



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 10, 2020**

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

REGRETS: Councillors: Bill Karsten
Sam Austin

STAFF: Denise Schofield, A/Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Sherryl Murphy, A/Municipal Clerk
Liam MacSween, A/Deputy Clerk
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m., and recessed at 2:40 p.m. Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m.
Council adjourned at 9:04 p.m.*

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and Council stood for a moment of reflection.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 11, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the minutes of February 11, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve agenda items 15.3.1 and 15.5.3.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Austin and Cleary

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 – NONE

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. HERITAGE HEARINGS – 6:00 P.M.

12.1 Case H00470 – Evaluation of Potential Heritage Resources in Downtown Halifax – Report #1

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Heritage Advisory Committee dated November 28, 2019 with attached staff report dated September 24, 2019
- An extract from the Regional Council Minutes of January 28, 2020
- A staff presentation dated March 10, 2020
- A presentation from the owner I.H. Mathers dated March 10, 2020
- A presentation from the owner Louis Lawen dated March 10, 2020
- Correspondence from registered property owners: Vittorio and Bianca Liberatore, Paul Emmons, Elizabeth Crocker, Old Pub Building Incorporated per Lance Webber, I.H. Mathers/Ventures Enterprises per Brian Lane, William Colpitts, Alessandra Investments Ltd. per Marilisa Benigno, and the Lawen Group per Louis Lawen.

Heritage Hearing date set at Regional Council on January 28, 2020.

Aaron Murnaghan, Principal Planner, and Seamus McGreal, Planner III, gave an overview of Case H00470.

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, stated that Council could amend the motion to remove buildings from the proposed streetscapes, but Council must keep a minimum of two buildings in any of the proposed streetscapes. If Council wished to decline to recommend less than two buildings for inclusion in a heritage streetscape, Council should instead defeat the motion. In response to questions from Councillors regarding the meaning of adjacent for the purpose of a heritage streetscape analysis, John Traves and Seamus McGreal stated that the meaning of adjacent means a collective appearance from street. Adjacent does not necessarily mean abutting, but rather properties within a general vicinity of a shared block or street and which form a collective appearance.

Responding to questions from Council, Aaron Murnaghan explained how the rights and interests of property owners would change should Council make a positive recommendation for a heritage property designation. If a property were to be registered, the Heritage Property Act only limits what changes can be made to the outside of a heritage building. The statute does not apply to the interior, and any interior work which does not affect the outside façade would not require permission or notice to planning staff. For proposed substantial alterations to exterior, the property owner can apply to Regional Council and planning staff can suggest minimally interfering measures in which the proposed changes could be adopted while preserving registered heritage features. For example, staff noted that they have worked with several property owners on the Barrington Streetscape to maintain historical façades while allowing future renovations to be made in the rear of the buildings. Staff also noted that registered heritage properties may be eligible for density bonusing benefits which would allow them to increase their density beyond their current non-heritage property restrictions. Staff stated that there is no expectation placed on heritage property owners to return their properties to their original constructed form but noted that any registered heritage property owners who wished to return their properties to an earlier historic state may be eligible to apply for grants to perform this work.

In response to questions regarding the Centre Plan, staff stated that the subject properties are located within the future downtown area, which is a zone falling within Package B of the Centre Plan. There is currently no process for obtaining development agreements under Package B, however currently under the Halifax Downtown Land Use Bylaw the subject properties could be eligible for density bonusing benefits if they were registered as heritage buildings. Density bonusing would potentially allow buildings currently restricted to a pre-bonus maximum height to obtain a post-bonus density benefit.

Mayor Savage reviewed the rules of procedure for heritage hearings and opened the heritage hearing for registered property owners wishing to speak on the matter.

William Daniel Colpitts, a speaker granted Power of Attorney for the property owner, spoke in opposition to the heritage designation for 1549 Birmingham Street. When the property owner initially purchased their property in 2010, they did not have any indication that their property might be subject to a heritage application. The speaker stated that while the building at 1549 Birmingham Street is attractive, it looks modern and does not have long term historical value. The speaker stated that the property owner pays a commercial property tax bill in the amount of \$25,000 annually and does so happily in the anticipation that the value of the property will increase. The speaker said should the application be granted, there is no indication future property owners will desire to purchase the property at its current valuation due to challenges they may experience in maintaining it.

Suzy MacLean, on behalf of the property owner of Wozzles Bookstore, spoke in opposition to the heritage designation for 1535 Birmingham street. Wozzles is located in the basement of the building and the speaker stated that visitors who come to the bookstore have likely gone out of their way to do so. The atmosphere is warm and inviting because property owners have put their energy into maintaining these buildings. However, MacLean noted that there are serious problems associated with maintaining them, and they do not believe that a heritage designation will help. They advised that staff had informed the property owner that as a business they may be entitled to a \$25,000 matching grant, and not only a \$15,000 grant as the property owner previously believed. However, the speaker stated that the difference does not change the speaker's opposition to the proposed registration. MacLean indicated it was their understanding that the grants would only apply to the front façade and would do little to contribute toward repairs necessary to maintain the structural health of the building. The speaker stated that they believe that sensible heritage planning should provide property owners the ability to receive funding necessary to perform preventative maintenance and emergency repairs and added that grant amounts do not keep pace with these types of repairs or with rising commercial taxes. Furthermore, grant applications require the property owner to obtain cost estimates from two contractors, which are a significant time and effort cost to businesses. Finally, they noted that grants are only possible, not guaranteed. The speaker stated that as a business, when times were difficult, they were comforted to remember that they hold an asset in the form of the property. Council's decision could potentially change this without their consent. MacLean asked that Council consider this and not impose heritage restrictions. Responding to questions regarding the speaker's statement that they had not been informed, the speaker clarified that the speaker's mother was informed of the meeting after they had made travel plans and were unable to change them. Responding to questions regarding the speaker's statements regarding the age of the building and current maintenance challenges, the speaker stated that the grants available to the property owner were not sufficient as they did not cover work to preserve the interior of the building. Responding to questions regarding the speaker's belief that the value of the property as an asset would immediately drop if the heritage registration were granted, the speaker stated that this is what they have heard and understood from conversations they have had with others.

Paul Emmons, a property owner, spoke in opposition to the heritage designation for 1539 Birmingham. Emmons expressed their belief that a heritage designation would likely remove value for the greatest likely bidder to the subject property, the developer. They stated that when they first purchased the property, they expected to rely on it as an asset as part of their retirement plan. They have watched value increase as they have seen neighbours build around them. Now the city is suggesting that they accept a heritage designation which they believed would place a three-year waiting period on a potential developer seeking to redevelop the property, and they would have to obtain consent from Council to proceed with the redevelopment. The speaker said that they want to be able to sell the property to a buyer unencumbered with heritage restrictions.

Brian Lane, a CEO of I.H Mathers and Venture Enterprises and a resident of Halifax, spoke in opposition to the heritage designation for 1520, 1526, 1528, and 1530 Queen Street. Lane stated that the business has been operating in Halifax since 1872. Over that last six years, the property owners engaged in discussions with planning staff in good faith regarding possible options to redevelop the properties with the intention of maintaining a cohesive streetscape. In July of 2019 the property owners were made aware of the heritage registration application. They are disappointed that the past planning discussions did not lead to further communication prior to the application. The speaker said that the current state of the subject properties is poor and listed a variety of problems identified by engineers including wood

decay, bark beetle damage, foundation and wall deterioration requiring wall reconstruction, soil falling into the basement, foundation undermining due to a missing foundation wall, exposure of support soil, etc. The structural engineer noted that several character defining features including the rectangular windows had been lost through changes to the building. The property owners are sensitive to the HRM Urban design goals, and over a year ago were discussing how to draft design guidelines to maintain an appropriate streetwall in the downtown area. The owners have also reviewed Package B of the Centre Plan and are confident that urban design requirements are appropriate for this site and will result in redevelopment sensitive to context and human scale

In response to questions for Council, the speaker advised that the owners began engaging in informal conversations with planning staff in 2014 and that conversations continued up to 2019 before the owners discovered the properties were the subject of a third-party heritage application. The speaker stated that in their January of 2015 submission to HRM, the property owners proposed to allow future development height above 15 meters, and through multiple conversations with staff, staff recommended a height adjustment consistent with that identified in Package B of the Centre Plan. The speaker acknowledged that proposals regarding height restrictions were an understanding, not a formal agreement. In response to questions regarding how long the property owner has owned the subject properties, the speaker stated that the first building was purchased in 1989, and the last building was purchased in 2012 with most purchased during the earlier time-period. In response to a question from Council regarding whether the property owner had a long-term plan for the maintenance of the properties, the speaker stated that the speaker purchased the properties in part due to their abutting the property owner's office building on Birmingham Street. The owners have owned this office building since 1972 and acquired the subject properties in the anticipation of eventually expanding their footprint through a development based on the anticipated increase in the value of the land.

Lorella Vardi, granted Power of Attorney for the property owner of 1532 and 1534 Queen Street, spoke in opposition to the heritage designation. Vardi stated that the property owners were immigrants from Italy who purchased the properties fifty years ago in anticipation that they would become an asset to pass to their children. The speakers stated that they believe a heritage designation would be an encumbrance on future developers for the properties and would likely decrease their value. The difficulty of having to reapply in order to perform future construction or development through the Heritage Advisory Committee would reduce the speed and flexibility available to a developer to take quick action to perform repairs to the buildings.

Louis Lawen, a property owner, spoke in opposition to the heritage designation for 1560 Grafton Street. They believe it is important that HRM respects heritage designations but disagreed with the large-net approach being considered tonight to register all potential heritage properties in the downtown area which have not been demolished. The speaker stated that they have developed a few heritage properties before, notably The Lofts at Greenvale as well as a Church at Windsor and Chebucto. Lawen referred to a letter circulated to Council regarding the current condition of the subject property. They identified issues and challenges with the current form of the building intended to qualify several statements regarding character defining elements identified by staff. These included picture frame windows which were previously added to the building. Regarding the architectural integrity of the subject property, the speaker suggested that this property, as well as several of the other properties before Council subject to this public hearing, would not appear to lay-persons to display heritage characteristics in their current forms. The speaker identified several features which represent significant departures from the historical elements including some areas with wide cement board siding, protruding eaves, deteriorating wood shingles, horizontal vinyl windows, a truncated corner with a doorway, and a metal door entrance. Regarding the availability of heritage grants, the Lawen noted that current grant amounts are too modest and over too long a period. The speaker compared the costs the municipality invested into the restoration of the Power House with funding available to heritage property owners through grants and stated that these were underwhelming. Lawen also raised questions as to the continuity of the proposed heritage streetscape at Grafton based on several adjacent buildings which did not respect character and break continuity of form.

Marilisa Benigno, Vice-President of Alessandra Investments and a resident of Halifax, spoke in opposition to the heritage designation for 1567 and 1579 Grafton Street. Benigno referred to a letter circulated to Council regarding the current condition of the subject properties. They raised questions as to the continuity of the proposed heritage streetscape at Grafton based on several abutting buildings which the speaker believed did not respect character and break continuity of form. Benigno raised concerns regarding the structural condition of the brick and the high cost to the property owner to maintain the façade were the properties registered as heritage assets. The speaker stated that in their experience, including their experience as a realtor, heritage registration is not seen as a benefit to most purchasers unless a building is in excellent condition in a very valuable location. More often, buildings with a heritage designation are seen negatively due to restrictions which limit the ability to redevelop them.

Lance Webber, a property owner for 1600 Grafton Street and a resident of Halifax, spoke in opposition to the heritage designation. Webber stated that if they received a million dollars in heritage grants, based on the current state of the building following any repairs and restoration, the building would not be worth the amount spent at the point of sale. They stated that they consider this application to be an expropriation and an attempt to provide a public benefit from a private cost to the property owner. Webber agreed with comments made by previous speakers regarding the limited nature of the heritage characteristics seeking to be protected and that there may be inaccuracies in the staff report regarding heritage characteristics.

Mayor Savage called three times for any other registered property owners wishing to speak on the matter, there were none present.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the heritage hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Responding to questions from Council regarding the extent of potential construction or repairs which would require a registered heritage property owner to apply for permission from planning staff, Seamus McGreal stated that heritage staff would only become involved for proposed substantial work to the exterior of the heritage property, and in particular the portions of the building which face the public right of way. Painting the outside of the structure would not require permission from planning staff. Painting the inside of the building or constructing a new kitchen or bathroom would not require permission from planning staff unless such work would alter the outside public-facing façade of the building. Staff can approve many changes to rear or non-public facing exterior of heritage properties without creating a requirement to refer the matter to appear before the Heritage Advisory Committee or Regional Council. Staff stated that they were unaware of any heritage registration policies in Canada which register interior elements of a privately-owned building.

Regarding concerns about the loss of resale value, Aaron Murnaghan stated that it is very difficult to quantify how heritage registration affects the market value of a property. Many factors affect the market value of the property which are difficult to separate. For example, staff stated that the current commercial property vacancy rate is affecting the value of properties centrally located in the Halifax downtown area.

In response to questions regarding how the Centre Plan may impact registered heritage properties, Aaron Murnaghan stated that based on what heritage staff have proposed, most areas would be allowed to pursue redevelopment through a development agreement. This would allow applicants to seek permission for density or land uses of a greater intensity than what would be ordinarily permitted under the Land Use Bylaw in exchange for heritage conservation efforts. Most of the subject properties would qualify for some post-bonus benefits.

Regarding tax incentives and appraisals, Aaron Murnaghan stated that a future staff report returning to Regional Council is anticipated to recommend additional financial and land-use incentives for properties in downtown Halifax outside of the heritage conservation districts. Properties within districts such as Barrington Street received about \$3.5 million in grants and tax incentives for heritage conservation. Staff

was directed by Council to return with further recommendations as to how similar benefits could be extended to other areas.

In response to questions from Council, Aaron Murnaghan clarified that while grants are restricted to work necessary to maintain registered heritage elements, this work can include structural work if it is related to preserving these features.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council include:

- 1. 1529, 1533, 1535, 1539, and 1549 Birmingham Street in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 24, 2019, as municipal heritage properties to form the Birmingham Streetscape,**
- 2. 1520, 1526, 1528, 1530, 1532, 1534, and 1542 Queen Street in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 24, 2019, as municipal heritage properties to form the Queen Streetscape, and**
- 3. 1545-49, 1560, 1567, 1579, and 1600 Grafton Street in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 24, 2019, as municipal heritage properties to form the Grafton Streetscape.**

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT 1560 Grafton Street be removed from the list of heritage properties for the Grafton Streetscape.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Nicoll, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Russell

Against: Councillor Outhit

Not present: Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Karsten, Austin

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT 1520, 1526, 1528, and 1530 Queen Street be removed from the list of heritage properties for the Queen Streetscape.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (11 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Nicoll, Mancini, Mason, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Russell

Against: Councillors Smith, Outhit

Not present: Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Karsten, Austin

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT 1549 Birmingham Street be removed from the list of heritage properties for the Birmingham Streetscape and 1600 Grafton Street be removed from the list of heritage properties for the Grafton Streetscape.

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

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT 1549 Birmingham Street be removed from the list of heritage properties to for the Birmingham Streetscape.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED. (7 in favour, 6 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Russell

Against: Councillors Nicoll, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Outhit

Not present: Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Karsten, Austin

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT 1600 Grafton Street be removed from the list of heritage properties for the Grafton Streetscape.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED. (7 in favour, 6 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Russell

Against: Councillors Nicoll, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Outhit

Not present: Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Karsten, Austin

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT 1533 and 1535 Birmingham Street be removed from the list of heritage properties for the Grafton Streetscape.

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

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Nicoll, Mancini, Smith, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Russell

Against: Councillors Hendsbee, Mason, Cleary, Outhit

Not present: Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Karsten, Austin

The motion as amended now reads:

THAT Halifax Regional Council include:

- 1. 1529 and 1539 Birmingham Street in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 24, 2019, as municipal heritage properties to form the Birmingham Streetscape,**
- 2. 1532, 1534, and 1542 Queen Street in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 24, 2019, as municipal heritage properties to form the Queen Streetscape, and**
- 3. 1545-49, 1567, and 1579 Grafton Street in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 24, 2019, as municipal heritage properties to form the Grafton Streetscape.**

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

THAT Halifax Regional Council include:

1. 1529 and 1539 Birmingham Street in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 24, 2019, as municipal heritage properties to form the Birmingham Streetscape,

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (5 in favour, 8 against)

In favour: Councillors Nicoll, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Mancini, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Russell

Not present: Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Karsten, Austin

THAT Halifax Regional Council include:

2. 1532, 1534, and 1542 Queen Street in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 24, 2019, as municipal heritage properties to form the Queen Streetscape, and

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (6 in favour, 7 against)

In favour: Councillors Hendsbee, Nicoll, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors, Mancini, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Russell

Not present: Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Karsten, Austin

THAT Halifax Regional Council include:

3. 1545-49, 1567, and 1579 Grafton Street in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 24, 2019, as municipal heritage properties to form the Grafton Streetscape.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (6 in favour, 7 against)

In favour: Councillors Hendsbee, Nicoll, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors, Mancini, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Russell

Not present: Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Karsten, Austin

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for item 12.1. 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 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2017-009-ADM, Respecting District Funds

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 5, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2017-009-ADM as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 5, 2019 to increase the maximum amount of money that may be given to a non-registered non-profit organization as a grant from the District Capital Fund from \$500 to \$5,000.

Pete-Jane Temple, Team Lead Grants & Contributions, Finance, Asset Management & ICT, answered Council questions regarding the provision of discretionary funds to non-registered organizations.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Austin and Cleary

15.1.2 Integrated Pest Management Strategy

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 22, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Develop an Integrated Pest Management Strategy as outlined in the Discussion section of the staff report dated January 22, 2020;**
- 2. Initiate the process to repeal By-law P-800, Respecting the Regulation of Pesticides, Herbicides and Insecticides.**

Shannon Miedema, Manager, Environment and Energy, Shilo Gempton, Planner II, Environment and Energy and Peter Duncan, Manager Infrastructure Planning Office, answered questions regarding the proposed Integrated Pest Management Strategy. Miedema clarified that the existing pesticide by-law is being recommended for repeal because HRM now defers to existing Provincial regulations that did not exist when the by-laws were originally enacted.

Miedema will collaborate with staff reporting on the feeding wildlife policy so the Pest Management Strategy will be considered. Miedema clarified that ticks were considered in the initial drafting of the strategy and that mosquitos could be added as pests to be considered when finalizing the strategy. The new strategy is meant to be a living strategy so that pests can be added on a per species basis to be determined by staff and Council. Miedema will consult with the inter-disciplinary committee that oversees rodent management, which includes the Halifax Regional Water Commission. The strategy will focus on reducing the impacts of pests on human, health, safety, recreation and infrastructure. Gempton and Miedema indicated that stakeholders such as the landscaping, forestry and agricultural sectors will be consulted when developing the specifics of the pest management strategy.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, and Austin

15.1.3 Case CA0128 - Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies – Street Naming and Renaming from September 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 18, 2020.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting Civic Addressing Policies in order to approve:

- 1. the naming of four new private lanes as identified in Attachment A and Maps 1, 2, and 3 of the staff report dated February 18, 2020;**
- 2. the naming of four public streets as identified in Attachment A and Maps 4, 5, and 6 of the staff report dated February 18, 2020; and**
- 3. the renaming of a portion of Woodlawn Road to Athorpe Drive, Dartmouth as identified in Attachment A and Maps 7 and 8 of the staff report dated February 18, 2020.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Austin

15.1.4 Case 21946 - Amendments to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy for lands at the intersections of Southgate Drive and Bedford Highway, Bedford

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 24, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Bedford Land Use By-law to redistribute existing development rights and allow for development agreements on Block BH-1 which would allow a multiple storey mixed residential development, and BH-2 which would allow a one storey commercial building and single family dwellings, on lands located at the corners of Southgate Drive and the Bedford Highway; and**
- 2. Follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 27, 1997.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Austin

15.1.5 Tender No. 20-218 Shore Road Bridge Replacement and Paving Cow Bay Road to Oceanlea Drive, East Region

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 19, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mason

That Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize a budget increase of \$527,619.60 (net HST included), to project Account CR180003 – Bridges, funded through cost sharing with Halifax Water.**
- 2. Award Tender No. 20-218 Shore Road Bridge Replacement and Paving Cow Bay Road to Oceanlea Drive to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, ARCP (Atlantic Road Construction and Paving Ltd.) for a total tender price of \$3,389,295.00 (net HST included) with funding from**

Project Account No. CR180003 Bridges, CR000009 Street Recapitalization, CR180002 Sidewalk Renewal, CR180004 Other Road Related Works, and CR180001 AT – Strategic Projects as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated February 19, 2020.

3. Award the construction administration and site inspection component of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 18-307- Consulting Engineering Services for BR122 Shore Road Bridge Replacement Design to Hatch Ltd. for an estimated fee of \$94,243.26 (net HST included) from Project Account No. CR180003 – Bridges, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated February 19, 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Austin

15.2 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Revision of Taxi Appeal Process

The following was before Council:

- A report submitted by the Chair of the Executive Standing Committee dated February 24, 2020, with attached staff recommendation report dated January 2, 2020

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to draft amendments to By-Law T-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis and Limousines, and any other necessary amendments, to enable appeals to be heard by an arm's length committee consistent with the structure, composition, and operation outlined in Table 1 of the staff report dated January 2, 2020.

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

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

Against: Councillor Hendsbee

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Austin

15.3 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Councillor Appointment to the Halifax Harbour Bridge Commission*

The following was before Council:

- A report submitted by the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee dated February 28, 2020 with attached staff recommendation report dated February 18, 2020

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

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council appoint Councillor Lindell Smith to the Halifax Harbour Bridge Commission to fill an unexpired term to November, 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Austin and Cleary

15.4 GRANTS COMMITTEE

15.4.1 211 Information and Referral Services Association (o/a 211 Nova Scotia) – License Agreement

The following was before Council:

- A report submitted by the Chair of the Grants Committee dated March 2, 2020, with attached staff recommendation report dated October 30, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate a less than market value license agreement, for execution by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk on behalf of the Municipality, with 211 Information and Referral Services Association (o/a 211 Nova Scotia) for the premises located at 21 Mount Hope Avenue, Dartmouth as per the key terms and conditions set out in Table 1 in the discussion section of the staff report dated October 30, 2019.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Austin

15.5 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.5.1 Case H00467 - Request to Include 10175 Highway 7, Salmon River Bridge in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- A report submitted by the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee dated February 27, 2020, with attached staff recommendation report dated February 4, 2020 and Heritage Scoring Summary

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of 10175 Highway 7, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated February 4, 2020, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Austin

15.5.2 Case H00476 - Request to Include 6047 Jubilee Road, Halifax, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- A report submitted by the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee report dated February 27, 2020, with attached staff recommendation report dated February 12, 2020 and Heritage Scoring Summary

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of 6047 Jubilee Road, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated February 12, 2020, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Hendsbee

15.5.3 Case H00492 - 2020/2021 Heritage Incentives Program*

The following was before Council:

- A report submitted by the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee report dated February 27, 2020, with attached staff recommendation report dated February 12, 2020.

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

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the proposed grants to the properties listed in Attachment A of the Staff Recommendation Report dated February 12, 2020, conditional upon the applicants' compliance with Sections 29 through 35 of Administrative Order Number 2014-002-ADM; and**
- 2. Approve the proposed \$21,384 grant for 81 Alderney Drive, conditional upon the applicants' compliance with Sections 29 through 35 of Administrative Order Number 2014-002-ADM.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Austin and Cleary

15.6 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.6.1 Councillor Adams - Off Leash Dog Park - Governors Brook

The following was before Council:

- A Councillor Request for Consideration Form

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the feasibility of a dog park on a portion of HRM owned parkland in the Governors Brook subdivision.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Mason

15.6.2 Councillor Nicoll - Options to Encourage a more Inclusive Public Engagement Process

The following was before Council:

- A Councillor Request for Consideration Form

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report providing options allowing for a more inclusive public engagement process.

Denise Schofield, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, noted this item could be reviewed in conjunction with the current review and update of HRM's public engagement policy.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Austin

16. MOTIONS - NONE

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – February 11, 2020

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of February 11, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Austin

17.2 PROPERTY MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

A matter pertaining to providing instruction and direction to officers and employees of the Municipality pertaining to the acquisition / sale of land.

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential recommendation report dated December 19, 2019

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated December 19, 2019; and**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated December 19, 2019 to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Austen

17.3 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

Citizen and Councillor appointments to boards and committees in keeping with the Public Appointment Policy adopted by Regional Council in August 2011, to be found at <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/boards-committees-commissions/volunteer-boards-committees/public-appointment-policy>

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff report dated March 4, 2020

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated March 4, 2020; and**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential report dated March 4, 2020 to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Austin

18. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Nicoll

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I propose to move First Reading of proposed By-law A-702, amending By-law A-700, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership, the purpose of which is to:

1. include prohibiting the feeding of wildlife and birds should it create a nuisance;
2. exempt the licencing of dogs up to the age of six months;
3. address two housekeeping amendments relative to general licensing requirements and proof of training for service dogs.

19.2 Councillor Smith

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on March 24, 2020, I propose to introduce Administrative Order 2020-002-GOV, the Social Policy Administrative Order, the purpose of which is to provide a clearly defined, consistent and collaborative approach to social policy.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy
A/Municipal Clerk