



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 20, 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  
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk  
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant  
Haruka Aoyama, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

*The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca).*

*The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m., and recessed at 12:05 p.m. Council reconvened in at 1:00 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:12 p.m. and returned to public session at 2:27 p.m. Council adjourned at 2:33 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Poet Laureate – 10:00 a.m.**

Sue Goyette, Poet Laureate, performed a poem entitled, “Build Every Day so That it is a Golden Bridge, and Every Person has a Home, and Everyone is Vaccinated Against Violence.”

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 6, 2021**

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT the minutes of April 6, 2021 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

*Additions:*

14.1 LEGAL MATTER – *Private and Confidential Report*

*Deletions:* None

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

As set out in section 41 (3) of Administrative Order One, item 11.1.6 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Cuttell.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the following items: 11.1.1, 11.1.5, 11.2.2, 11.3.1, and 11.4.1**

**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 11.1.3. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

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

### **9.2 Petitions**

#### **9.3 Presentation – 1:00 p.m.**

##### **9.3.1 Halifax Regional Centre for Education – Supplementary Education Funding**

The following was before Council:

- A staff information report dated March 29, 2021
- A presentation titled “Supplementary Education Funding: Look at us now!” from the Halifax Regional Centre for Education

Elwin LeRoux, Regional Executive Director, Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) and Paula Danyluk-MacDonald, Principal, Halifax Regional Arts gave an overview of enhanced programs of Art including music, drama, dance and Visual Arts. Bob Mann, Community Member, also shared stories on positive impacts of enhanced programs on children in the community. LeRoux and Danyluk-MacDonald responded to questions from members of Regional Council.

## **10. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

## **11. REPORTS**

### **11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

#### **11.1.1 Administrative Order 50 – Disposal of Surplus Property – Request for Direct Sale Consideration PID 40283285, 41403130, and Parcel 2 - Portion of 41435561– 5802 Highway 357, Elderbank**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 16, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Declare Parcel 2 – A portion of PID 41435561, 5802 Highway 357, Elderbank, as shown in Attachment A of the staff report dated February 16, 2021 – Site Plan and Photograph, surplus to municipal purposes and categorize it as ‘Remnant’, in accordance with Administrative Order 50 - Respecting the Disposal of Real Property;**
- 2. Subject to subdivision approval, authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate an agreement of purchase and sale with the abutting owner of Parcel 1 (a portion of PID 40547366, 5812 Highway 357, Elderbank shown on Attachment A of the staff report dated February 16, 2021), for the sale of Parcel 2 to the abutting owner in exchange for the acquisition by HRM of Parcel 1 from her, for the nominal consideration of \$1.00;**
- 3. Upon completion of the subdivision and land exchanges referred to in Recommendation 2, declare Parcel 1 – a portion of PID 40547366, with the HRM lands identified as PID’s 40283285, 41403130, and 41435561, located at 5812 and 5802 Highway 357, Elderbank as shown in Attachment A of the staff report dated February 16, 2021 – Site Plan and**

**Photograph (collectively referred to as “the Property”), surplus to municipal purposes and categorize the Property as Community Interest Property for direct sale disposal pursuant to Administrative Order 50 - Schedule 1;**

- 4. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to invite the Musquodoboit Valley Ground Search and Rescue Team to submit within ninety (90) days of Council approval of the foregoing recommendations, a written proposal to acquire the Property addressing the items set out in the discussion section of the staff Report dated February 16, 2021 and Recommendation and other information in support of a direct sale consideration under Schedule 1 of Administrative Order 50 and schedule a public hearing for Regional Council in due course;**
- 5. Waive the requirements for a public information meeting and an advertisement notifying the public of Council’s consideration of the direct sale of the Property contemplated in Recommendation 3; and**
- 6. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into a short term less-than-value market lease of the former Fire Station 37 to the Musquodoboit Valley Ground Search and Rescue Team for immediate occupancy which shall require the tenant to pay all utilities, security and maintenance in lieu of market rent.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.1.2 Award – Alternative Procurement – Halifax Transit Technology Program - Extension of Program Resources 2021**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 16, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT Halifax Regional Council award a new contract with Barrington Consulting for Halifax Transit Technology Program (HTTP) program resources at a maximum value of \$1,505,000 (net HST included) with funding from the New Technology project CM180005, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated February 16, 2021.**

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, clarified that in order to discuss the previous contract, Council would need to move in camera.

As set out in Section 19(2)(e) of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, Council may meet in closed session to discuss matters relating to contract negotiations. This item was referred to the In Camera session at the request of Councillor Mancini and then approved in public session.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.1.3 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees - Removal of Four-hour Cap and Parking Zone Rate Changes**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 9, 2021
- Correspondence from Gary Hurst, Joe McGuinness, and Robert Risley, and Paul MacKinnon.

Notice of motion was given on April 6, 2021.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the Amending Administrative Order, amending Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated April 9, 2021 in order to:**

- a. Set hourly parking rates that reflect actual time-of day demand based on data collected from the recently adopted Integrated Parking Technology project;**
- b. Remove the four hour per zone daily maximum; and**
- c. Create an additional commuter parking zone 15 as set out in Attachment C of the staff report dated April 9, 2021 and a housekeeping amendment.**

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Austin

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report with recommendations and financial impacts for investing in projects to promote parking in areas with on street paid parking, including but not limited to via variable message signs at gateways to commercial areas and in the ROW at parking entrances, as well as a trial period of three to six months where the municipality may:**

- a. pay users Hotspot fees to encourage app use**
- b. provide a measure for free parking on Thursday and/or Friday while continuing to support the goals of the parking management policy**
- c. partner with Business Improvement Districts to provide funding to enable flexible free parking strategies for and definition of special events as a part of larger, BID lead marketing strategy.**

As set out in Section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of Council, this amendment was accepted as friendly.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions from Councillors and clarified that the COVID Recovery Fund would not cover projects related to parking.

Mayor Savage vacated the position of Chair at 10:58 a.m. and Deputy Mayor Outhit took over as Chair.

The question was called on the amended motion as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Adopt the Amending Administrative Order, amending Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated April 9, 2021 in order to:**
  - a. Set hourly parking rates that reflect actual time-of day demand based on data collected from the recently adopted Integrated Parking Technology project;**

- b. Remove the four hour per zone daily maximum; and
- c. Create an additional commuter parking zone 15 as set out in Attachment C of the staff report dated April 9, 2021 and a housekeeping amendment; and

2. Request a staff report with recommendations and financial impacts for investing in projects to promote parking in areas with on street paid parking, including but not limited to via variable message signs at gateways to commercial areas and in the ROW at parking entrances, as well as a trial period of three to six months where the municipality may:

- a. pay users Hotspot fees to encourage app use
- b. provide a measure for free parking on Thursday and/or Friday while continuing to support the goals of the parking management policy
- c. partner with Business Improvement Districts to provide funding to enable flexible free parking strategies for and definition of special events as a part of larger, BID lead marketing strategy.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage

#### **11.1.4 Reimagining Public Safety - Review of Enforcement Delivery and Role of Police Agencies in HRM**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 15, 2021

Mayor Savage resumed the position of Chair at 11:50 a.m.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT Halifax Regional Council endorse the approach as outlined in the staff report dated March 15, 2021 for the review of enforcement delivery and role of police agencies in HRM.**

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, highlighted that there are multiple ongoing reports reviewing policing activity within the Halifax Regional Municipality and noted that these reports will be completed over the course of two years.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **11.1.5 Long Term Support for the Mobile Food Market, Years 6-9 (2021-2025)**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 9, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Approve the continuation of annual funding of \$75,000 to the Mobile Food Market, for three years from 2022/23 to 2024/25, as outlined in the staff report dated on March 9, 2021.**
2. **Approve continued support for the Mobile Food Market through in-kind contributions, for four years from 2021/22 to 2024/25, as outlined in the staff report dated March 9, 2021.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **11.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE**

### **11.2.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2014-020-GOV, Respecting Marketing Levy Special Event Reserve Grants**

The following was before Council:

- An Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated March 31, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated November 18, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Mancini

**THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to the Administrative Order 2014-020-GOV, Respecting Marketing Levy Special Event Reserve Grants as set out in Attachment 2 of the November 18, 2020 staff report with an amendment to Section 4(c)(iv) a. of Administrative Order 2014-020-GOV to read as “provides up to five (5) consecutive years of sustainable funding.”**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **11.2.2 Write Off of Uncollectable Accounts**

The following was before Council:

- An Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated April 1, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated January 13, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Formally write off the books the real property tax accounts in the amount of \$3,246.72 comprised of \$2,808.21 principal and \$438.51 interest as summarized in Schedule 1 of the attached staff report dated January 13, 2021 (Attachment 1);**
2. **Formally write off the books the general revenue accounts in the amount of \$8,789.65 comprised of \$7,560.97 principal and \$1,228.68 interest as summarized in Schedule 1 of the attached staff report dated January 13, 2021 (Attachment 1); and**
3. **Formally write off the books of the recreation accounts in the amount of \$255.54 comprised of \$255.54 principal and \$0.00 interest as summarized in Schedule 1 of the attached staff report dated January 13, 2021 (Attachment 1).**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **11.3 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

**11.3.1 First Reading By-law U-108, Amending By-law U-100, Respecting User Charges - Expanded 2021-2022 Student Transit Pass Pilot Program**

The following was before Council:

- A Transportation Standing Committee report dated April 12, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated March 9, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law U-108, the purpose of which is to amend By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law, to enable the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program, as set out in Attachment C to the staff report dated February 1, 2021.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.4 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**11.4.1 Amending the Western Common Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference**

The following was before Council:

- A Halifax and West Community Council report dated April 6, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on amending Administrative Order Number 2016-001-GOV, Respecting the Advisory Committee on The Western Common to include a representative from the Resource Opportunities Centre located in the Prospect Road Community Centre.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.5 HARBOUR EAST-MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**11.5.1 New Access Point to the Silver Sands Beach**

The following was before Council:

- A Harbour-East Marine Drive Community Council report dated April 4, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated February 19, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to explore the acquisition of lands for an improved or alternative access to Silver Sands Beach, pursuant to Real Property Transactions Policy Administrative Order, 2018-004-ADM.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.6 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**11.6.1 Case H00506 - 2021/2022 Heritage Incentives Program**

The following was before Council:

- A Heritage Advisory Committee report dated March 30, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated February 19, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Russell

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed grants to the properties listed in Attachment A of the February 19, 2021 staff report, conditional upon the applicants' compliance with Sections 29 through 35 of Administrative Order Number 2014-002-ADM.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **12. MOTIONS**

### **12.1 Councillor Lovelace**

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to review street lighting procedures and policies across HRM. The report should also include consideration to adopt a mechanism for street light removal and a policy on under – or over illumination.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 14.1 LEGAL MATTER and 11.1.2 CONTRACT NEGOTIATION – Award – Alternative Procurement – Halifax Transit Technology Program - Extension of Program Resources 2021.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **14. ADDED ITEMS**

### **14.1 LEGAL MATTER – *Private and Confidential Report***

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

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated April 15, 2021; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential staff report dated April 15, 2021 be maintained private and confidential.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **15. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **15.1 Councillor Blackburn**

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move First Reading of proposed By-law T-1005, amending By-law T-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis, Limousines and Transportation Network Companies, the purpose of which is to modify the Terms of Reference for the License Appeal Committee such that it operates as a three-member adjudicative panel with staggered terms.

**15.2 Councillor Austin**

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to propose adopting Administrative Order 2021-003-OP, Respecting Municipal Design Guidelines, the purpose of which is to provide a mechanism for adopting amendments to the engineering specifications.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Iain MacLean  
Municipal Clerk