



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
November 10, 2020**

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Lisa Blackburn
Councillors: Cathy Deagle Gammon
David Hendsbee
Becky Kent
Trish Purdy
Sam Austin
Tony Mancini
Waye Mason
Lindell Smith
Shawn Cleary
Kathryn Morse
Patty Cuttell
Iona Stoddard
Pam Lovelace
Paul Russell
Tim Outhit

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Phoebe Rai, A/Municipal Clerk
Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant
Haruka Aoyama, Legislative Assistant

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

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and recessed at 10:10 a.m. to convene into Committee of the Whole. Council reconvened at 2:48 p.m. and recessed at 4:53 p.m. Council reconvened at 5:06 p.m. Council adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY – COUNCILLOR DISTRICT 11 – SPRYFIELD-SAMBRO LOOP-PROSPECT ROAD

Phoebe Rai, A/Municipal Clerk performed the official Swearing-in of Patty Cuttell as Councillor of District 11 Spryfield – Sambro Loop – Prospect Road of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 22 and 29, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

THAT the minutes of September 22 and 29, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that there was no correspondence received.

9.1.1 Fly-Past Request – Remembrance Day Ceremonies

The following was before Council:

- Letter of Request from 12 Wing Headquarters Shearwater dated October 27, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Halifax Regional Council grant permission for the Canadian Forces to fly a Cyclone helicopter over Sullivan's Pond in Dartmouth at approximately 11:08 a.m. flying north to south, over Cole Harbour Place at approximately 11:09 a.m. flying east to west and at the Caen Legion Branch #164 on Main Rd. Eastern Passage at approximately 11:10 a.m. flying north to south, at a height of 500 feet above the highest obstacle in each location, on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 as part of Remembrance Day ceremonies.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2 Petitions

9.2.1 Councillor Cleary

Councillor Cleary submitted a petition on behalf of seven residents of Parkhill Road calling for street maintenance on the section of Parkhill Road.

9.3 Presentations – None

10. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – September 29, 2020

10.1 Deputy Mayor Blackburn - Diversity & Inclusion Framework Annual Report 2019/2020

The following was before Council:

- A staff information report dated September 23, 2020
- A staff presentation dated November 10, 2020

Tracey Jones-Grant, Director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion/ANSAIO provided an overview on the Diversity and Inclusion Annual Report 2020 and responded to questions from members of Regional Council.

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Second Reading Proposed By-law F-201, an Amendment to By-law F-200, Respecting Fees for Permits and Licences; Second Reading Proposed By-law P-401, an Amendment to By-law P-400, Respecting Regulating the Installation of Plumbing Systems; Second Reading Proposed By-law B-204, an Amendment to By-law B-201, Respecting the Building Code; Second Reading Proposed By-law C-601, an Amendment to By-law C-600, Respecting Regional Capital Cost Charges; Second Reading Proposed By-law C-801, an Amendment to By-law C-800, Respecting Regional Capital Cost Charges for Solid Waste Facilities and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees - Waiving Municipal Related Construction Fees for Registered Non-Profit and Charitable Housing Developments

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated August 26, 2020
- A staff presentation dated November 10, 2020
- An extract from the draft Special Regional Council minutes of September 29 and 30, 2020

First Reading was given September 30, 2020.

Jillian MacLellan, Planner III gave an overview on the proposed amendment of by-laws regarding waiving municipal related construction fees for registered non-profit and charitable housing developments. MacLellan responded to questions from members of Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt:

- 1. The amendments to Administrative Order 15, the License, Permit and Processing Fees Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated August 26, 2020.**
- 2. By-law F-201, amending By-law F-200, the Fees By-law, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated August 26, 2020.**
- 3. By-law P-401, amending By-law P-400, the Plumbing By-law, as set out in Attachment C of the staff report dated August 26, 2020.**
- 4. By-law B-204, amending By-law Number B-201, the Building By-law, as set out in Attachment D of the staff report dated August 26, 2020.**
- 5. By-law C-601, amending By-law C-600, Capital Cost Charges By-law, as set out in Attachment E of the staff report dated August 26, 2020.**
- 6. By-law C-801, amending By-law C-800, Capital Cost Charges for Solid Waste Facilities By-law, as set out in Attachment F of the staff report dated August 26, 2020.**

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the motion be amended to include new section 7 which reads as follows: Direct the CAO to prepare a supplementary report to consider retroactive development fees for projects currently underway.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The motion before Council now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt:

- 1. The amendments to Administrative Order 15, the License, Permit and Processing Fees Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated August 26, 2020.**
- 2. By-law F-201, amending By-law F-200, the Fees By-law, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated August 26, 2020.**
- 3. By-law P-401, amending By-law P-400, the Plumbing By-law, as set out in Attachment C of the staff report dated August 26, 2020.**
- 4. By-law B-204, amending By-law Number B-201, the Building By-law, as set out in Attachment D of the staff report dated August 26, 2020.**
- 5. By-law C-601, amending By-law C-600, Capital Cost Charges By-law, as set out in Attachment E of the staff report dated August 26, 2020.**
- 6. By-law C-801, amending By-law C-800, Capital Cost Charges for Solid Waste Facilities By-law, as set out in Attachment F of the staff report dated August 26, 2020.**
- 7. Direct the CAO to prepare a supplementary report to consider retroactive development fees for projects currently underway.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Halifax Regional Council request the Mayor write a letter to the Province to change Public Utilities Act to allow Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to give Halifax Water the ability to waive their fees for non-profit affordable housing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.2 Second Reading Proposed By-law M-201, an Amendment to By-law M-200, Respecting Standards for Residential Occupancies, and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated August 26, 2020
- A staff presentation dated November 10, 2020
- An extract from the draft Special Regional Council minutes of September 29 and 30, 2020
- A staff handout dated November 10, 2020

First Reading was given September 30, 2020.

Sergio Grbac, Supervisor of Building Standards gave an overview on proposed by-law M-201, proposed amendment to by-law M-200 and proposed amendment to Administrative Order 15 and responded to questions from members of Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt By-law M-201, the purpose of which is to amend By-law M-200, Respecting Standards for Residential Occupancies including housekeeping and general amendments, as set out in Appendix B of the staff report dated August 26, 2020.**
- 2. Adopt amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, as set out in Appendix D of the staff report dated August 26, 2020.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.3 Review of Report Requests

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 26, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council review the attached list of report requests, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated October 26, 2020 and bring forward any items recommended to be withdrawn.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council remove reports Number 1 and Number 2b from the Attachment 1 of a staff report dated October 26, 2020.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council remove reports Number 61 from the Attachment 1 of a staff report dated October 26, 2020.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council remove reports Number 75 from the Attachment 1 of a staff report dated October 26, 2020.

Members of Regional Council suggested that the motion be dealt with in a future meeting of the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the motion be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Mayor clarified that Council may refer the item to the Committee of the Whole for discussion, and ratification may be made in the Regional Council.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) asked Councillors to inform Clerk's Office regarding which report requests they wish to remove from the Attachment 1 of a staff recommendation report dated October 26, 2020 by November 20, 2020.

MOTION TO REFER PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The motions to amend were withdrawn with the consent of Regional Council.

11.1.4 Approve Option Years of Agreement 2090009512 – Irving Energy Distribution for the Provision of Heating Fuel

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 29, 2020

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council exercise its option to extend the Heating fuel agreement for a two-year period (year two if exercised within the Provincial agreement), at an approximate value of \$12,000,000 per year, as per the terms and conditions of the original agreement.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11.2.1 Councillor Deagle Gammon - Fall River Turf Project at Lockview High School

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration form from Councillor Deagle Gammon

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council request for a staff report on the feasibility of HRM leading the Fall River Turf Project at Lockview High School in Fall River to upgrade the existing natural field to a multi-use artificial turf facility.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. MOTIONS – NONE

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 Councillor Russell

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on November 17, 2020, I intend to request a staff report that identifies any forms of preferential or prejudicial language, related to race, in any HRM By-laws or Administrative Orders.

14.2 Councillor Russell

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on November 17, 2020, I intend to request a staff report to update the procurement policy and options for a "Buy Local" provision.

14.3 Councillor Mancini

TAKE NOTICE that at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on November 17th, 2020 I intend to request a staff report and recommendation with respect to amendments to Administrative Order, 2020-009-ADM, the *COVID-19 Administrative Order*, to enable in person public hearings and other changes resulting from the evolution of the Restated Order of the Chief Medical Officer of Health under Section 32 of the Health Protection Act 2004.

14.4 Councillor Austin

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I propose to move amendments to *Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies*, the purpose of which is to approve:

1. the naming of five new private lanes in Lower Sackville, Head of St Margarets Bay, Hubley, Porters Lake and Upper Sackville;
2. the naming of two public streets in Halifax;
3. the renaming of a portion of Park Avenue to Flotilla Lane in Dartmouth; and
4. the retiring of two private lane names, Covesedge Court in Eastern Passage and Lodge Crescent in Halifax.

14.5 Deputy Mayor Blackburn

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I propose to move First Reading of proposed By-law S-1003, amending By-law S-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Sidewalk Cafes, the purpose is to

1. give the Licensing Authority discretion to consider the factors listed in section 15, including any mitigation, when determining if an annual sidewalk café license may be issued to an applicant, and
2. give current seasonal sidewalk café license holders the opportunity to apply for an annual sidewalk café license prior to December 31, 2020.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Phoebe Rai
A/Municipal Clerk