



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
June 8, 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
Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant
Jill McGillicuddy, 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 1:01 p.m., and recessed at 3:11 p.m. Council reconvened at 3:30 p.m. Council recessed at 6:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:25 p.m. Council adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and Council paused for a moment of reflection.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 18, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the minutes of May 18, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Additions:

14.1 Councillor Mason – Tax Relief for NFPs (Not-For-Profits) during Construction and Renovation

14.2 Councillor Mason – Letter Supporting Cessation of Infill Applications on the Northwest Arm

Deletions: None

As provided for in Section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Produces of the Council*, Councillor Blackburn requested that Information Item 2 Proclamation – World Press Freedom Day – May 3, 2021 be brought forward at the next Council Meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

As provided for in Section 41 (3) of Administrative Order One:

- Item 11.1.3 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Russell
- Item 11.1.4 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Smith
- Item 11.3.1 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Purdy

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve agenda items 11.1.1, 11.1.5, 11.1.6, 11.1.9, 11.4.1, 11.4.2, 11.4.3, 11.5.1, 11.6.1 and 11.6.2.

Councillor Cuttell advised they would not be considering or voting on consent agenda Item 11.1.6 as they would be declaring a conflict of interest respecting the matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

5.1 Councillor Cuttell

Councillor Cuttell declared a conflict, as provided for in Section 6 (1) (c) of the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, respecting item 11.1.6 Increase to Contract – PO 2070802671 Consulting Services for Woodside Ferry Terminal Recapitalization Phase 1 and Phase 2.

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 11.1.11, 11.4.1 and 11.7.2.

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

9.2 Petitions

9.2.1 Councillor Russell

Councillor Russell submitted a petition with 567 signatures requesting Halifax Regional Council stop Splashifax from setting up on First Lake.

9.2.2 Councillor Mason

Councillor Mason submitted a petition with 114 signatures requesting the three levels of government stop all Northwest Arm infills until clear laws and regulations are put in place.

9.2.3 Municipal Clerk

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk submitted a petition with 76 signatures requesting Halifax Regional Council ban the activity of collection, transportation, processing and storage of curbside refuse at private residences.

9.3 Presentation – None

10. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Less than Market Value Lease - South End Community Day Care

The following was before Council:

- A staff supplementary recommendation report dated February 22, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a less than market value lease agreement with the South End Community Day Care for the leased premises located at 5594 Morris Street, Halifax, as per the key terms and conditions set out in Table 1 in the discussion section of the staff report dated February 22, 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.2 Green Choice Program

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 16, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. **Submit an expression of interest to the Province of Nova Scotia for enrollment in the Green Choice Program to procure 100% of the Municipality's corporate electricity need through renewable resources;**
2. **Pay the non-refundable application fee of \$500 to apply for enrollment in the Green Choice Program; and**
3. **If accepted into the Green Choice Program, negotiate a Subscriber Agreement and return to Regional Council with the finalized Subscriber Agreement, including term length and financial risk considerations for approval.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.3 First Reading Proposed By-law S-315, Amending By-law S-300, Respecting Streets and Proposed Administrative Order 2020-006-OP, Respecting Roadside Memorials - Policy for Roadside Memorials

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 11, 2021
- Extract from the May 18, 2021 Special Regional Council Draft Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law S-315, amending By-law S-300, Respecting Streets, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated May 11, 2021.

Christopher Davis, Supervisor, Right of Way, and Brad Anguish, Executive Director, Transportation and Public Works, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor clarified that Council could make a short extension to the timeline for placement of roadside memorials but removing the timeline entirely would be a substantive change and require advertising and a new First Reading. Traves explained that Council could choose to defer a decision, pending feedback from the public. Alternatively, Council could direct staff to make changes to the proposed by-law and return with a supplemental report for a new First Reading.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Outhit

THAT item 11.1.3 be deferred for a supplementary staff report providing for amendments to Administrative Order 2020-006-OP, Attachment C, to allow memorials to be maintained as long as they are in appropriate condition, and return to Regional Council.

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor noted that Section 5 (b) Placement of Roadside Memorials states: *no more than one roadside memorial per individual or event may be installed.*

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

In favour: Deputy Mayor Outhit, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Austin, Stoddard, Russell

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttell, Lovelace, Blackburn

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Administrative Order 2020-006-OP, Attachment C, Section 5 (c) Placement of Roadside Memorials be amended to set out a maximum period of 24 months.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED. (11 in favour, 6 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttell, Lovelace, Blackburn

Against: Deputy Mayor Outhit, Councillor Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Purdy, Stoddard, Russell

The motion before Council now read:

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law S-315, amending By-law S-300, Respecting Streets, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated May 11, 2021, and Administrative Order 2020-006-OP, Attachment C, as amended.

Councillor Kent noted that the subcategory in the May 11, 2021 staff report Tragedies of National Significance should be updated to reflect Tragedies of National, Provincial and/or District Significance.

MOTION AS AMENDED 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, Russell

Against: Deputy Mayor Outhit

11.1.4 Increase to Contract – Tender 18-071 Janitorial Services – Outdoor Washrooms, Group 2

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 11, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve an increase to contract 18-071 Janitorial Services – Outdoor Washrooms, Group 2 in the amount of \$42,653 (net HST included) with funding from Municipal Facilities Maintenance and Operations cost centre W200, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated May 11, 2021.

Diane Chisholm, Director Municipal Facilities Maintenance & Operations, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer advised that a memorandum would be provided to Council regarding increased costs for living wage and supplies.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.5 Facility Operating Agreement – East Dartmouth Community Centre

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 17, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Execute a Facility Operating Agreement with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Halifax, for the East Dartmouth Community Centre, substantially in the same form as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated April 17, 2021; and**
- 2. Negotiate and execute an Assignment and Assumption Agreement with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Halifax for the existing sublease with the Nova Scotia Health Authority consistent with the key terms and conditions outlined in Table 1 of the staff report dated April 17, 2021.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.6 Increase to Contract – PO 2070802671 Consulting Services for Woodside Ferry Terminal Recapitalization Phase 1 and Phase 2

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 10, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve an increase of \$108,456 (net HST included) to PO 2070802671, Consulting Services for Woodside Ferry Terminal, Phase 1 and 2, to Abbott Brown Architects, from Project No. CB000042 – Woodside Ferry Terminal Upgrades and from Project No. CB190008 - Energy Efficiency Initiatives, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated May 10, 2021; and**
- 2. Approve an increase of \$40,000 (net HST included) to PO 2070847216, for CN Rail Permit Fees and Flagman Services from Project No. CB000042 – Woodside Ferry Terminal Upgrades, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated May 10, 2021.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not Present: Councillor Cuttell

11.1.7 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 46, Respecting Asset Naming Policies and Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies – Address Asset and Street Naming Procedures as per the Task Force on the Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and the Recognition and Commemoration of Indigenous History

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 10, 2021
- Extract from the May 18, 2021 Special Regional Council Draft Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 46, the HRM Asset Naming Administrative Order to allow commemorative renaming, as shown in Attachment A of the staff report dated May 10, 2021;**
2. **Approve the renaming of Cornwallis Park to Peace and Friendship Park, as shown in Attachment B of the staff report dated May 10, 2021;**
3. **Adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 29, the HRM Civic Addressing Administrative Order to allow for Council's future consideration of:**
 - a. **increased flexibility in streets renaming, as shown in Attachment C of the staff report dated May 10, 2021; and**
 - b. **the potential for apostrophes in street names, as shown in Attachment C of the staff report dated May 10, 2021; and**
4. **Approve the community consultation process for renaming Cornwallis Street as shown in Attachment D of the staff report dated May 10, 2021.**

Gayle Maclean, Civic Address Coordinator, and Denise Schofield, Executive Director, Parks and Recreation, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

2. **Approve the renaming of Cornwallis Park to Peace and Friendship *Treaties* Park, and that Attachment B be amended to reflect this change.**

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND DEFEATED. (1 in favour, 16 against)

In favour: Councillor Hendsbee

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

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Administrative Order 29 be amended by:

- a. **Striking Clause 3A (b) *Regional Council determines the street name no longer meets the values of the Municipality; or and***
- b. **Re-numbering any affected clauses to reflect this change.**

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND DEFEATED. (1 in favour, 16 against)

In favour: Councillor Russell

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

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the motion be amended to include:

- 5. Request a report to determine a process that will inform how renaming of municipal assets is reviewed. The report should outline a potential process which would be initiated after receiving a request to review a named asset and include potential criteria for evaluation of such requests.**

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The motion before Council now read:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 46, the HRM Asset Naming Administrative Order to allow commemorative renaming, as shown in Attachment A of the staff report dated May 10, 2021;**
- 2. Approve the renaming of Cornwallis Park to Peace and Friendship Park, as shown in Attachment B of the staff report dated May 10, 2021;**
- 3. Adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 29, the HRM Civic Addressing Administrative Order to allow for Council's future consideration of:**
 - a. increased flexibility in streets renaming, as shown in Attachment C of the staff report dated May 10, 2021; and**
 - b. the potential for apostrophes in street names, as shown in Attachment C of the staff report dated May 10, 2021;**
- 4. Approve the community consultation process for renaming Cornwallis Street as shown in Attachment D of the staff report dated May 10, 2021; and**
- 5. Request a report to determine a process that will inform how renaming of municipal assets is reviewed. The report should outline a potential process which would be initiated after receiving a request to review a named asset and include potential criteria for evaluation of such requests.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.8 Second 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

- Extract from the April 20, 2021 Special Regional Council Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt 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.

11.1.9 Case 20374 – Change to Post-Bonus Height Public Benefit, Incentive or Bonus Zoning Agreement, 1452 Brenton Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 13, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into and execute the Incentive or Bonus Zoning Agreement, which shall substantially be of the same form as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated May 13, 2021 for the sixteen storey, mixed-use building at 1452 Brenton Street, Halifax.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.10 Framework for Anti-Black Racism Strategy and Action Plan Development

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 6, 2021
- A staff presentation dated June 8, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Endorse the Anti-Black Racism Framework, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated April 6, 2021, which will guide the development of a strategy and action plan; and**
- 2. Request that the Chief Administrative Officer provide annual updates to Regional Council on the progress of the plan.**

Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, gave a presentation on the Anti-Black Racism Framework and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.11 Options to Support Business Recovery with Parking Programming

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 2, 2021
- A staff presentation dated June 8, 2021
- Correspondence from Gary Hurst and Paul MacKinnon on behalf of five urban core Business Improvement Districts

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Waive the requirement for the Audit & Finance Standing Committee to review and make a recommendation to Regional Council regarding the increase to Project No. CI990031 Parking Technology in the amount of \$24,000;**
2. **Approve an increase to Project No. CI990031 Parking Technology in the amount of \$24,000 with funding from General Contingency Reserve Q421, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of this report.**

and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

3. **Adopt and implement the marketing strategy valued at \$50,000;**
4. **Cover HotSpot pay-per-use fees for a period of three months up to \$15,000;**
5. **Execute a contract change order with Precise Parklink on terms satisfactory to the Chief Administrative Officer, to cover set up costs and the first year of subscription fees of a merchant validation program for up to 200 merchants, to be administered by the Business Improvement Districts; and**
6. **In support of the COVID Recovery Programming, waive parking rates pursuant to section 12A of Administrative Order 15 Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees to offer free on-street metered parking between 4-6 pm on the following days, provided there are no public health directives that would cancel the programming:**

**June 17, 18, 24, 25
July 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30
August 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27
September 3, 4, 10, 11**

all of which is outlined in the discussion section of the staff report dated June 2, 2021.

Victoria Horne, Director, Parking Services, gave a presentation on options to support business recovery with parking programming and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the motion be amended to include:

7. **Request a supplemental report via Audit and Finance Standing Committee regarding funding a parking validation program via the hotspot app for a period of three months, an option to extend an additional three months if conditions warrant and identify a funding source.**

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the motion be amended to include:

8. **Request a supplemental report regarding a subsidized Ferry program as a part of the Halifax Regional Municipality Covid Recovery program.**

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The motion before Council now read:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Waive the requirement for the Audit & Finance Standing Committee to review and make a recommendation to Regional Council regarding the increase to Project No. CI990031 Parking Technology in the amount of \$24,000;**
- 2. Approve an increase to Project No. CI990031 Parking Technology in the amount of \$24,000 with funding from General Contingency Reserve Q421, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of this report.**

and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 3. Adopt and implement the marketing strategy valued at \$50,000;**
- 4. Cover HotSpot pay-per-use fees for a period of three months up to \$15,000;**
- 5. Execute a contract change order with Precise Parklink on terms satisfactory to the Chief Administrative Officer, to cover set up costs and the first year of subscription fees of a merchant validation program for up to 200 merchants, to be administered by the Business Improvement Districts; and**
- 6. In support of the COVID Recovery Programming, waive parking rates pursuant to section 12A of Administrative Order 15 Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees to offer free on-street metered parking between 4-6 pm on the following days, provided there are no public health directives that would cancel the programming:**

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August 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27

September 3, 4, 10, 11

all of which is outlined in the discussion section of the staff report dated June 2, 2021; and

- 7. Request a supplemental report via Audit and Finance regarding funding a parking validation program via hotspot app for a period three months, and an option to extend an additional three months if conditions warrant and identify a funding source.**
- 8. Request a supplemental report regarding a subsidized Ferry program as a part of the Halifax Regional Municipality Covid Recovery program**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

11.2.1 HRM Support for Open Streets Initiatives

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated May 21, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated April 15, 2021
- A revised staff presentation dated June 8, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve an unbudgeted withdrawal from the Community and Events Reserve (Q621) in the amount of \$13,000 to be allocated to Switch Open Streets Event in the Regional Special Events program.

Elizabeth Taylor, Manager, Culture and Events, gave a presentation on the Open Streets Initiative and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

11.3.1 Multi-Service Youth Centre Evaluation

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee dated May 26, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated April 6, 2021
- Handout from the Manager of Youth Programs entitled: Multi-Service Youth Centre: Site Selection

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the continuation of the collaborative multi-agency, Multi-Service Youth Centre (The Den) at Acadia School in Lower Sackville;**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to continue to seek opportunities to establish multi-services youth centres in other areas of the municipality based on the approach outlined in the discussion section of the April 6, 2021 staff report;**
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to adopt the multi-service youth centre model as outlined in the April 6, 2021 staff report as the preferred model in the delivery of programs and services to youth in the municipality; and**
- 4. Subject to approval of funds in the 2022/23 budget, the confirmation of a suitable location and the commitment of the stakeholders, approve the creation of a multi-service youth centre in the Spryfield/Herring Cove area.**

Lee Moore, Manager of Youth Programs, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.4 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11.4.1 Council Request for Rezoning of PIDs 00271585, 00323139, 00323147 on and near Williams Lake, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Halifax and West Community Council dated May 18, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated March 17, 2021
- Correspondence from Mark Bergman

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Initiate a process to consider site-specific amendments to the Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law for PID 00323139, and portions of PIDs 00271585 and 00323147 zoned Residential Development District (RDD), in order to better protect the environmentally-sensitive features identified on Maps 3a and 3b of the Mainland South SPS (Maps 5 and 6 of the staff report dated March 17, 2021); and follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 27, 1997; and**
- 2. Consider amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, the Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law for lands currently designated and zoned Urban Reserve in the Purcell's Cove Backlands area (as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated March 17, 2021), through the ongoing Regional Plan Review (Case 22257) in order to protect environmentally-significant features in the area, consistent with the policy directions outlined in the staff report dated March 17, 2021.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.4.2 Implementing Natural Surface Back Country Trails within Interior of the Western Common Wilderness Common

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Halifax and West Community Council dated May 18, 2021 with attached recommendation report from the West Common Advisory Committee date April 30, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report considering proposed amendments to the Western Common Wilderness Common Master Plan to consider the implementation of natural surface backcountry trails within interior areas of the Western Wilderness Common.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.4.3 Pedestrian Crossing at the Intersection of Governors Lake Drive and St. Margarets Bay Road

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Halifax and West Community Council dated May 18, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated February 17, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to analyze the potential of adding a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Governors Lake Drive and St. Margaret's Bay Road.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.5 NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11.5.1 Case 22726 - Amendments to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy Land Use By-law for 16 Rutledge Street, Bedford

The following was before Council:

- A report from the North West Community Council dated May 11, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated April 6, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Bedford, as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated April 6, 2021 to change 16 Rutledge Street from the Residential Two Unit Zone to the Residential Multiple Unit Zone, and schedule a public hearing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.6 SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11.6.1 Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve (MLSER) Major Sport Hosting Funding Request 2022

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Special Events Advisory Committee dated May 19, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated March 11, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve an Event Grant in the amount of \$40,000 from the 2021/2022 Community and Events Reserve, Q621 to fund the 2022 U SPORTS Men's Hockey Championships.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.6.2 Marketing Levy Special Events Grant Report 2021/2022

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Special Events Advisory Committee dated May 19, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated March 23, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Pending final approval of the 2021/2022 budget, approve two Distinguished Event Grants for a total of \$31,500 as identified in Table 1 of the staff report dated March 23, 2021 in 2021/22 from the Community and Events Reserve, Q621;**
- 2. Pending final approval of the 2021/2022 budget, approve two New (Emerging) Event Grants in the amount of \$20,500 as identified in Table 2 of the staff report dated March 23, 2021 from the Community and Events Reserve, Q621;**

3. Pending final approval of the 2021/2022 budget, approve eleven Signature Event Grants in the amount of \$440,000 as identified in Table 3 of the staff report dated March 23, 2021 from the Community and Events Reserve, Q621;
4. Pending final approval of the 2022/2023 budget, approve one Distinguished Event Grant in the amount of \$45,000 as identified in Table 1 of the staff report dated March 23, 2021 for the 2023 U SPORTS Men's Final 8 Basketball Championships (2023 U SPORTS Final 8);
5. Pending final approval of the 2022/2023 budget, approve 1 Major Hosting Event grant in the amount of \$200,000 as identified in Table 4 of the staff report dated March 23, 2021 from the Community and Events Reserve, Q621; and
6. Request a review of the planned online-only (virtual) event requests to provide funding at 80% of proposed staff recommendation amount.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.7 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11.7.1 Councillor Austin - Park Lighting Strategy

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council's Consideration

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on developing a park lighting strategy. The strategy should consider the need for policy changes around park usage, conditions/criteria in which lighting is needed, and a capital program for park upgrades.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.7.2 Councillor Austin - Park Steward Program

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council's Consideration
- Correspondence from Mike Lancaster, Meredith Baldwin on behalf of Our HRM Alliance

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on a park stewards program to facilitate citizen volunteering in HRM parks.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. MOTIONS – NONE

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

There was no In Camera (In Private) session convened.

13.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – April 20, 2021

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of April 20, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

13.2 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 May 11, 2021

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated May 11, 2021; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential staff report dated May 11, 2021 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13.3 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 March 12, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

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.

13.4 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public.

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential report dated June 1, 2021 with an attached staff recommendation report dated May 20, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13.5 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public.

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential report dated June 1, 2021 with an attached staff recommendation report dated May 19, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. ADDED ITEMS

14.1 Councillor Mason – Tax Relief for NFPs (Not-For-Profits) during Construction and Renovation

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council's Consideration

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report providing options to temporarily include vacant or unoccupied properties owned by non-profits or charities on Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM while they are undergoing construction or renovation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.2 Councillor Mason – Letter Supporting Cessation of Infill Applications on the Northwest Arm

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council's Consideration

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council request the Mayor write a letter to The Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport to support the request that the Federal Government immediately invoke a cessation on all infill application approvals on the Northwest Arm of Halifax until such time as appropriate governance can be put in place to prohibit all future infilling of the Northwest Arm.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

15.1 Councillor Cuttell

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on June 29, 2021, I intend to request a staff report in response to the request from the Province for funding for an enhanced grassed field at the new J.L. Ilsley High School in Spryfield as per the attached letter from Transportation and Active Transit dated June 3, 2021.

15.2 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on June 29, 2021, I intend to request a staff report that outlines a process and timeline for exploration of the development of Friendship Accord(s) with the Mi'kmaw Grand Council, the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs, band councils with current and anticipated service agreements with HRM, and any other group staff may identify, per the recently completed engagements regarding the Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan Update, and to consider including First Nations relationships in the terms of reference for the Executive Standing Committee.

15.3 Councillor Russell

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on June 29, 2021, I intend to request a staff report on the current status and recommend options for potential revitalization of the Sackville Sports Stadium. The report should review the existing assets to consider:

- a. Current accessible, structural and design challenges of the facility;
- b. Creation of Emergency shelter space, including support systems;
- c. Addition of Indoor track/court/gymnasium/field space
- d. Addition of a water or pool feature;
- e. Programming opportunities on First Lake;
- f. Improvements to inclusive/accessible spaces and services; and
- g. Creation of an accessible/centralized entrance to the facility.

15.4 Councillor Lovelace

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move amendments to *Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies*, the purpose of which is to approve:

1. the naming of ten new private lanes in Wykes Corner, Fall River, Upper Hammonds Plains, Hubble, Bedford, Oakfield and Smiths Settlement;
2. the naming of one new public street in Bedford; and
3. the renaming of Shirley Elliot Court to Shirley Elliott Court in Bedford.

15.5 Councillor Cleary

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on June 29, 2021, I intend to request a staff report on developing an evidence-based formal policy for polygraph testing for the

purposes of human resource management, especially during the selection process for any or all employees of the municipality, that provides a jurisdictional scan and includes peer-reviewed academic literature on the efficacy of polygraph testing for employment. The report will include recommendations for the use (or not) of polygraph testing in all departments and business units of the Halifax Regional Municipality, as well as with contracted services.

15.6 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move First Reading of proposed By-law N-206, amending By-law N-200, Respecting Noise, the purpose of which is to allow entertainment related noise with the establishment of an Entertainment District on Argyle Street for inclusion in the Local Exemptions section of the By-law.

15.7 Councillor Mancini

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on June 29, 2021, I intend to request a staff report to examine the feasibility of bringing Halifax Search and Rescue under the municipality as a part of the Halifax Fire business unit. This report would be written in consultation with stakeholders such as Halifax Search and Rescue.

15.8 Councillor Mancini

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on June 29, 2021, I intend to request a staff report examining the possibility of a pilot program providing shower facilities for people experiencing homelessness either through retrofitted transit buses, or partnering with a community organization to provide mobile shower trailers or working with recreation facilities.

15.9 Deputy Mayor Outhit

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 Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and supporting policies to allow a mixed-use subdivision in Bedford West Sub-Areas 12 and 1.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk