



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
March 23, 2021**

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
Kelly Denty, Executive Director, Planning and Development
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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The special meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. Council adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 23 and March 9, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the minutes of February 23 and March 9, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Additions:

14.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2020-009-ADM, Respecting Covid-19

Deletions - NONE

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

As per Section 41(3) of Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council, Councillor Lovelace removed item 11.1.4 from the consent agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the following items: 11.1.2, 11.2.1 and 11.3.1.

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 correspondence was received for item 11.1.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

9.2 Petitions

9.2.1 Councillor Russell

Petition from approximately 325 residents calling for the extension of the active transportation trail on Cobequid Road from Sucker Brook Road to First Lake Drive.

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-312, an Amendment to By-law S-300, Respecting Streets and Proposed Administrative Order 2020-014-OP, Respecting Boulevard Gardens – Boulevard Gardening - Public Right of Way By-law Amendments

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 20, 2021
- An extract of draft minutes Special Regional Council February 23, 2021
- Correspondence from Eric Thomson

First Reading was given February 23, 2021.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt By-law S-312, the purpose of which is to amend By-law S-300, *Respecting Streets*, to exempt Boulevard Gardens from certain provisions and establish the Engineer's oversight of them, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated January 20, 2021; and**
- 2. Adopt Administrative Order 2020-014-OP, the Boulevard Gardens Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment C of the staff report dated January 20, 2021.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.2 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Forestry Grant

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 12, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that Halifax Regional Council directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Municipal Asset Management Program for the Street Tree Inventory Project Phase 2. In doing so, Halifax Regional Municipality commits \$47,000 from its budget toward the costs of this initiative and further commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Municipal Asset Management Program:

- Collection of location and attribute data all street trees defined within Phase 2 of the Street Tree Inventory Project; and,
- Migration of this data to the municipal Asset Registry”.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.3 Case 23245 - Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Amendments for the C-2C Zone and for Properties at the Corner of Main Avenue and Titus Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 9, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. Initiate the process to consider amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy for Halifax and the Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland to the C-2C (Dutch Village Road Mixed Use) Zone relative to building height, rooftop structures, building depth, lot coverage and building setbacks, as outlined in the staff report dated March 9, 2021, and rezone 60 and 62 Main Avenue, Halifax to the C-2C Zone to permit a six-storey, multi-unit building; and
2. Adopt the public participation program as outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated March 9, 2021.

Council discussed the building design specific to building setbacks and lot coverage.

Sean Gillis, Planner II, Urban Plan Amendments, and Kelly Denty, Executive Director, Planning and Development, replied to questions from Council.

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Regional Council amend the main motion to remove “lot coverage” from part 1 of the main motion and to include:

3. Request a supplemental staff report to review the C-2C Zone generally as part of this process.

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, Cuttell, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn

Against: Councillor Russell

The question was called on the amended motion as follows:

THAT Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. Initiate the process to consider amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy for Halifax and the Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland to the C-2C (Dutch Village Road Mixed Use) Zone relative to building height, rooftop structures, building depth and building setbacks, as outlined in the staff report dated March 9, 2021, and rezone 60 and 62 Main Avenue, Halifax to the C-2C Zone to permit a six-storey, multi-unit building; and
2. Adopt the public participation program as outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated March 9, 2021.
3. Request a supplemental staff report to review the C-2C Zone generally as part of this process.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

11.1.4 Endorsement of Addition to Sipekne'katik Wallace Hills Reserve

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 11, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the Mayor to write a letter on behalf of Halifax Regional Council supporting the addition of Lot 329 to the Wallace Hills Number 14A area of the existing Sipekne'katik Reserve.**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with Sipekne'katik to identify any municipal services or assistance required when the reserve is formally approved and the development process commences.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE

11.2.1 Naturalization Initiatives Update

The following was before Council:

- An Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee report dated March 4, 2021 with attached staff report dated February 11, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council extend the naturalization initiative review period by one year to December 31, 2021, to fully include the pilot projects that were to have occurred in 2020 for monitoring towards a future naturalization guideline/policy.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.3 HARBOUR EAST MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11.3.1 Accessory Buildings in Watercourse Setbacks and Buffers - Eastern Passage/ Cow Bay Land Use By-law

The following was before Council:

- A Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council report dated March 12, 2021 with attached staff report dated December 1, 2020 and extract from the draft minutes of the March 4, 2021 special meeting of Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council

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

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Initiate an amendment to the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Municipal Planning Strategy and any corresponding amendments to the Land Use By-law to allow exceptions for accessory buildings and other development such as that which is exempt from watercourse setbacks in portions of the Planning District 5 Land Use By-law, to be located within watercourse setback and buffer areas for the C-2 lots of Shore Road, and Main Road lots from Fisherman's Cove area to Shearwater in District 3; and**
- 2. The plan amendment follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 27, 1997.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11.4.1 Case H00455 - Proposed Administrative Order 2020-005-ADM, Respecting a Financial Incentives Program for the Schmidville and Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation Districts

The following was before Council:

- A Heritage Advisory Committee report dated February 25, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated February 19, 2021 and extract from the draft minutes from the February 24, 2021 special meeting of the Committee respecting H00455

Notice of motion given on March 9, 2021.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order 2020-005-ADM, Respecting the Heritage Conservation Districts Incentives Program for Schmidville and Old South Suburb as contained in Attachment A of the February 19, 2021 staff report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11.5.1 Councillor Morse - Community Outdoor Rinks

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration form from Councillor Morse

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report outlining the feasibility and available options to extend municipal insurance or operating grants to support community groups in setting up community rinks.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the motion be amended to delete “in setting up community rinks.” and replace it with “for community recreational amenities and facilities.”

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

In favour: Deputy Mayor Outhit, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Smith, Cuttell, Lovelace

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Cleary, Morse, Stoddard, Blackburn, Russell

The question was called on the main motion as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report outlining the feasibility and available options to extend municipal insurance or operating grants to support community groups in setting up community rinks.

MAIN 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, Cuttell, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn

Against: Councillor Russell

11.5.2 Councillor Mancini - Special Events Advisory Committee Chair

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration form from Councillor Mancini

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Regional Council request a staff report on amending the Marketing Levy Administrative Order 2014-020-GOV to allow for a Councillor who does not sit on the Audit and Finance Standing Committee to Chair the Special Events Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. MOTIONS

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

13.1 LABOUR RELATIONS - *Private and Confidential Report*

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff report dated March 12, 2021
- A private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Property Matter

This matter was dealt with in public. There was no In Camera session convened.

MOVED by Councillor Deputy Mayor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated March 12, 2021; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential staff report dated March 12, 2021 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. ADDED ITEMS

14.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2020-009-ADM, Respecting Covid-19

The following was before Council:

- An Executive Standing Committee report dated March 22, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated January 19, 2021

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2020-009-ADM, the COVID-19 Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated January 19, 2021.

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 propose amendments for approval to Administrative Order 2015-005-GOV, the Siting of a Telecommunication Antenna Administrative Order, the purpose of which is to allow an extension of 1 (one) year to the existing letters of concurrence, including the timing requirements for applicants to request the extension and stipulations where an extension could not be granted.

15.2 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, I intend to propose amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, the purpose of which is to waive the fees for sidewalk cafes for the 2021 café season.

15.3 Councillor Smith

TAKE NOTICE that at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, I intend to request a staff report that will look at developing a collaborative process that will ultimately create an Africville Visioning Process. Africville Visioning process should include, but will not be limited to:

1. Determine a cooperative working partnership between HRM and community partners and organizations that are working on behalf of the interest of descendants.
2. Engage with other organizations, businesses, and levels of Government whose interest could potentially impact Africville lands and/or Africville descendants to determine how they can support the Africville Visioning Process and its outcomes.
3. Reviewing the 2010 Africville Agreement and determining which commitments have been met, where further action is required, and whether these past commitments address the current desires of the community,
4. Identifying all municipal led or partnered projects and initiatives that have a direct impact on the lands at Africville, lands surrounding Africville, and its users (current/future) to understand the full effect they will have on the Africville lands.
5. Developing a comprehensive, co-facilitated public engagement process in partnership with Africville descendants, Africville focused organizations, and community partners that will inform the outcomes of the visioning process.
6. Re-visiting the 2003 Bayne Street Master Plan, and work with partners to collaborate to reimagine the Master Plan that would include land specifically dedicated to descendants of Africville and/or uses that would be supported by descendants, community members or organizations who broadly represent the interest of Africville descendants.
7. Examine the possibility of using the Africville Visioning Process to address the ongoing class action court proceedings against HRM and working with claimants and descendants to address their concerns outside of the court system.

15.4 Councillor Cleary

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to propose amendments for approval to Administrative Order 12, Respecting the Appointment of the Traffic Authority, the purpose of which is to establish a standardized procedure for the appointment of the Traffic Authority.

15.5 Councillor Purdy

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, I propose to request staff report that assesses the feasibility of expending the current Rainbow Crosswalk Program, using the same design as the current rainbow crosswalks, to include the painting of Pan-African colours on existing crosswalks in historic African Nova Scotia communities.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk