



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
November 24, 2020**

PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Tim Outhit
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
Lisa Blackburn
Paul Russell

STAFF:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Phoebe Rai, Deputy Clerk
Haruka Aoyama, Legislative Assistant

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The special meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:36 p.m. and returned to public session at 3:11 p.m. Council adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Savage thanked Deputy Mayor Lisa Blackburn for serving Halifax Regional Municipality as Deputy Mayor over the past year.

Mayor Savage opened the floor for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Councillor Outhit be nominated as Deputy Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

The Mayor called three times for further nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor; there were none.

Nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor were closed.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Councillor Outhit be acclaimed as Deputy Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

4. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

4.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that there was no correspondence received.

5. REPORTS

5.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

5.1.1 Rapid Housing Initiative Agreement - Investment Plan

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 20, 2020
- A revised motion dated November 24, 2020
- A staff presentation dated November 24, 2020

Jillian MacLellan, Planner III, Regional Planning gave a presentation on the Rapid Housing Initiative Investment Plan.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include an Investment Plan providing funding for the proposed affordable housing developments by the Mi'kmaq Friendship Centre, Adsum Women and Children and the North End Community Health Association, as further discussed in the staff report dated November 20, 2020 into the Rapid Housing Initiative Agreement with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation ("CMHC");**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to accept a request for site-specific amendments for 5853 College Street to consider amendments to the applicable secondary municipal planning strategies, including the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (RMPS) and land-use by-laws (LUB), to allow the development of an emergency shelter, shared housing use and multiple unit residential building at 5853 College Street; and**
- 3. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and execute Contribution Agreements, and any amendments or consents arising from them, with recipients, to distribute CMHC Rapid Housing Initiative funding for approved projects.**

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer noted that considering the short timeline given for three non-profit Affordable Housing projects, holding a contingency fund is important to help these three proponents successfully launch their projects.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to in camera to discuss Item 6.1 INTERGOVERNMENTAL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6.1 INTERGOVERNMENTAL MATTER – *Private and Confidential Report*

A matter pertaining to any subject, the discussion of which could, violate the confidentiality of information obtained from another body of government, or a public body.

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

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated November 19, 2020; and**
- 2. Release the private and confidential staff report dated November 19, 2020 to the public once the conditions have been met.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move a motion to consider a public participation program for the proposed amendments to the applicable secondary municipal planning strategies, including the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (RMPS) and land-use by-laws

(LUB), to allow the development of an emergency shelter, shared housing use and multiple unit residential building at 5853 College Street, Halifax.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk