



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 14, 2020**

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, Q.C., Municipal Solicitor
Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk
Judith Ng'ethe, Legislative Assistant
Robyn Dean, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. The meeting recessed at 12:19 p.m. and Council reconvened at 1:03 p.m. Council recessed at 2:58 p.m. and reconvened at 3:22 p.m. The meeting recessed at 5:20 p.m. and Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m. Council recessed at 7:14 p.m. and reconvened at 7:23 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 9:54 and reconvened at 10:56 p.m. Council adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and Council stood for a moment of reflection.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

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

Additions:

17.5 Property Matter – Private and Confidential Report

18.1 Councillor Smith - 5534 to 5558 Bilby Street and 2819 to 2827 Isleville Street, Halifax

18.2 GRANTS COMMITTEE - Volunteer Search and Rescue Grants Program – Recommended Awards Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Council agreed to address item 14.1 Councillor Zurawski – Climate Action Plan Update after 1:00 p.m.

Council agreed to address item 15.1.3 Second Reading Proposed By-law S-448, and Amendment to By-law S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements after 1:00 p.m to allow for correspondence to be received.

Council agreed to further defer item 10.1 Gorsebrook Park – Park Plan to the next regular meeting of Regional Council on January 28, 2020.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, Councillor consented to Councillor Hendsbee's request that Information Item No 3 Memorandum from the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee dated December 18, 2019 re: Proposed Community Operated Transit Route Porters Lake to Cole Harbour, be referred to a future Budget Committee meeting for discussion.

Council also agreed to discuss item 18.1 Councillor Smith - 5534 to 5558 Bilby Street and 2819 to 2827 Isleville Street, Halifax following item 15.1.5 Amended and Reinstated Award – RFP (Request for Proposal) No. 19-156 - Design-Build Fire Station No. 62 Williamswood.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Council agreed to remove item 15.1.4 and 15.1.5 from the consent agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the following agenda items: 15.2.1 and 15.4.1.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Zurawski

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 Gorsebrook Park - Park Plan

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 15, 2019

During the approval of the order of business, this matter was deferred further to the next regular meeting of Regional Council on January 28, 2020.

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. HEARINGS

APPEAL HEARING – 1:00 P.M.

12.1 Appeal of the Decision of the Design Review Committee for Case 22511 – Substantive Site Plan Approval for 1144, 1148, and 1150 Barrington Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 17, 2019 with attached staff report to the Design Review Committee dated October 30, 2019
- A staff presentation dated January 14, 2020
- A copy of Part VIII (Planning and Development) of the Halifax Regional Municipal Charter, Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008
- Correspondence dated December 12, 2019 from the Municipal Clerk to the appellant's representative
- A presentation from the appellant
- Correspondence from William Breckenridge

Mayor Savage reviewed the rules of procedure for appeal hearings and opened the hearing by inviting staff to make a presentation.

Dean MacDougall, Planner III, gave presentation on the decision of the Design Review Committee at the Committee's meeting of November 14, 2019, to refuse a substantive site plan approval application for the lands located at 1144, 1148 and 1150 Barrington Street, Halifax, including:

- an overview of the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law
- the site plan approval process
- the two components (quantitative and qualitative) of review and approval under site plan approval
- the proposed development
- the Design Review Committee's decision of November 14, 2019 on building design and variances
- the appeal notice and process

- the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District

Responding to a query from Council on the effect of upholding the appeal, MacDougall advised that Council can only consider or decide on the qualitative elements, that as of December 21, 2019, applications within the boundaries of the proposed Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District must comply with the proposed new regulations and that the application under appeal was not grandfathered under the old rules as only issued construction permits can grandfather a development. John Traves, Q.C., Municipal Solicitor, clarified that Council must hear the case on its merits and not consider other aspects.

Dan Goodspeed, Kassner Goodspeed Architects, representing the appellant gave a presentation outlining its appeal. Goodspeed noted that the major impediment to the appellant applying for a new site plan approval is that upper two floors would not be permitted under the new regulations. Goodspeed contended that new set back rules would be disadvantageous in this suburban setting.

Mayor Savage opened the floor to invited property owners within the 100m radius area of notification from the proposed development to speak on the appeal.

Mayor Savage called three times for assessed owners to speak on the matter, there were none present.

Traves clarified the rules and outcomes noting that these are quasi-judicial proceedings and that Council's role is to make any decision that the Design Review Committee could have made, namely approve the recommendation of staff, approve with conditions or defeat the staff recommendation. Traves noted that the appeal was filed on November 29, 2019 and that Council must render its decision by February 13, 2020.

MOVED Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the appeal be allowed.

Responding to further queries from Council, Traves confirmed that there should be no further appeal provided that procedural fairness is met, though the Courts always reserve rights. MacDougall confirmed that the plot fabric was a factor in evaluating the variance requests of the application.

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

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

Against: Councillor Russell

Not present: Councillor Cleary

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 P.M.

12.2 Case 21730 - Request to amend the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) for 205 Bedford Highway, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A presentation from the applicant entitled "Rockwinds on the Basin: An Affordable Mixed-Use Multi-Family Housing Development"
- 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
- A staff presentation dated January 14, 2020

- An extract from Halifax Regional Council draft Minutes – December 10, 2019
- Correspondence from Nicole Mosher, Glenn Taylor, David Ghiz, David Elliott, Krista Grant, James Allison, Abdou Haddad, Corinne Samson, Ashley MacDougall, Jim Bethune, Thanos Politis, and Stavroula Mihelakos

First reading given on December 10, 2019

Sean Gillis, Planner II, Urban Plan Amendment Team, gave an overview of the applicant proposal, as well as information on the planning history, site context, planning policy, and land use regulations. Gillis also provided information on the feedback received by public engagement, specifically that although the public expressed support for the proposal, there was concern about the size of the building as well as with current and future traffic volumes.

Staff responded to questions from Council, specifically regarding environmental concerns such as flooding. It was noted that as per policy, there is a requirement that the building be built higher than six (6) meters to mitigate flooding issues. However, staff also noted that this guideline is not up-to-date at a regional level.

Mayor Savage invited the applicant to come forward and address Council.

Kevin Riles, KWR Approvals, came forward to speak on behalf of the applicant. Riles gave a brief overview of the applicant proposal and went into more detail about the history of the building. It was noted that the existing building has been an apartment building for seventy (70) years and currently consists of five (5) storeys with thirty-one (31) units. The applicant is requesting to rebuild with eight (8) storeys and fifty-five (55) units. The extra units are requested to accommodate for eighteen (18) affordable housing units which would amount to thirty (30) percent in discounts for fifteen (15) years. Riles emphasized the need for new construction and affordable housing in the area, and further stated that the proposed rents are comparable to those for new construction in the area.

Council expressed some concern about the location of the driveway. Riles stated that based on recommendations from staff, the driveway was moved to the side closest to the nearby daycare and the permit for doing this was approved under the development agreement. However, Riles also noted that if required, the applicant would be willing to move the driveway back to the side nearest the Asian Grocery.

Riles went on to outline the key technical studies that have been conducted in preparation for the proposed development, including an environmental study and a traffic impact study. The environmental study indicated no issues with wetlands and/or watercourses while the traffic impact study indicated minimal impact on the intersection with no increase in the overall level of service.

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

Jeff Bray, of Fairview came forward in support of the proposed development and emphasized the need for affordable housing in the area, stating that the housing situation (particularly in the Clayton Park area) is in crisis. Bray also expressed difficulty managing their finances with the current rent prices in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Nicole Mosher, of Clayton Park also stated that they are in support of the proposed development, citing that the Clayton Park and Rockingham area lack choice in affordable housing and that many feel they need to relocate in order to find reasonably priced rental properties. Mosher also noted that it is particularly difficult to find affordable housing without roommates, making it increasingly difficult for single-parent families. It was further noted that barrier-free housing is often not available, and citizens have suffered due to this lack of accessibility.

Dimitri Stappas, of Halifax came forward stating their support for the proposed development. Stappas reiterated the need for affordable housing in the Clayton Park and Rockingham area. Furthermore,

Stappas noted that it is particularly difficult to find affordable housing as a student, citing their own financial struggles as a young adult attending university.

Carla Sestito, of Halifax restated the need for affordable housing in the area. Sestito also noted their surprise at the high rental prices in HRM in comparison to other provinces such as New Brunswick, Ontario, and Alberta. Furthermore, Sestito described their own difficulties finding an affordable rental property without roommates, stating that they currently share a home with another family.

Bessie Stappas, of Halifax came forward in support of the proposed development. Stappas reiterated comments made by previous speakers about the need for affordable and barrier-free housing in the Clayton Park and Rockingham area. Stappas thanked those in attendance for their time and expressed their excitement in moving forward with the proposal.

Nick Stappas, the applicant, came forward and stated his case for the proposed development. Stappas expressed their passion for aiding the community and emphasized the need to begin building with consideration of the general and affordable vacancy rate. Stappas stated that the current vacancy rate in the Clayton Park and Rockingham area is 0.8%, and as per staff's comments earlier, under 2% is deemed problematic. It was further noted that the area containing the proposed development is a public and accessible area, which will provide its renters with public transportation. Additionally, Stappas stated that the design of the proposed development compliments the neighbourhood and will respect environmental values/consider climate change. Stappas concluded by thanking the community for their support, as well as HRM staff, the architect, and all those involved in the preparation of their proposal.

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

Mayor Savage invited the applicant to respond to questions raised by the public. There being none, it was:

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the public hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law (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.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Streach

12.3 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
- A staff recommendation report dated September 25, 2019
- A staff presentation dated January 14, 2020
- An extract from Halifax Regional Council draft Minutes – December 10, 2019
- Correspondence from Patrick Kelly, Ian F McKee, and Mark and Adrienne Harris

First reading given on December 10, 2019.

Deputy Mayor Blackburn invited staff to come forward and give a presentation on case H00446. Before beginning their presentation, a discussion occurred between staff and Council on whether the Public Hearing for this case should be deferred based on Council's earlier ruling to allow the appeal for case 22511. John Traves, Q.C., Municipal Solicitor, explained that if the motion for the Public Hearing on case H00446 were to go forward, the decision made on the appeal of Case 22511 would be null and void. Council discussed the issue and agreed to go ahead with the Public Hearing.

Seamus McGreal, Planner III, Planning & Development, gave an overview of the background of the Heritage Conservation District (HCD) and the significance of the Old South Suburb. McGreal also discussed the purpose of heritage conservation in the Old South Suburb and the HCD plan more generally. Furthermore, McGreal went over staff recommendations, including but not limited to the adoption of the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan and By-law and amendments to the Downtown Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-law.

Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk, reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings and opened the public hearing for anyone wishing to speak on the matter.

Alan Parish, of Halifax came forward in support of the Old South Suburb HCD Plan. Parish further expressed concern that the Halifax municipal government is slow to adopt HCDs, citing the many areas of Halifax that need protection. Additionally, Parish suggested that the municipality increase the number of heritage Planners or relocate Planners to the heritage group given the closing of the Centre Plan Agreement.

David Garrett, of Halifax also declared their support for the Old South Suburb HCD Plan, stating that HCD are needed within the HRM. Garrett reiterated the comments of the previous speaker, noting that the municipality is slow to adopt HCDs due to a lack of heritage staff. Consequently, Garrett emphasized the need to increase the number of heritage Planners to accelerate the creation of HCDs and urged Council to support the motion on the floor.

Elias Metlej, of Halifax came forward in support of the motion, however raised concerns about the costs of heritage conservation without governmental incentives. Metlej suggested that the municipality establish incentives for individuals to maintain and preserve heritage buildings.

Andrew Murphy, of Purcell's Cove reiterated the comments from the previous speakers about the importance of HCDs for the HRM and urged Council to support the motion on the floor.

William Breckenridge, of Halifax came forward stating their support for the Old South Suburb HCD and reiterated the comments from the previous speakers regarding the need to expedite the processes through which HCDs are created.

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

Deputy Mayor Blackburn invited the applicant to respond to questions raised by the public. There being none, it was:

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the public hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the:

- 1. Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan and the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District By-law H-800 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 H-800 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.**

After closing the public hearing, Council expressed concern for the applicant of the appeal for case 22511. Council inquired whether it was possible to remove the property under case 22511 from the Old South Suburb HCD Plan. Aaron Murnaghan, Principal Planner, Regional Planning, responded to questions from Council and noted that to exempt the property under case 22511 from the plan would require substantive amendments, which would require a new first reading, a new public hearing, and a supplementary staff report. Traves noted that the applicants of the appeal for case 22511 were encouraged to bring the issue forward to Council and were aware of the potential of the current outcome.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Streach

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items: 12.1, 12.2, 12.3 and 15.3.1. 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 Cleary

Councillor Cleary submitted a petition containing 123 signatures seeking to stop Halifax Regional Municipality from permanently restricting right hand turns onto George Dauphinee Avenue.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – December 10, 2019

14.1 Councillor Zurawski - Climate Action Plan Update

The following was before Council:

- A staff information report dated November 12, 2019
- A staff presentation dated January 14, 2020

Shannon Miedema, Program Manager, Energy and Environment and Program Manager and Mel de Jager, Principal at Sustainability Solutions Group, gave a presentation on progress to date on development of HalifACT 2050 and other climate change initiatives and responded to questions from Council.

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Eastern Passage Weekly Collection of Recyclables

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 17, 2019 with attached staff information report dated October 14, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include sufficient funding in the 2021/2022 budget cycle such that the residential recycling collection frequency can be increased from every second week to weekly for the Eastern Passage Area, including Cow Bay, to be implemented for the next Collection Request for Proposal (RFP) commencing on July 1, 2021.

Brad Anguish, Director of Transportation and Public Works responded to questions from Council and noted that the staff recommendation was based on densification of the community compared to other communities and that service levels for waste collection are not dependant on taxation lines.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Zurawski

15.1.2 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 1, The Procedures of the Council Administrative Order, Administrative Order 2017-005-GOV, Respecting the Advisory Committee on Accessibility in the Halifax Regional Municipality and Regional Watersheds Advisory Board Terms of Reference - The Adoption Process for the Centre Plan (Package B)

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 31, 2019

Notice of Motion given on December 10, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt amendments to:

- a) **The Regional Watersheds Advisory Board Terms of Reference, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated October 31, 2019;**
- b) **Schedules 5 and 6 of Administrative Order 1, The Procedures of the Council Administrative Order, respecting the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee, and the Executive Standing Committee, as set out in Attachment D of the staff report dated October 31, 2019; and**
- c) **Administrative Order 2017-005-GOV, the Advisory Committee on Accessibility Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment F of the staff report dated October 31, 2019.**

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

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

Against: Councillor Hendsbee

Not present: Councillor Zurawski

15.1.3 Second Reading Proposed By-law S-448, and Amendment to By-law S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements

The following was before Council:

- A supplementary staff report dated November 28, 2019
- A staff recommendation report dated September 20, 2019
- An extract from Halifax Regional Council draft Minutes – November 26, 2019

First reading given on November 26, 2019

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve the Local Improvement Charges as outlined in Table 1 to the staff report dated September 20, 2019; and**
2. **Adopt revised By-law S-448, amending By-law S-400, the Street Improvement By-law, as set out in Attachment 1 of the supplementary staff report dated November 28, 2019.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Russell

15.1.4 Scotiabank Centre (SBC) Management Agreement

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 15, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the Management Agreement with the Halifax Convention Centre Corporation carrying on business as Events East Group, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 15, 2019, for the continued management of the Scotiabank Centre; and**
2. **Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute any renewals of the Management Agreement.**

Responding to a question from Council, Maggie MacDonald, Manager, Program Support Services, confirmed that the arrangement with the Province is for a review of the Agreement at either party's request and that there is no set timeline for the expanded mandate review.

Council noted the importance of staff ensuring that there is a timeline in the Agreement for a mandate review, especially as the new Halifax Convention Centre is now operational.

MacDonald responded to further questions from Council, including regarding the governance arrangements of the Agreement, noting that the Agreement itself is in response to Auditor General review of the relationship between Scotiabank Centre, Ticket Atlantic and the Municipality.

Council requested that the Ticket Atlantic review, when complete, be brought to Council as an information report.

Responding to a further question from Council, MacDonald confirmed that the staff recommendation is for the Chief Administrative Officer to be authorized to execute five-year renewals of the Management Agreement, with only substantial changes to the Agreement coming back to Council.

At the request of Councillor Whitman, the motion was separated for voting purposes as per Section 90 of Administrative Order One.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the Management Agreement with the Halifax Convention Centre Corporation carrying on business as Events East Group, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 15, 2019, for the continued management of the Scotiabank Centre.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Zurawski

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute any renewals of the Management Agreement.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour, 2 against)

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

Against: Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillor Whitman

Not present: Councillor Zurawski

15.1.5 Amended and Reinstated Award – RFP (Request for Proposal) No. 19-156 - Design-Build Fire Station No. 62 Williamswood

The following was before Council:

- A revised staff recommendation report dated January 14, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT Halifax Regional Council award Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 19-156, Design-Build Fire Station No. 62 Williamswood to the highest scoring proponent, Bird Construction Group, at a cost

of \$4,551,041 (net HST included), with funding from Project No. CB000079 – Sambro/Harrietsfield Fire Station, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the revised report dated January 14, 2020.

John MacPherson, Manager, Corporate Facility Design and Construction, clarified the error with the earlier circulated report and advised that the Request for Proposal was scored on technical and price so that the best overall bidder was awarded the contract. Jane Fraser, Director of Finance, Asset Management and ICT advised that a change had been made regarding information put in award reports and that scores and prices of unsuccessful bidders were no longer indicated.

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

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

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillor Whitman

15.1.6 Policing Resource Review

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 8, 2019
- A staff presentation dated January 14, 2020

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police (HRP), provided a presentation on the police service review following a motion passed by Regional Council on February 27, 2018 and outlined the key report outcomes and 29 recommendations made by the consultant, Perivale & Taylor Consulting. Key report outcomes included:

- Priority response and deployment
- Strategic realignment, staffing and reorganization
- Community survey
- Coordinated and robust information technology systems and infrastructure
- Modernization of facilities and physical infrastructure

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to accept and implement the recommendations from the Police Service Review with the exceptions of: 1, 2, 20.

Councillor Nicoll proposed an amendment to the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the motion be amended to include a further subsection as follows:

“2. Refer the Chief Administrative Officer report and accompanying in-camera information report to the Board of Police Commissioners to be taken into consideration as they prepare this year's budget and subsequent budgets.”

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Zurawski

The motion before Council is as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to accept and implement the recommendations from the Police Service Review with the exceptions of: 1, 2, 20.**
- 2. Refer the Chief Administrative Officer report and accompanying in-camera information report to the Board of Police Commissioners to be taken into consideration as they prepare this year's budget and subsequent budgets.**

Responding to questions from Council, Dubé advised that the Board of Police Commissioners is in the preliminary stage of creating a survey to go out to the public and committed to sharing the survey questions with Council, as well as the survey results. Chief Kinsella informed Council that civilianization is important to HRP and HRP is committed to ensuring that Police officers have the skills to carry out their duties or commit to civilianization of those positions and further noted that some positions have already been taken up by civilians. Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) noted that RCMP has a road safety strategy in place that is measurable and trackable, that there are designated RCMP traffic sections and that general duty RCMP vehicles also have traffic capacity. Responding to a suggestion from Council that high level policing priorities be laid out in a Memorandum of Understanding, John Traves, Q.C., Municipal Solicitor, advised that the Memorandum of Understanding should be considered as a practical guide to the legislative framework and that work should be undertaken within the structure the Memorandum of Understanding sets up to develop priorities and policies which can reviewed as frequently as required and not amend the Memorandum of Understanding.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

15.2 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Women's Advisory Committee – Establish a Staff Board*

The following was before Council:

- An Executive Standing Report Committee report dated December 19, 2019, with attached staff recommendation report dated December 4, 2019

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

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council establish a staff board, pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Public Appointment Policy, consisting of the Managing Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Advisor from Diversity and Inclusion, a representative from the Municipal Clerk's Office, and the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate, to review applications to the Women's Advisory Committee, and disclose to the Executive Standing Committee any relevant evaluations or references that may have been conducted.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Zurawski

15.3 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Vehicle for Hire Licensing Program Review – Regulating Brokers and Transportation Network Companies

The following was before Council:

- A Transportation Standing Committee report dated December 18, 2019

- Supplementary staff report dated December 17, 2019
- A staff presentation dated January 14, 2020
- Correspondence from Todd McDonald and Casino Taxi Limited

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare amendments to By-law T-1000 and Administrative Order 39, to regulate Transportation Networking Companies and introduce a new licensing requirement for brokers as set out in the Discussion section of the supplementary staff report dated December 17, 2019, for Council's consideration; and**
- 2. Direct the Mayor write a letter to the Province to request the required amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act to enable the Municipality to charge Transportation Network Companies a per-trip fee and request the Province allow Transportation Network Companies' drivers and taxi drivers to drive on a Class 5 license.**

Hilary Hayes, Supervisor Licensing, Buildings and Compliance, gave a presentation on proposed by-law amendments on licensing of brokers.

Responding to queries from Council, Hayes noted that the Municipality's parking services department is formulating a curb side management framework for parking and pickup of customers and that the Municipality is working with the Province on amendment of the Motor Vehicle Act.

Councillor Mason proposed an amendment to tier the proposed fee licencing fee.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the fee for registering a Transportation Network Company be tiered based on number of vehicles as follows:

- **1 – 10 Vehicles = \$2,000**
- **11 – 25 Vehicles = \$5,000**
- **26 – 100 Vehicles = \$15,000**
- **100+ Vehicles = \$25,000**

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 4 against)

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

Against: Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Whitman, Russell, Outhit

The motion before Council is as follows:

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare amendments to By-law T-1000 and Administrative Order 39, to regulate Transportation Networking Companies and introduce a new licensing requirement for brokers as set out in the Discussion section of the supplementary staff report dated December 17, 2019, for Council's consideration with the following direction from;**
 - a) That the licensing fee for registering a Transportation Network Company be tiered based on the number of vehicles as follows:**
 - 1 – 10 Vehicles = \$2,000**
 - 11 – 25 Vehicles = \$5,000**
 - 26 – 100 Vehicles = \$15,000**
 - 100+ Vehicles = \$25,000**
- 2. Direct the Mayor write a letter to the Province to request the required amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act to enable the Municipality to charge Transportation Network Companies a per-trip fee**

and request the Province allow Transportation Network Companies' drivers and taxi drivers to drive on a Class 5 license.

Responding to a query from Council regarding passenger safety, Hayes confirmed that the Municipality would not have a list of drivers' names, as these would be maintained by the transportation network companies.

Councillor Austin proposed an amendment to request for a supplementary report considering a veto by the Municipality regarding who can be a transportation network company driver.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council request that the Chief Administrative Officer provide a supplementary report on licensing Transportation Network Companies drivers.

Responding to a further query from Council, Hayes confirmed that as currently proposed, the Municipality could pull the licence of a transportation network company that had multiple infractions against it or its drivers.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The motion before Council is as follows:

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare amendments to By-law T-1000 and Administrative Order 39, to regulate Transportation Networking Companies and introduce a new licensing requirement for brokers as set out in the Discussion section of the supplementary staff report dated December 17, 2019, for Council's consideration with the following direction from;

- a) That the licensing fee for registering a Transportation Network Company be tiered based on the number of vehicles as follows:**
- 1 – 10 Vehicles = \$2,000**
 - 11 – 25 Vehicles = \$5,000**
 - 26 – 100 Vehicles = \$15,000**
 - 100+ Vehicles = \$25,000**

2. Direct the Mayor write a letter to the Province to request the required amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act to enable the Municipality to charge Transportation Network Companies a per-trip fee and request the Province allow Transportation Network Companies' drivers and taxi drivers to drive on a Class 5 license; and

3. Request that the Chief Administrative Officer provide a supplementary report on licensing Transportation Network Companies drivers.

Councillor Cleary proposed an amendment to request for a supplementary report to consider a fee to help meet Integrated Mobility Plan targets.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council request that the Chief Administrative Officer provide a supplementary report regarding a per trip fee for Transportation Network Companies in support of the Integrated Mobility Plan.

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

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

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillor Mancini

The motion before Council is as follows:

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare amendments to By-law T-1000 and Administrative Order 39, to regulate Transportation Networking Companies and introduce a new licensing requirement for brokers as set out in the Discussion section of the supplementary staff report dated December 17, 2019, for Council's consideration with the following direction from;

a) That the licensing fee for registering a Transportation Network Company be tiered based on the number of vehicles as follows:

1 – 10 Vehicles = \$2,000

11 – 25 Vehicles = \$5,000

26 – 100 Vehicles = \$15,000

100+ Vehicles = \$25,000

2. Direct the Mayor write a letter to the Province to request the required amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act to enable the Municipality to charge Transportation Network Companies a per-trip fee and request the Province allow Transportation Network Companies' drivers and taxi drivers to drive on a Class 5 license; and

3. Request that the Chief Administrative Officer provide a supplementary report on licensing Transportation Network Companies drivers.

4. Request that the Chief Administrative Officer provide a supplementary report regarding a per trip fee for Transportation Network Companies in support of the Integrated Mobility Plan.

Hayes responded to further questions from Council regarding the differences between Class 4 and 5 licences and which jurisdictions require Class 4 licences for transportation network company drivers. Hayes confirmed that while many jurisdictions require Class 4 licences, the position of staff is that Class 5 licencing would suffice and would enable quicker growth of the industry.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Streach

THAT Halifax Regional Council amend section 2 of the motion to delete the following: "and request the Province allow Transportation Network Companies' drivers and taxi drivers to drive on a Class 5 license."

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED. (9 in favour, 8 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Austin, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Russell, Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Whitman

The motion before Council is as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare amendments to By-law T-1000 and Administrative Order 39, to regulate Transportation Networking Companies and introduce a new licensing requirement for brokers as set out in the Discussion section of the supplementary staff report dated December 17, 2019, for Council's consideration with the following direction from;

b) That the licensing fee for registering a Transportation Network Company be tiered based on the number of vehicles as follows:

1 – 10 Vehicles = \$2,000

11 – 25 Vehicles = \$5,000

26 – 100 Vehicles = \$15,000

100+ Vehicles = \$25,000

2. **Direct the Mayor write a letter to the Province to request the required amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act to enable the Municipality to charge Transportation Network Companies a per-trip fee;**
3. **Request that the Chief Administrative Officer provide a supplementary report on licensing Transportation Network Companies drivers; and**
4. **Request that the Chief Administrative Officer provide a supplementary report regarding a per trip fee for Transportation Network Companies in support of the Integrated Mobility Plan.**

MOTION AS AMENDED 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, Outhit

Against: Councillor Whitman

Councillor Cleary proposed a further motion to require vehicles driven by transportation network company drivers to be fuel efficient.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report with respect to the restriction of vehicles permitted by Transportation Network Companies to fuel efficient and hybrid vehicles, to be considered as part of HalifACT 2050.

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

In favour: Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Smith, Cleary, Zurawski, Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Streach, Mancini, Mason, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Russell

15.4 NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

15.4.1 Hammonds Plains Common Area Rate Request – Highland Park Rate Payer’s Association*

The following was before Council:

- A report dated December 16, 2019 from North West Community Council

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

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Authorize a one-time contribution of \$25,000 from the Hammonds Plains Area Rate surplus to the Highland Park Rate Payer’s Association to complete the development of Timberlane Terrace Park; and**
2. **Authorize an additional one-time contribution of \$25,000 from the Hammond Plains Area Rate surplus to the Highland Park Rate Payer’s Association for capital improvements to the Grant Line Trail.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Zurawski

15.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.5.1 Councillor Cleary – Amendments to Administrative Order 1 (AO1)

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration from Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report for an amendment to Administrative Order 1, the Procedure of the Council, section 59(1) to include Community Councils.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Streach

15.5.2 Councillor Austin - Heritage Registration Dartmouth Post Office

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration from Councillor Austin

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report examining the potential for including the Dartmouth Post Office, PID 00108043, in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality. The report should be referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee for evaluation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Streach

15.5.3 Councillor Hendsbee – Floating Homes Letter to the Province of Nova Scotia

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration from Councillor Hendsbee

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council request the Mayor send an official letter to the Minister of Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs & Housing and the Port Authority to request an immediate moratorium on Floating Homes in order for the Halifax Regional Municipality and other municipalities to get the legislative authority and regulations in place to deal with the pending phenomenon.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Streach

16. MOTIONS

16.1 Councillor Whitman

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

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.

Councillor Nicoll suggested an addition to the motion as follows to include the Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association:

“...and the Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association...”

This was considered a friendly amendment by Council.

The motion before Council is as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

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, the BLT Rails to Trails Association, and the Cole Harbour Parks and 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.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Streach

16.2 Councillor Cleary

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration from Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

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 with during their time as a public office holder.

Councillor Cleary noted that several municipal governments have this protocol in place. Several Councillors expressed concern about how this would interfere with a former official’s ability to maintain a livelihood given the large number of business that have dealings with the HRM. It was also suggested that, if approved, the jurisdictional scan should include an examination of compensation and/or payments given to officials to conclude contractual obligations.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (7 in favour, 8 against)

In favour: Councillors Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, and Outhit

Against: Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Hendsbee, Karsten, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, and Russell

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Streach

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT the meeting be extended beyond 10:00 p.m. in accordance with section 34 of Administrative Order One.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Austin

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.1 Property Matter – *Private and Confidential Report*

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

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated December 2, 2019;

2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated December 2, 2019 to the public until the transaction has closed

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Streach and Whitman

17.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – *Private and Confidential Report*

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated January 7, 2020;

2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated January 7, 2020 to the public.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Streach

17.3 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated November 6, 2019;**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated November 6, 2019 to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Streach

17.4 PROPERTY MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

Council agreed by consensus to defer this item to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council on January 28, 2020.

17.5 PROPERTY MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private). No further action taken.

18. ADDED ITEMS

18.1 Councillor Smith - 5534 to 5558 Bilby Street and 2819 to 2827 Isleville Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration from Councillor Smith

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Waive notice of motion in accordance with Administrative Order 1.**
- 2. Notwithstanding Halifax Regional Council's June 25, 2019 motion directing the Chief Administrative Officer to not accept requests for site-specific amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategies in Centre Plan Package B areas while the planning process to adopt Package B is underway, Regional Council directs the Chief Administrative Officer to:**
 - a) initiate a process to consider amendments to applicable Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws for 5534 to 5558 Bilby Street and 2819 to 2827 Isleville Street, Halifax. The process will consider amendments that would allow the 7 storey mixed-use development permitted within the Development Agreement originally approved by West Community Council in Case 17511, and subsequently amended by Halifax and West Community Council in Case 20326; and**
 - b) request staff to implement a public participation plan using community mail outs to the notification area.**

The motion was separated for voting purposes as per Section 90 of Administrative Order One.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council waive notice of motion in accordance with Administrative Order 1.

Two-third majority vote required.

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, Outhit

Against: Councillor Whitman

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT notwithstanding Halifax Regional Council's June 25, 2019 motion directing the Chief Administrative Officer to not accept requests for site-specific amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategies in Centre Plan Package B areas while the planning process to adopt Package B is underway, Regional Council directs the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- a) initiate a process to consider amendments to applicable Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws for 5534 to 5558 Bilby Street and 2819 to 2827 Isleville Street, Halifax. The process will consider amendments that would allow the 7 storey mixed-use development permitted within the Development Agreement originally approved by West Community Council in Case 17511, and subsequently amended by Halifax and West Community Council in Case 20326; and**
- b) request staff to implement a public participation plan using community mail outs to the notification area.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

18.2 Volunteer Search and Rescue Grants Program – Recommended Awards Fiscal Year

The following was before Council:

- A report dated January 13, 2020 from the Grants Committee with attached staff report dated July 25, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve:

- 1. The awards of four (4) Operating Grants as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated July 25, 2019 for a total of \$128,921;**
- 2. A Capital Grant in the amount of \$2,334 to the Eastern Shore Ground Search and Rescue Team; and**
- 3. A conditional capital grant in the amount of \$10,045 to the Musquodoboit Valley Ground Search and Rescue Team to be held by HRM pending submission of documentation demonstrating an ability to complete the purchases prior to March 31, 2020; for a combined total cost of \$141,300 from Operating Account C801-8004.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Streach

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Walker

"TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on January 28, 2020, I propose to introduce a Policy pursuant to Section 325 of the Halifax Municipality Charter, *Administrative Order SC-93*, the purpose of which is to close a portion of Rosedale Avenue, Halifax described as Parcel "A"."

19.2 Councillor Walker

“**TAKE NOTICE** that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on January 28, 2020, I propose to introduce Administrative Order 2019-006-ADM, *Respecting Grants to Business Improvement Districts*, the purpose of which is to bring the grant program in line with current practice and legislation, while repealing the Business Improvement District Contribution Fund Policy.”

19.3 Councillor Smith

“**TAKE NOTICE** that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move that Council consider adopting, by policy, a Public Participation Program, the purpose of which is to obtain input from stakeholders and the public at large on the five-year review of the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (RMPS), and any proposed amendments to the RMPS and all secondary municipal planning strategies and land use by-laws as a result of the review.”

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk