



**BUDGET COMMITTEE
(STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BUDGET)
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
February 24, 2021**

PRESENT: Councillor Paul Russell, Chair
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

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Jane Fraser, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor and Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services
Martin C. Ward, Litigation Team Lead, Legal and Legislative Services
Karen Brown, Senior Solicitor, Legal and Legislative Services
Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Corporate & Customer Services
Brad Anguish, Executive Director of Transportation & Public Works
Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit
Kelly Denty, Executive Director, Planning & Development
Denise Schofield, Executive Director, Parks and Recreation
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
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 9:31 a.m., and recessed at 12:01 p.m. Budget Committee reconvened in at 1:02 p.m. Budget Committee adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – February 3 and 5, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the minutes of February 3 and 5, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NONE

5. 2021/22 Multi-Year Capital Plan

The following was before Budget Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 2, 2021 with revisions dated February 18, 2021 (Page 1 Only) and revisions dated February 23, 2021 (Attachment 9 Only)
- 2021/22 Capital Plan Draft
- A staff briefing note entitled “Budget Adjustment List Briefing – Snow Removal Equipment Repair/Breakdown”
- A staff memorandum dated February 24, 2020 entitled “Proposed Budget Adjustment List”
- A staff presentation dated February 24, 2021 entitled “2021/22 – 2024/25 CAPITAL PLAN”
- Correspondence from Norm Collins

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer provided an overview of the 2021/22 Capital Budget & 2021/22 – 2024/25 Capital Plan.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the Budget Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the capital budget for 2021/22, and approve in-principle the 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 capital outlooks as per Attachment 2 and 3 of the February 2, 2021 staff report, subject to approval of external funding program applications;**
- 2. Approve the schedule of 2021/22 capital reserves withdrawals as per Attachment 4 of the February 2, 2021 staff report;**
- 3. Approve the schedule of 2021/22 multi-year capital projects as per Attachment 5 of the February 2, 2021 staff report;**
- 4. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2020-004-ADM, the Procurement Policy, and Administrative Order 2018-004-ADM, the Transaction Policy, as set out in Attachments 6, 7, and 8 to the February 2, 2021 staff report.**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary seconded by Deputy Mayor Outhit

THAT the Budget Committee include \$1,000,000 in additional funding for traffic calming in the proposed 2021/22 Capital budget to the parking lot as a Capital Budget Over option.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Budget Committee include \$1,000,000 in additional funding for construction of Rockcliffe Road and Sylvania Terrace Extension in the proposed 2021/22 Capital budget to the parking lot as a Capital Budget Over option.

The motion was withdrawn with consent of the Budget Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the Budget Committee include \$150,000 in additional funding for asset page E22 in the proposed 2021/22 Capital budget to the parking lot as a Capital Budget Over option.

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

In favour: Councillors Hendsbee, Purdy, Stoddard, Lovelace

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Outhit, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Kent, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttall, Blackburn, Russell

As set out in Section 90 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the main motion was separated for voting purposes.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

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MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

4. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2020-004-ADM, the Procurement Policy, and Administrative Order 2018-004-ADM, the Transaction Policy, as set out in Attachments 6, 7, and 8 to the February 2, 2021 staff report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (16 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Russell

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk