifically include the federal government in the motion as the phrase "including other stakeholders" would suffice for that purpose.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, further advised that as a municipal drug strategy is developed, there may be financial implications and human resource requirements for the municipality, though this would only be confirmed following development of the strategy in partnership with other stakeholders.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.1.3 Halifax Common Aquatic Area and Open Space Master Plan Update

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 12, 2019
- Correspondence from Judith Fingard

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

a) Initiate the capital planning and construction for the replacement of the Halifax Common aquatic area and related facilities as outlined in the staff report dated November 12, 2019;

b) Engage with stakeholders to develop plans for the accommodation of uses such as youth music and arts programs within the proposed aquatic facility building and other nearby community facilities;

c) Complete the Halifax Common Open Space Master Plan as outlined in the staff report dated November 12, 2019; and

2. Request that the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to request an amendment to the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter* to authorize the Municipality to erect a permanent building and associated fencing on the Central Common to support the redevelopment of the Halifax Common aquatic area.

Responding to a question from Council, Carolle Koziak-Roberts, Landscape Architect, clarified that the skate park and basketball court were not included in the report to Council, but consultations have been made with stakeholders and these will be considered as part of the Halifax Common Open Space Master Plan.

In response to a follow up question, Richard Harvey, Manager of Policy and Planning, confirmed that the normal procurement process would be followed for construction of the proposed aquatic facility building.

Responding to a question from Council, Denise Schofield, Director, Parks and Recreation, confirmed that the Halifax Common Aquatic Area predates the aquatic strategy. Schofield also advised that the intention is for the building in the aquatic area to act as a community building and accommodate other programs and activities for year-round programming.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour, 3 against)

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

Against: Councillors Adams, Zurawski and Whitman

15.1.4 Community Stadium Recommendation

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 30, 2019
- A staff presentation dated December 10, 2019
- Correspondence from Stewart Brown, Nora Valentino, Scott Tanner, Andrew Rae, Ken Godin, Gerard Sullivan, Patti Christie, Derek Simon, Mike Davison, Karan Sidhu, Andrew Munro, John Dalziel, Elizabeth Church, David S. Rowland, Robert Cameron and Tanice Mundle

Jerry Blackwood, Director of Corporate and Customer Services, provided a presentation on the stadium proposal received from the proponent, Schooner Sports and Entertainment and the staff recommendation regarding the proposal.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate a Contribution Agreement substantially in accordance with terms outlined in Table 1 of the staff report dated November 30, 2019, to provide for a one-time contribution of \$20M towards the cost of construction of a community stadium to be payable upon substantial completion of construction. The Contribution Agreement is to be subject to the selection of a site with optimal access to major transportation routes and necessary infrastructure acceptable to Regional Council and further; and**
- 2. To return to Regional Council for approval of the site and the Contribution Agreement.**

Council discussed the motion with staff responding to questions. Blackwood confirmed that the one-time contribution of \$20 million would not be paid from a raise to the tax rate but from the strategic capital reserve which is funded partly through the general rate and partly from identified strategic land sales.

Blackwood further indicated that if the football team were to go out of business, the municipality would still have the community stadium. Blackwood also confirmed that should Council approve the motion, site selection, funding from another level of government and financing from financial institutions would need to be undertaken.

Denise Schofield, Director, Parks and Recreation, advised that while the municipality has capacity in its recreation assets, users face challenges gaining access to turf fields during prime times. Schofield further indicated that there are a number of other activities that could be undertaken in the stadium which currently the municipality does not have the capability to host.

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, advised that the municipality has the legal authority to provide a direct contribution in exchange for recreation as long as the ownership of the stadium is structured as a not-for-profit and that this would be addressed during the contribution agreement discussions. Traves also noted that, as a next step, staff would be working with the proponent, Schooner Sports and Entertainment, on identifying a suitable site for the stadium.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that a one-time contribution of \$20 million is a better alternative than waiving the property tax. Dubé further indicated that the contribution agreement would need to come back to Council for approval together with approval of a site.

Jane Fraser, Chief Finance Officer, informed Council that the strategic capital reserve has a current balance of \$39.5 million and is set up for specific signature projects, including a community stadium.

The following amendment was proposed:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the words “provided the HRM Field Study proves the need for a new community stadium,” be inserted before the words “to provide for a”, that the words “And Active” be inserted before “Transportation Routes” and the words “as well as public transit” be inserted after, that the contribution agreement be amended to include the following: “where Stadium Co. provides this programming time below market value in recognition of HRM’s contribution”

2. Amend Table 1: Term Sheet for Stadium Contribution Agreement, under “Recreation Programming”:

CAO has the authority to negotiate recreation programming and scheduling at the community stadium subject to budget capacity and cost recovery, where Stadium Co. provides this programming time below market value in recognition of HRM’s contribution

To read as follows:

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate a Contribution Agreement substantially in accordance with terms outlined in Table 1 of the staff report dated November 30, 2019, provided the HRM Field Study proves the need for a new community stadium, to provide for a one-time of \$20M towards the cost of construction of a community stadium to be payable upon substantial completion of construction. The Contribution Agreement is to be subject to the selection of a site with optimal access to major and active transportation routes as well as public transit and necessary infrastructure acceptable to Regional Council and further;

2. Amend Table 1 of the staff report dated November 30, 2019: Term Sheet for Stadium Contribution Agreement, under “Recreation Programming” to include the following:

That the Chief Administrative Officer has the authority to negotiate recreation programming and scheduling at the community stadium subject to budget capacity and cost recovery, where Stadium Co. provides this programming time below market value in recognition of HRM’s contribution.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND DEFEATED. (7 in favour, 10 against)

In favour: Councillors Nicoll, Austin, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Walker and Zurawski

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Mancini, Adams, Whitman, Russell and Outhit

Council returned to consideration of the original motion.

Dubé confirmed that if the motion is approved, staff and the proponent would negotiate on the contribution agreement and work together on identifying a site and that the proponent would approach the Province with the municipality’s facilitation. Dubé confirmed that the Province would have to be on board for the proposal to be feasible.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (10 in favour, 7 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Mancini, Walker, Adams and Russell

Against: Councillors Austin, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Zurawski, Whitman, Outhit

15.2 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

15.2.1 Case 21730 - Request to amend the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for 205 Bedford Highway, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A report from Halifax and West Community Council dated December 3, 2019 with attached revised Attachment A, staff recommendation report dated October 25, 2019, and staff memorandum circulated at the December 3, 2019 Special Meeting of Halifax and West Community Council

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council not approve amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law to enable an eight-storey mixed-use building at 205 Bedford Highway, Halifax.

Council Walker requested that the motion be defeated so that an alternative be put forward.

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

In favour: Councillors Smith, Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Russell

MOVED by Council Walker, seconded by Councillor Adams

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider amendments to the Halifax MPS and the Halifax Mainland LUB, to permit an eight-storey mixed-use building at 205 Bedford Highway, by development agreement, subject to a minimum of 18 units of affordable housing dwelling units being provided via incentive or bonus zoning, as set out in revised Attachment 1 of the Community Council report dated December 3, 2019 and attachment B of the staff report dated October 25, 2019, and schedule a public hearing.

Responding to a query from Council, Sean Gillis, Planner II, informed Council of the income levels and type of housing that would qualify for affordable housing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.3 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Case H00469 - Request to Include 5381 Spring Garden Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Heritage Advisory Committee dated November 28, 2019 with attached staff recommendation report dated September 9, 2019 and Evaluation Criteria Scoring Summary
- Correspondence from William Breckenridge

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of 5381 Spring Garden Road in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 9, 2019, as a municipal heritage area under the Heritage Property Act.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.3.2 Re-registration and inclusion of St. Patrick's Rectory, 2267 Brunswick Street in the Heritage Registry

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Heritage Advisory Committee dated November 28, 2019 with attached request for consideration form from Lois Yorke

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report examining the potential for re-registering St. Patrick's Rectory, 2267 Brunswick Street, and re-entering it in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Aaron Murnaghan, Principal Heritage Planner, informed Council that this property was mistakenly registered as a heritage property due to a clerical error that confused it with the neighbouring St. Patrick's Church. Murnaghan noted that it is not known if the owner wants the property designated as a heritage property and that staff will reach out to the owner.

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

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

Against: Councillors Walker and Adams

16. MOTIONS – NONE

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – October 29 and November 12, 2019

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of October 29 and November 12, 2019 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.2 LEGAL ADVICE – *Private and Confidential Report*

The following was before Council:

- A revised private and confidential staff report dated December 3, 2019

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendation as outlined in the revised private and confidential staff report dated December 3, 2019; and**
- 2. Not release the revised private and confidential staff report dated December 3, 2019 to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

17.3 PERSONNEL MATTER - *Private and Confidential Report*

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff report dated December 2, 2019

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendation as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated December 2, 2019; and**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated December 2, 2019 to the public.**

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

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

Against: Councillors Cleary and Whitman

17.4 LEGAL ADVICE – *Private and Confidential Report*

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff report dated November 21, 2019

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendation as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated November 21, 2019; and**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated November 21, 2019 to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (16 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Whitman

17.5 PROPERTY MATTER - *Private and Confidential Report*

The following was before Council:

- A revised and re-circulated private and confidential staff report dated November 28, 2019

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendation as outlined in the revised and re-circulated private and confidential staff report dated November 28, 2019; and**
- 2. Not release the revised and re-circulated private and confidential staff report dated November 28, 2019 to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (16 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Whitman

18. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Austin

“TAKE NOTICE that, that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on January 14, 2020, I propose to move amendments to the terms of reference for the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board, Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee and the Executive Standing Committee as outlined in Schedules 5 and 6 of Administrative Order 1, The Procedures of the Council Administrative Order, and Accessibility Advisory Committee as outlined in Administrative Order 2017-005-GOV, Respecting the Advisory Committee on Accessibility in the Halifax Regional Municipality, the purpose of which is to simplify and streamline the adoption process for the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law (Centre Plan - Package B).”

19.2 Councillor Whitman

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on January 14, 2020, I intend to move the following motion: That Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report that responds to the requests by the St. Margaret’s Bay Area Rails to Trails Association and the BLT Rails to Trails Association that Halifax Regional Municipality takes responsibility for the operation and maintenance for the segments of active transportation multi-use pathway currently under their responsibility. The report should consider options such as HRM assuming ownership of the facilities or a Letter of Authority from the Province and consider factors such as the Provincial government position, cost, enforcement, permitted uses and other considerations to help understand the implications for the sustainability of these facilities and for Municipal responsibilities.”

19.3 Councillor Cleary

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Council on January 14, 2020, I will move the following: That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on developing a policy for a “cooling off” period for elected and senior officials, as public office holders. This report should include a jurisdictional scan of best practices in Canadian municipal, provincial, and federal governments, an analysis of potential benefits and challenges, and a recommendation for an appropriate length of time that public office holders should wait before accepting positions from businesses that do business with the municipality or submit applications for development, especially ones that they had direct and significant dealings during their time as a public office holder.”

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk