



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
December 1, 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
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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The special meeting was called to order at 1:39 p.m. and recessed at 3:11 p.m. Council reconvened at 3:31 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 5:17 p.m. and returned to public session at 8:03 p.m. Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m. and Council paused for a moment of reflection to acknowledge the upcoming anniversary of the Halifax Explosion on December 6, 2020.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 29, November 10 and 17, 2020 and Special Committee of the Whole November 10, 2020

The Special Committee of the Whole November 10, 2020 Minutes were removed from Regional Council approval.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the minutes of October 29, November 10 and 17, 2020 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Clerk noted that items 14.1 and 14.2 were added with the consent of Regional Council, further to section 10(1) and 10(2) of *Administrative Order One*.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Council agreed to remove items 11.1.5 and 11.2.1 from the consent agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve agenda items 11.1.3 and 11.1.7.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECISSION – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – November 17, 2020

7.1 Councillor Russell

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 3, 2014
- A staff recommendation report dated June 5, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to update the procurement policy and options for a "Buy Local" provision.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (3 in favour, 13 against)

In favour: Councillors Hendsbee, Kent and Russell

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Outhit, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Morse, Cuttall, Stoddard, Lovelace and Blackburn

Not present: Councillor Cleary

8. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for Budget Committee item 4. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item in the Special Committee of the Whole December 1, 2020 minutes.

9.2 Petitions – NONE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD - NONE

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 2020-2021 Events East Business Plan

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 19, 2020
- A handout from Events East dated November 27, 2020
- A staff presentation dated December 1, 2020

Maggie MacDonald, Manager, Regional Recreation Services gave a presentation on the Events East Business Plan for 2020/21. Carrie Cussons, President and Chief Executive Officer Events East responded to questions from Council.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council, in accordance with section 29 of the Halifax Convention Centre Act, approve the 2020-2021 Events East Business Plan for the Halifax Convention Centre Corporation, submitted October 8, 2020, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated October 19, 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

11.1.2 Proposed Administrative Order SC-99, Respecting Closure of a Portion of St Margarets Bay Road, Halifax - Proposed Surplus Property, Parcel A

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 30, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Declare the portion of the St Margarets Bay Road right-of-way shown as Parcel A in Attachment "B" of the staff report dated September 30, 2020, surplus to municipal requirements, and categorize it as 'Extraordinary', as per Administrative Order 50, Respecting the Disposal of Surplus Real Property; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to set a date for a public hearing to consider closing that portion of the St Margarets Bay Road right-of-way shown in Attachment 'B' of the staff report dated September 30, 2020 as Parcel A, with notice to be published in a newspaper at least fourteen days prior to the Regional Council meeting.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.3 Revised Contribution – Nova Scotia Nature Trust*

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 10, 2020

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

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council modify the key terms and conditions for a contribution agreement with the Nova Scotia Nature Trust, as originally approved by Regional Council on July 21, 2020, to reflect that approximately 559.5 acres will be held in perpetuity for conservation and recreation uses and approximately 15.5 acres, may be the subject of a reconveyance to the adjoining property owner, as identified on Attachment B of the staff report dated November 10, 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

11.1.4 Special Grant Request – Greater Burnside Business Association (GBBA)

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 23, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Decline the Greater Burnside Business Association special grant request.**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to continue to provide monetary and in-kind (staff time) BID-formation (Business Improvement District formation) support as described in the Discussion section and Attachment 4 of the staff report dated October 23, 2020.**

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council defer item 11.1.4 pending the completion of a supplementary Administrative report regarding the BID-Formation Grant Policy, including the identification of a funding source.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.5 Single Use Plastic Reduction Consultation

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 24, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a letter be sent from the Mayor by December 9, 2020 in response to Environment and Climate Change Canada's request for stakeholder feedback on the discussion paper: 'A proposed integrated management approach to plastic products to prevent waste and pollution' as outlined in the Discussion section of the staff report dated November 24, 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.6 Award Report RFP-19-060 (Request for Proposal) - Organic Management Infrastructure and Long-Term Operating Contract

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 24, 2020
- A staff presentation dated December 1, 2020

Andrew Philopoulos, Manager, Solid Waste Resources gave a presentation on the Organic Management Infrastructure and Long-Term Operating Contract.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Award RFP 19-060, consisting of interim operations of the Municipality's existing composting operations at the Dartmouth and Ragged Lake Facilities and a 25-year design-build-own-operate-transfer project delivery model for a new composting facility to be located at the Ragged Lake Facility (61 Evergreen Place, Goodwood) to Harbour City Resources as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated November 24, 2020.**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to finalize the project agreement with Harbour City Resources and the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the completed project agreement.**
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer not to release details about HCR's (Harbour City Resources) proposal, or the project agreement to be finalized, until execution of the project agreement by the parties.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.7 Participation in COP26 Conference in Glasgow, Scotland 2021*

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 3, 2020

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

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to not participate in the COP26 conference to be held in Glasgow, Scotland in November 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

11.1.8 Public Participation Program – Rapid Housing Initiative – 5853 College Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 25, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to follow the public participation program, as set out in the discussion section of the staff report dated November 25, 2020, for the consideration of amendments to the applicable municipal planning strategies, including the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and land-use by-laws, to allow the development of an emergency shelter, shared housing use and multiple unit residential building at 5853 College Street, Halifax.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2 DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

11.2.1 Amendments to the Design Review Committee's Terms of Reference - Section 4 of the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 23, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report respecting amendments to the Design Review Committee's Terms of Reference in section 4 of the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law with respect to the length of terms for members and to consider the possibility of automatically renewing terms for a one or two year period.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Halifax Regional Council refer item 11.2.1 to the Executive Standing Committee for consideration.

MOTION TO REFER PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. MOTIONS

12.1 Councillor Blackburn

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to initiate the process to amend the Land Use By-law for Sackville to increase the footprint and height requirements for accessory buildings on larger lots in non-serviced areas.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to in camera to discuss Item 13.1 PROPERTY MATTER, 13.2 PERSONNEL MATTER AND 13.3 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1 PROPERTY MATTER – *Private and Confidential Report* – Deferred from November 17, 2020

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

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

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated July 10, 2020; and**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated July 10, 2020 to the public.**

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

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated July 10, 2020.

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

In favour: Councillors Deagle Gammon, Kent, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Russell

Against: Councillor Hendsbee

Not present: Mayor Savage and Deputy Mayor Outhit

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Halifax Regional Council not release the private and confidential staff report dated July 10, 2020 to the public.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Outhit and Councillor Cuttell

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council release the private and confidential staff report dated July 10, 2020 to the public, after a FOIPOP review.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Outhit

13.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – *Private and Confidential Report* - Deferred from November 17, 2020

A matter pertaining to an identifiable individual or group.

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. instruct the Municipal Clerk to issue a response as directed by Halifax Regional Council; and**
- 2. not release the private and confidential staff report dated September 2, 2020 to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Outhit

13.3 PERSONNEL MATTER – *Private and Confidential Report*

A matter pertaining to an identifiable individual or group.

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

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council ratify and confirm the direction as per the In Camera (In Private) session held December 1, 2020 and not release the private and confidential staff report dated October 30, 2020 to the public.

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

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Russell

Against: Councillor Cleary

Not present: Deputy Mayor Outhit

14. ADDED ITEMS

14.1 Councillor Mason - Rapid, Strict Enforcement of Minimum Standards

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council requests the pending Rental Bylaw report include options for strong penalties up to and including the maximum statutory amount, and rapid respond to remediate any unit where, in the opinion of the municipality, a landlord has deliberately made a unit uninhabitable and/or non-compliant.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.2 Ratification from Budget Committee December 1, 2020 – 2021-2025 Strategic Priority Framework and Multi-Year Strategic Planning and Budget Process

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Budget Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve Halifax Regional Municipality's 2021-2025 Strategic Planning Framework (Attachment A of the staff report dated November 18, 2020);**
- 2. Approve the development of a 2021-2025 Strategic Priorities Plan and 2021-2025 Administrative Priority Plan and associated annual reporting process;**

3. Approve the discontinuation of the Budget Allocator tool in favour of Online Business Planning and Budget Survey;
4. Approve the 2021/22 Committee of the Whole Business Planning and Budget Meeting Schedule (Attachment B of the staff report dated November 18, 2020.)

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

15.1 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move First Reading of proposed By-law U-107, amending Schedule 1 of By-law U-100, Respecting User Charges, the purpose of which is to establish a permanent transit fare change for children twelve years of age and under and adopt several housekeeping changes.

15.2 Councillor Hendsbee

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move First Reading of proposed By-law C-1002, amending By-law C-1000, Respecting Charges for the Resolution of Inadequate Water Supply, the purpose of which is to include financing for on-site sewage disposal systems and permit other types of water systems to be eligible for financing.

15.3 Councillor Blackburn

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council:

1. I intend to move that Council consider adopting, by policy, a revised Public Participation Program, the purpose of which is to update the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy review engagement strategy to respond to public health and safety requirements in light of COVID-19; and
2. I propose to move a motion to rescind part 4 of the motion for item 15.1.1 from the February 25, 2020 Regional Council meeting which was to amend various Terms of Reference to establish advisory bodies to the planning process for the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy Review.

15.4 Councillor Cleary

TAKE NOTICE that, that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move amendments to Administrative Order 50, Respecting the Disposal of Surplus Real Property, the purpose of which is to create a new Affordable Housing Category as well as minor housekeeping amendments respecting review of potentially surplus properties.

15.5 Councillor Cleary

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 thirteen new private lanes in Lower Sackville, Head of St Margarets Bay, Cow Bay, Ship Harbour, Upper Tantallon, Wellington, Porters Lake, Herring Cove, Upper Hammonds Plains, Hammonds Plains, Halifax and Fall River;
2. the naming of one new public street in Dartmouth;
3. the renaming of Lawnwood Extension to Maskwi Lane in Halifax; and
4. the retiring of two private lane names, Nijinsky Lane in Hammonds Plains and Razor Lane in Lower Sackville.

15.6 Deputy Mayor Outhit

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I propose to:

1. move First Reading of proposed By-law P-1202, amending By-law P-1200, Respecting On-Street Parking Permits; and
2. move amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees; the purpose of which is to include changes to time limits for residential permit exemptions to include 1, 2 and 3 hour limits, consider a new daily contractor permit, and to give Council or the CAO the authority to waive parking fees when it is to the benefit of the Municipality.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk