



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
May 18, 2021**

PRESENT:

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| 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
Liam Power, Legislative Assistant

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

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The special meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m., and recessed at 11:51 a.m. Council reconvened in at 1:00 p.m. Council recessed at 3:09 p.m. and reconvened at 3:25 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 3:45 p.m. and returned to public session at 4:01 p.m. Council recessed at 4:04 p.m. and reconvened at 6:01 p.m. Council adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – CITIZENSHIP AWARDS – 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Savage and Deputy Mayor Outhit thanked teachers, families, and staff members responsible for organizing the ceremony, and welcomed all those joining virtually for the 2021 Citizenship Awards. Mayor Savage and Councillors presented the awards to the following students:

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| Tia Abdel Massih | Musquodoboit Rural High School |
| Xavier Nathaniel Paris | Lockview High School |
| Grayce Jane Rutherford | Marine Drive Academy |
| Liz Bourbonniere | Armbrae Academy |
| Sébastien De Jong | École secondaire Mosaïque |
| Jamya Burrell | Graham Creighton Junior High School |
| Sophie LeMarquand | Ross Road School |
| Faith MacKinnon | Gaetz Brook Junior High School |
| Ethan Page | Eric Graves Memorial Junior High School |
| Marguerite Sherlock | Island View High School |
| Gabrielle Clarke | Sir Robert Borden Junior High School |
| Gavin Johnston | Halifax Christian Academy |
| Emma Toope | Astral Drive Junior High School |
| Claire Ferguson | Shambhala School |
| Robert (Robbie) Swift | Caledonia Junior High School |
| Heidi Grace Lockyer-LeClair | Dartmouth High School |
| Matayah Weeks-Williams | Ellenvale Junior High School |
| Laura Faloon | Sacred Heart School of Halifax |
| Bridget Carrigan | Highland Park Junior High School |
| Katya McBeth | Sandy Lake Academy |
| Katherine Boyle | Halifax Central Junior High School |
| Rebecca Comeau | Cunard Junior High School |
| Jane Elliott | Clayton Park Junior High School |
| Wangari Mathenge | Gorsebrook Junior High School |
| AnnaWen Sampson | Brookside Junior High School |
| Shamil Bajen | Rockingstone Heights School |
| Ruby Genevieve Angus | Herring Cove Junior High School |
| Mya Bohaychuk | Elizabeth Sutherland School |
| Yahia Fathalla | Maritime Muslim Academy |
| Ziqing Ni | Halifax Grammar School |
| Aidan Eisan | Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart School of Halifax |
| Ishmam Jalal | Park West School |
| Nevaeh O'Connell | Ridgecliff Middle School |
| Ellie Allen | Madeline Symonds Middle School |
| Brenna Hovey | Five Bridges Junior High School |
| Abigail Kohler | Millwood High School |
| Gaëlle Churchill | Sackville High School |
| Yasmin Mehrpooya | Rocky Lake Junior High School |

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 4, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the minutes of May 4, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was noted that item 11.1.1 will be addressed after 1:00 p.m. to meet the timeline provided for correspondence to be submitted to the Clerk's Office.

Additions: None.

Deletions:

- Item 13.3 Labour Relations – Private and Confidential Report

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Outhit, 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 11.1.3 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Mancini
- Item 11.4.1 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Austin
- Item 11.5.2 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Smith

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve agenda items 11.1.7 and 11.5.1.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECISSION – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 11.4.1, 11.6.1 and 12.1.

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

9.2 Petitions – NONE

9.2 Presentations – NONE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Second 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 staff recommendation report dated April 12, 2021, with attached Transportation Standing Committee recommendation report dated March 9, 2021
- Extracts from the April 6, 2021 and April 20, 2021 Special Regional Council Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve the phased in Student Transit Pass Pilot Program as described in the staff report dated February 1, 2021, with Pilot Phase 1 expanded to include all students at each of the four identified schools in grades 9 through 12; and**
2. **Adopt 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.

Not present: Councillors Kent

11.1.2 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees – Pavement Condition Index

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 16, 2021
- An extract from the May 4, 2021 Special Regional Council Draft Minutes

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, as set out in Attachment B to the staff report dated April 16, 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.3 Award – Request For Proposal 21-007 - Rehabilitation of the Harbour East Recreation Campus All-Weather Sport Fields

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 20, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council award Request for Proposal No. 21-007, Rehabilitation of the Harbour East Recreation Campus All-Weather Sport Fields, to the highest scoring proponent, Turf Masters Landscaping Limited, for a Total Price of \$2,619,665 (net HST included), with funding from Project Account No. CP200001 - Park Recapitalization, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated April 20, 2021.

Jane Pryor, Director of Procurement, answered questions from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.4 Case 23385 - Discharge of Development Resolution - 1568 Hollis Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 23, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve, by resolution, the discharge of the development resolution of Halifax Regional Municipality filed in the Registry of Deeds on June 25, 2001, as Document Number 21006 located in Book 6785, pages 177 to 192, from the title of the property at 1568 Hollis Street, Halifax (PID No. 00003954).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.5 Case 23050 - Incentive or Bonus Zoning Agreement - 1724, 1730 and 1740 Granville Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 29, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into and execute the Incentive or Bonus Zoning Agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated April 29, 2021, for the eight-storey, mixed-use building at 1724, 1730 and 1740 Lower Water Street, Halifax.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.6 Accessibility Strategy

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 19, 2021
- A staff presentation dated May 18, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the Accessibility Strategy as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated April 19, 2021;**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out the actions contained in the Accessibility Strategy as part of the multi-year budgeting and business planning process; and**
- 3. Request that the Chief Administrative Officer provide annual progress reports on the implementation of the Accessibility Strategy to Regional Council.**

Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, gave a presentation on the HRM Accessibility Strategy and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Dave Reage, Executive Director of Halifax Transit, responded to questions from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.7 First Reading Proposed By-law T-1005, amending By-law T-1000, Respecting Taxis, Accessible Taxis, Limousines and Transportation Network Companies – Amendments to License Appeal Committee Terms of Reference

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 23, 2021
- An extract from the April 20, 2021 Special Regional Council Minutes

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to proposed By-law T-1005, the purpose of which is to amend By-law T-1000, the Halifax Regional Municipality Taxi and Limousine By-law as set out in Attachment 2 to the staff report dated February 23, 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

11.2.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2019-004-GOV, Respecting the Women's Advisory Committee in the Halifax Regional Municipality – Amendments to Women's Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Executive Standing Committee dated May 10, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated March 3, 2021
- An extract of the May 4, 2021 Special Regional Council Draft Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amending Administrative Order, the purpose of which is to amend Administrative Order Number 2019-004-GOV, the *Women's Advisory Committee Administrative Order*, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated March 3, 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.3 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

11.3.1 Herring Cove Road Bus Lane and Active Transportation Infrastructure

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Transportation Standing Committee dated May 6, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated December 21, 2020
- A staff presentation dated May 18, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttall

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Endorse the Herring Cove Road functional plan and further integrate with the recommendations of the recently approved Rapid Transit Strategy (2020).**
- 2. Initiate efforts to acquire property to widen various sections of Herring Cove Road to accommodate dedicated active transportation and transit infrastructure.**

Harrison McGrath, Transportation Planning Engineer, Planning and Development, gave a presentation on the Herring Cove Road functional plan and responded to questions from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.4 HARBOUR EAST - MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11.4.1 Creation of a Disc Golf Course in Dartmouth

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council dated May 7, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated April 4, 2021
- Correspondence from Scott W. Guthrie

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer:

- 1. Take no further action on the proposal for a disc golf course at the North Woodside Community Centre; and**
- 2. Continue to undertake the disc golf pilot project and related initiatives and assessments as part of the municipality's ongoing and future recreation programming.**

Richard Harvey, Manager of Policy and Planning, Strategic Planning and Delivery, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.5 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11.5.1 Case H00495 - Request to Include 2381 Moran Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 29, 2021 with attached recommendation report dated March 17, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of 2381 Moran Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated March 17, 2021, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.5.2 Case H00496 - Request to Include 2224 Maitland Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 29, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated April 6, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of 2224 Maitland Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated April 6, 2021, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

Aaron Murnaghan, Principal Planner, Regional Planning, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.6 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11.6.1 Councillor Deagle Gammon - Explore Possible Land Purchase for Route 55 Turnaround

The following was before Council:

- A Request for Council Consideration form dated May 18, 2021
- Correspondence from Nancy Ives, Cheryl Scotland, Andrea Speranza, Kim Sawler, and Sue MacNeil

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding options and financial implications of a potential purchase of land to enable a bus turnaround at or near the new termination of route 55 in order to enable the return of the inbound leg of route 55 to the Waverley Road.

Mayor Savage clarified that this item does not pertain to a specific real estate transaction and should be discussed in public at a Regional Council meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.6.2 Councillor Lovelace - 2022 World Sailing Championships

The following was before Council:

- A Request for Council Consideration form dated May 18, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Regional Council request a staff report on the request from the 2022 World Sailing Championship Host Society for \$1.335 million to support infrastructure improvements for the event.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to questions from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. MOTIONS

12.1 Councillor Cuttell

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Nancy Gilbert, David Harrison, David Wimberly, and Miia Suokonautio

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report detailing the financial implications and scope for expanding the affordable housing grant program to include affordable housing developments outside of the Regional Centre by registered non-profit groups or charities beginning in 2021/22.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to questions from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the motion be amended to remove the phrase “outside of the Regional Centre.”

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, provided alternative wording for the motion that spoke to the potential amendment.

As set out in Section 66 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion to amend was withdrawn with consent of Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the motion be amended to read as follows:

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report detailing the financial implications and scope to expand support for affordable housing developments outside of the Regional Centre by registered non-profit groups or charities beginning in 2021/22.

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

Eric Lucic, Manager of Regional Planning, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

The question was called on the amended motion as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report detailing the financial implications and scope to expand support for affordable housing developments outside of the Regional Centre by registered non-profit groups or charities beginning in 2021/22.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.2 Councillor Cuttell

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the request for an increase to the grant provided by HRM to the Halifax TARS Rugby Club for an additional \$150,000 due to the increased costs as outlined by the group.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Austin

12.3 Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report to amend section 2CB of Administrative Order 17 to read “Notwithstanding Section 2CA, there shall be no increase November 1st, 2021 to the annual remuneration to be paid to Members”.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 13.1 PROPERTY MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1 PROPERTY 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 Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Kent

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 recommendation report dated April 28, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated April 28, 2021; and**
- 2. Release the private and confidential staff report dated April 28, 2021 to the public once the conditions as outlined in the report have been met.**

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

13.4 PROPERTY MATTER - *Private and Confidential Report*

This matter was dealt with in public.

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff recommendation report dated April 9, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated April 9, 2021; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential staff report dated April 9, 2021 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13.5 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS - *Private and Confidential Report*

This matter was dealt with in public.

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff recommendation report dated May 5, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated May 5, 2021; and**
- 2. Release the private and confidential staff report dated May 5, 2021 to the public once the conditions as outlined in the report have been met.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 Councillor Cleary

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

1. Administrative Order 46, Respecting Asset Naming Policies, the purpose of which is to allow commemorative renaming; and
2. Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies, the purpose of which is to allow for Council's future consideration of increased flexibility in street renamings and the potential for apostrophes in street names.

14.2 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move First Reading of proposed By-law M-202, amending By-law M-200, Respecting Standards for Residential Occupancies, the purpose of which is to enhance the law by imposing a greater penalty when a landlord deliberately creates a non-compliant or uninhabitable condition in a building.

14.3 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.

14.4 Councillor Hendsbee

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

1. Move First Reading of proposed By-law S-315, amending By-law S-300, Respecting Streets, the purpose of which is to exempt roadside memorials located in the right of way from parts of the By-law; and
2. Adopt Administrative Order 2020-006-OP, Respecting Roadside Memorials, the purpose of which is to set guidelines for the placement of roadside memorials within the municipality owned public right of way.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk