



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
December 15, 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
Haruka Aoyama, Legislative Assistant

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The special meeting was called to order at 11:38 a.m., and recessed at 12:03 p.m. Council reconvened in at 1:04 p.m. Council recessed at 2:58 p.m. and reconvened at 3:16 p.m. Council adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 24 and December 1, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the minutes of November 24 and December 1, 2020 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Additions:

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT item 14.1 Councillor Mancini – Rapid Housing Initiative for Lake City Workers be added on the agenda of December 15, 2020 Regional Council special meeting.

The Clerk noted that in pursuant to section 10 (1) and (2) of the *Administrative Order 1*, all members of Regional Council must consent to consider or decide on an additional matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Council agreed to remove items 11.1.2 and 11.1.9 from the consent agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve agenda items 11.1.6 and 11.1.10.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that there was no correspondence received.

9.2 Petitions

9.2.1 Councillor Cuttell

Petition from 298 residents of Kidston Estates Spryfield, District 11 calling for Halifax Regional Council to approve installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon for crosswalk at Rockingstone Rd and Beachstone Drive for improvement of visibility for drivers and for a safe crosswalk for children.

9.3 Presentations – NONE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Second Reading Proposed By-law S-1003, an Amendment to By-law S-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Sidewalk Cafes – To Permit Seasonal Café Owners to Apply for Annual Licenses and to Provide Additional Discretion to the License Administrator

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 19, 2020
- An extract of minutes Special Regional Council November 17, 2020

First Reading was given November 17, 2020.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law S-1003, the purpose of which is to amend By-law S-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Sidewalk Cafes, as set out in Attachment C of the staff report dated October 19, 2020 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;**
- 2. Give current seasonal sidewalk café license holders the opportunity to apply for an annual sidewalk café license prior to December 31, 2020; and**
- 3. Require owners be responsible for sidewalk snow removal where a sidewalk café license is issued.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.2 Facility Operating Agreement – Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 29, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to negotiate and execute a Facility Operating Agreement (FOA) with the Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre Association substantially in the same form as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated October 29, 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.3 First Reading Proposed By-law P-1202, an Amendment to By-law P-1200, Respecting On-Street Parking Permits - Parking Permit By-law Changes and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 26, 2020

Notice of Motion was given on December 1, 2020.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Give First Reading to proposed By-law P-1202, the purpose of which is to amend By-law P-1200, the On-Street Parking Permits By-law, as set out in Attachment B to the staff report dated November 26, 2020; and**
- 2. Adopt amending Administrative Order 15 the purpose of which is to add section 12 A of Administrative Order 15 Respecting License Permit and Processing Fees, as set out in Attachment E to the staff report dated November 26, 2020 and to ratify and confirm the effective date of the amendment as December 2, 2020.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.4 Case CA0131 – Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies – Street Naming and Renaming from July 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 19, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Russell

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

- 1. The naming of thirteen new private lanes as identified in Attachment A and Maps 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the staff report dated November 19, 2020;**
- 2. The naming of one public street as identified in Attachment A and Map 13 of the staff report dated November 19, 2020;**
- 3. The renaming of Lawnwood Ext, Halifax to Maskwi Lane, Halifax, as identified in Attachment A and Map 14 of the staff report dated November 19, 2020; and**
- 4. The retiring of two private lane names, Nijinsky Lane, Hammonds Plains and Razor Lane, Lower Sackville, as identified in Attachment A and Maps 15 and 16 of the staff report dated November 19, 2020.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.5 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 50, Respecting Disposal of Surplus Real Property – Addition of Affordable Housing Category

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 15, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 50, Respecting the Disposal of Surplus Real Property Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated October 15, 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.6 Case 22816 – Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Amendments for Westerwald Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 9, 2020

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Initiate a review to consider amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy for Halifax and the Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland to permit new development on Westerwald Street, within a study area described in the staff report dated November 9, 2020. The review will consider allowing townhouses, stacked townhouses and multi-unit buildings through the existing C-2C, R-4A and the R-2TA Zones; and**
- 2. Follow the public participation program as outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated November 9, 2020.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.7 First Reading Proposed By-law C-1002, an Amendment to By-law C-1000, Respecting Charges for the Resolution of Inadequate Water Supply and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 30, 2020

Notice of Motion was given on December 1, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Give First Reading to proposed By-Law C-1002, amending By-Law C-1000, Respecting Charges for the Resolution of Inadequate Water Supply as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated November 30, 2020; and**
- 2. Decline to amend By-law C-1000, Respecting Charges for the Resolution of Inadequate Water Supply to permit the financing of other property types pursuant to Section 4 of the By-law.**

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

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Give First Reading to proposed By-Law C-1002, amending By-Law C-1000, Respecting Charges for the Resolution of Inadequate Water Supply as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated November 30, 2020; and**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Blackburn

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

2. Decline to amend By-law C-1000, Respecting Charges for the Resolution of Inadequate Water Supply to permit the financing of other property types pursuant to Section 4 of the By-law.

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

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Outhit, Councillors Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Russell

Against: Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council Direct the CAO to prepare additional amendments to By-law C-1000 Respecting Charges for the Resolution of Inadequate Water Supply to permit the financing of other property types including properties such as recreation and seasonal properties pursuant to Section 4 of the By-law.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (4 in favour, 13 against)

In favour: Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Cuttell, Stoddard

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Outhit, Councillors Kent, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Lovelace, Blackburn, Russell

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report on options to amend By-law C-1000, Respecting Charges for the Resolution of Inadequate Water Supply, to permit financing of recreational and seasonal properties for low income households.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (7 in favour, 10 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Outhit, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Purdy, Cuttell, Lovelace, Blackburn

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Stoddard, Russell

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor clarified that this item will proceed to Second Reading for proposed By-Law C-1002, amending By-Law C-1000 in a future Regional Council meeting.

11.1.8 Case 22257 – Regional Plan Review – Revised Engagement Plan

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 18, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to follow the revised Public Participation Program for the Regional Plan Review as generally set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated November 18, 2020.**
- 2. Direct that the various committees of Council be consulted respecting the Regional Plan Review as outlined in Table 1 of the Discussion section of the staff report dated November 18, 2020.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.9 Tendering Properties for Tax Sale

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated August 10, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Consents and authorizes the Treasurer to call for tenders for any properties being put up for tax sale prior to December 31, 2021;**
- 2. Direct that any tender process that has been initiated by the publication of advertisement, pursuant to section 157 of the Charter, but has not been completed prior to December 31, 2021 shall proceed until the tender process is completed;**
- 3. Direct further that the Treasurer set the minimum bid for each property being sold through the tender process at an amount equal to the total of taxes, interest and expenses outstanding on the particular property, as such amount maybe determined by the Treasurer; and**
- 4. Authorize the Treasurer, after a property has been put up for tender three times without any successful minimum bid, to set the minimum reserve bid at \$770 for each property being sold and, as part of the ongoing tender process, attempt to sell the subject property one more time by tender.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.10 Case 23166 – Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments for 530 Herring Cove Road, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 5, 2020

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law to re-designate and rezone a portion of 530 Herring Cove Road in Halifax from the Institutional Designation to the High-Density Residential Designation and the P (Park and Institutional) Zone to the R-4 (Multiple Dwelling) Zone; and**
- 2. Adopt the public participation program as outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated November 5, 2020.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.11 Ratification of Councillor Nominations from Standing Committees

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 9, 2020

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the recommendations of the Standing Committees regarding Councillor Appointments as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated December 9, 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

11.2.1 First Reading Proposed By-law U-107, an Amendment to By-law U-100, Respecting User Charges - Child Transit Fares and Housekeeping Amendments

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 1, 2020

Notice of Motion was given on December 1, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to proposed By-law U-107, the purpose of which is to amend Schedule 1 of By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law, establishing a permanent fare change for children twelve years of age and under, and adopting several housekeeping changes, as set out in Attachment E of the staff report dated August 10, 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. MOTIONS - NONE

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

13.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – November 17 and 24, 2020

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of November 17 and 24, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13.2 PERSONNEL MATTER - *Private and Confidential Report*

This matter was dealt with in public.

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff report dated December 9, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated December 9, 2020; and**
- 2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated December 9, 2020 to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. ADDED ITEMS

14.1 Councillor Mancini – Rapid Housing Initiative for Lake City Workers

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council's consideration form submitted by Councillor Mancini

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- a) Direct the CAO to submit an application to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) for the Rapid Housing Initiative – Project Stream in the amount of \$4,400,000, to support the development of approximately 23 affordable units by Lake City Workers.**
- b) Authorize the CAO to negotiate and execute Contribution Agreements, and any amendments or consents arising from them, with Lake City Workers, to distribute CMHC Rapid Housing Initiative funding for approved projects.**

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer identified a stream for Lake City Workers and outlined possible risks.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (3 in favour, 14 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Outhit, Councillor Deagle Gammon, Mancini

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Austin, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Russell

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

15.1 Councillor Mancini

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I propose to move amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board, the purpose of which is to change the composition of the advisory board and update the terms with more user-friendly terminology.

15.2 Councillor Mancini

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 establish a program to consider amendments to the Burnside Comprehensive Development District policy in the Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy for Dartmouth to ensure that this policy carries out the goals and direction found in the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and Integrated Mobility Plan.

15.3 Councillor Cleary

TAKE NOTICE that at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on January 12th, 2021, I intend to bring forward the following motion that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on a Permit Process for Temporary Rock Breaking/Crushing for landscaping and site prep work involving rock breaking/crushing on private property. The report is to consider environmental impact of the rock breaking/crushing (air quality/dust mitigation, protection of water bodies, etc.) as well as issues with noise, duration of rock breaking/crushing, and whether a municipal engineer and/or provincial Department of Environment should be engaged to review the proposed project and property for stability, safety, and other factors prior to permitting temporary rock breaking/crushing activity.

15.4 Councillor Cleary

TAKE NOTICE that at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on January 12th, 2021, I intend to bring forward the following motion that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on a Bylaw for a Permit Process covering demolitions of buildings that include leased units to ensure demolition permits are not granted until such time as municipal staff are satisfied that the provincial Residential Tenancies eviction order process has reached its conclusion, including any appeals that are lawfully made by tenants.

15.5 Councillor Lovelace

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move a motion to recommend a staff report to include costs and potential funding sources on building community connector roads for neighborhoods restricted by limited emergency access routes, whereas climate change, drought, and absence of piped fire hydrants pose increased risk to life and property.

15.6 Councillor Hendsbee

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, 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.

15.7 Councillor Hendsbee

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 2018-010-ADM, Respecting Interim Grants to Community Museums, the purpose of which is to:

1. include three (3) sub-categories in the Project Grant category named Regular Project Grant, Special Project Grant and Capital Grant;
2. expand the list of expenditures permitted under an Operating Grant category with a recurring event;
3. add elements related to the Covid-19 pandemic for the balance of the program in fiscal years 2021 and 2022.

15.8 Councillor Blackburn

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move amendments to Administrative Order 2020-011-ADM, the *Active Transportation and Recreational Trails Grants Programs Administrative Order*, the purpose of which is to enable Trail Organizations or Community Organizations to apply for funding under both Active Transportation and Recreational Trails Grants Programs.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 12, 2021

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk