



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 11, 2022**

PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Pam Lovelace
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
Lisa Blackburn
Paul Russell
Tim Outhit

STAFF:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief
Financial Officer
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m., and recessed at 3:20 p.m. Council reconvened in at 3:41 p.m., and adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 7, 14, and 17, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the minutes of December 7, 14, and 17, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, Councillor Lovelace requested that Information Item 5 - Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer dated December 10, 2021 re: Public Safety Strategy Annual Update be brought forward to the January 25, 2022 Regional Council Meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the agenda be approved.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve recommendations in the following items: 15.1.1, 15.2.1, 15.5.1, 15.5.2, 15.6.1, and 15.6.2.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

7. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Councillor Morse declared a conflict of interest regarding Item 17.4

8. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

9. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – January 14, 2020

9.1 Deputy Mayor Lovelace

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council rescind Item 16.1 from the January 14, 2020 Regional Council meeting which requested a staff report as follows:

That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report that responds to the requests by the St. Margaret's Bay Area Rails to Trails Association, the BLT Rails to Trails Association, and the Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association, that Halifax Regional Municipality takes responsibility for the operation and maintenance for the segments of active transportation multi-use pathway currently under their responsibility. The report should consider options such as HRM assuming ownership of the facilities or a Letter of Authority from the Province and consider factors such as Provincial government position, cost, enforcement, permitted uses and other considerations to help understand the implications for the sustainability of these facilities and for Municipal responsibilities.

MOTION TO RESCIND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – December 14, 2021

10.1 Small Business Definition and Commercial Taxation Options

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 16, 2021
- Correspondence from Paul Mackinnon on behalf of the Halifax Business Improvements Districts

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. **Draft an administrative order to implement the Tiered Tax Relief for Small Properties (Option 2), as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated November 16, 2021, effective with the commencement of the 2023/24 fiscal year, and return to Council with the resulting draft for its consideration; and**
2. **Review the program following the 2023 final tax bill and report back to Council.**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

That Halifax Regional Council refer item 10.1 Small Business Definition and Commercial Taxation Options to a Committee of the Whole and staff present more information on Option 3 as described on pages 13-15 in the staff report dated November 16, 2021, and invite groups such as the Business Improvement Districts, the Chamber of Commerce, the Atlantic Office of the Retail Council, Turner Drake (or other experts in property valuation and taxation), and/or any other groups staff deem appropriate, to present on the impacts of these changes. Staff should also present on impacts of adding other changes in commercial taxes as part of Option 3, such as layering tax rates on square footage of land, square footage of building and frontage.

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor advised Regional Council regarding the rules of procedure for the proposed referral motion and the opportunity of members of the public to speak regarding the referred item at Committee of the Whole.

Bruce Fisher, Manager, Financial Policy & Planning responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION TO REFER PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a supplemental staff report on options to create a commercial property tax rebate program designed to target small independent businesses based on the CRA definition of a small business with a threshold of \$500,000, as per the small business deduction definition, that considers the following:

- a) Association of corporation rules;
- b) Calculations for applying rebate on an applicable square foot of occupied space;
- c) Determining an option for when a rebate would be warranted or triggered;
- d) An application based system; and
- e) Options for penalties for any misuse of a rebate.

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk advised Regional Council regarding rules of procedure for Regional Council to request a supplemental report on the referred item being submitted to Committee of the Whole.

Bruce Fisher, Manager, Financial Policy & Planning responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

John Traves advised Regional Council regarding the prohibition against Regional Council to provide financial support to businesses, what Regional Council can do with respect to commercial taxation and advised that Regional Council seek direction from the Province before requesting supplemental staff report.

Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (9 in favour, 8 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Mason, Cuttell, Stoddard, Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Blackburn, Russell, Austin, Mancini, Smith, Cleary, Morse

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. HERITAGE HEARING – 1:00 p.m.

12.1 Case H00510 - Request to Include 5663 Cornwallis Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated October 28, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated September 24, 2021 and scoring summary for heritage buildings
- Extract from the November 9, 2021 Regional Council Minutes
- Staff presentation dated January 11, 2022

First Reading was given on November 9, 2021.

Jesse Morton, Planner II gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Mayor Savage noted that the applicant elected not to participate in the hearing.

The hearing opened at 1:38 p.m.

Mayor Savage reviewed the rules of procedure for heritage hearings and opened the hearing.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the hearing be closed.

The hearing closed at 1:39 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the request to include 5663 Cornwallis Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as shown on Map 1 of the September 24, 2021 staff report, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 10.1, 15.1.4, 15.4.1, and 15.8.2.

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

13.2 Petitions

13.2.1 Councillor Cleary

Councillor Cleary submitted a petition from residents of Alderwood Drive and Birchwood Drive regarding a desired repaving of Alderwood Drive and Birchwood Drive in the next fiscal year with 44 signatures.

13.3 Presentations - None

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 First Reading Proposed By-law T-1006, Amending By-law T-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis, Limousines and Transportation Network Companies

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated December 1, 2021
- Extract from the December 14, 2021 Regional Council Draft Minutes

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

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to proposed By-law T-1006, amending By-law T-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis, Limousines and Transportation Network Companies as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated December 1, 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.1.2 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 48, Respecting the Creation of Community Councils and Administrative Order 2019-011-GOV, the Design Advisory Committee and Administrative Order 2020-007-ADM, Respecting the Incentive or Bonus Zoning Public Benefits and Administrative Order 2020-008-ADM, Respecting the Grants for Affordable Housing

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 16, 2021
- Extract from the December 14, 2021 Regional Council Draft Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to:

1. **Administrative Order 48, the Community Council Administrative Order as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated November 16, 2021;**
2. **Administrative Order 2019-011-GOV, the Design Advisory Committee Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment D of the staff report dated November 16, 2021;**
3. **Administrative Order 2020-007-ADM, the Incentive or Bonus Zoning Public Benefits Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment F of the staff report dated November 16, 2021; and**
4. **Administrative Order 2020-008-ADM, Grants for Affordable Housing Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment H of the staff report dated November 16, 2021.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.1.3 Case 23820 - Southdale Future Growth Node Master Planning Initiation

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated December 6, 2021
- Extract from the December 14, 2021 Regional Council Draft Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. **Initiate a process to amend the Regional Centre Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use-By-law to develop site-specific Comprehensive Development District (CDD) policies and an associated development agreement to enable development on the Southdale Future Growth Node site that considers the review items identified in the Discussion Section of the staff report dated December 6, 2021; and**
2. **Follow the public participation program as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated December 6, 2021.**

Ross Grant, Planner II, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.1.4 Crisis Accommodation Funding Request

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated January 5, 2022 with attached Regional Council report dated November 9, 2021
- Correspondence from Margaret Sagar

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to spend up to an additional \$1,200,000 from Fiscal Services to purchase and install modular units at two sites and to address suitable temporary housing to address needs of unhoused residents.

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Increase to Contract – Request for Quotation (RFQ) 21-002, Two (2) 2021 Model Refuse Transfer Trailers c/w Top Opening Door and Auxiliary Gasoline Engine

The following was before Council:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated December 21, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated November 17, 2021

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

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a budget increase to the 2021/22 approved gross capital budget, to increase Project Account No. CW200003 – Rural Depots in the amount of \$66,887 (net HST included); and**
- 2. Approve an unbudgeted reserve withdrawal of \$66,887 (net HST included) from Q556, Solid Waste Facilities Reserve to fund this increase; and/**
- 3. Approve an increase of \$92,211 (net HST included) to the contract with Spector Manufacturing Inc (PO 2070860007), for an increase in raw materials surcharge with funding from CW200003 – Rural Depots as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the November 17, 2021 staff report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2014-003-GOV, Respecting International Partnerships - International Partnerships Update

The following was before Council:

- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee report dated December 8, 2021, with attached staff recommendation report dated July 29, 2021
- Extract from the December 14, 2021 Regional Council Draft Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Establish an Economic Partnership with Portsmouth, England;**
- 2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate, and the Mayor to execute, an Economic Partnership agreement with Portsmouth consistent with the discussion section of the July 29, 2021 staff report and for a term not to exceed five years; and**
- 3. Adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 2014-003-GOV, Respecting International Partnerships as set out in Attachment D of the July 29, 2021 staff report.**

Paul Johnston, Director, Government Relations and External Affairs responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Establish an Economic Partnership with Portsmouth, England;**
- 2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate, and the Mayor to execute, an Economic Partnership agreement with Portsmouth consistent with the discussion section of the July 29, 2021 staff report and for a term not to exceed five years; and,**
- 3. Adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 2014-003-GOV, Respecting International Partnerships as set out in the Revised Attachment D.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.4 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE

15.4.1 HalifACT – Acting on Climate Together: 2020-2021 Annual Report

The following was before Council:

- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee report dated December 15, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated October 5, 2021
- Correspondence from Walter N. Regan on behalf of the Sackville Rivers Association, and Martha Leary

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Receive the HalifACT – Acting on Climate Together: 2020-2021 Annual Report as information; and**
- 2. Schedule a Committee of the Whole to review the HalifACT Annual Progress Report and requests a briefing note outlining the business unit responsibilities for each HalifACT action.**

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk, and Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.5 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

15.5.1 Cases 23746 and 22896 – Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Development Agreement Amendments for Seton Ridge - Bedford Highway, Seton Road and Lacewood Drive, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- Halifax and West Community Council report dated December 17, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated November 29, 2021

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

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) for the Seton Ridge neighbourhood, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated November 29, 2021, to allow for the elimination of a required walkway connection to Bayview Road, Halifax, and schedule a joint public hearing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.5.2 Case 22879 - Amending Development Agreement for Lovett Lake Estates, Beechville

The following was before Council:

- Halifax and West Community Council report dated December 17, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated October 19, 2021, and Heritage Advisory Committee report dated November 12, 2021

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

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to consider street and park names that are reflective of Beechville's heritage.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.6 NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

15.6.1 Case 21639 - Phase 1 - Amendments to the Regional Subdivision By-law to remove Growth Management Area Policies from portions of the Indigo Shores Subdivision, Middle Sackville

The following was before Council:

- North West Community Council report dated December 14, 2021, with attached staff recommendation report dated November 25, 2021

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

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Regional Subdivision By-law (RSBL) as set out in Attachment A of the November 25, 2021 staff report to remove Growth Management Area restrictions that currently apply to the Indigo Shores subdivision at McCabe Lake North to permit the development of more than 25 lots per year and schedule a public hearing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.6.2 Case 22670 - MPS and LUB Amendments to Allow for Industrial and Highway Commercial Uses on the Conrad Quarry Lands, Montague Gold Mines and Waverley

The following was before Council:

- North West Community Council report dated December 14, 2021, with attached staff recommendation report dated November 22, 2021

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

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategies (MPS) and Land Use By-laws (LUB) for Cole Harbour/Westphal, Dartmouth and Planning Districts 14 and 17, as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated November 22, 2021, to allow industrial and highway commercial uses on the Conrad Quarry Lands and schedule a public hearing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.7 GRANTS COMMITTEE

15.7.1 Less than Market Value Lease - Dartmouth Lawns Bowling Club, 2 Mount Hope Ave., Dartmouth, N.S.

The following was before Council:

- Grants Committee report dated December 22, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated November 8, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to negotiate the key terms and conditions set out in Table 1 in the discussion section of the staff report dated November 8, 2021 (Attachment A) and execute the Municipality's standard, less than market value lease agreement with the Dartmouth Lawn Bowls Club for the premises located at 2 Mount Hope Avenue, Dartmouth.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.8.1 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.8.1 Deputy Mayor Lovelace - 1608 Hammonds Plains Road

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council's consideration form submitted by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report examining the potential for including 1608 Hammonds Plains Road in the registry of heritage properties for Halifax Regional Municipality. The report should be referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee for evaluation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.8.2 Councillor Mancini - Halifax Regional Municipality's Opposition and Providing Financial Support to the Legal Challenge against Quebec's Bill 21

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council's consideration form submitted by Councillor Mancini
- Correspondence from Nedal Assaf, Glen Coltman, Hajer Malitan, Farhan Merchant, Maged Alqadasi, Omar Hisham, Ayman ElKhateeb, Ibrahim Manna, A.B.M. Barkat Hassan, Ali Naser, Marwan Hijazi, Ivan Herritt, Abdul Mohammed, Mohammed Hamed Sajid, Mohammad Amir Khan, Taher Quadri Syed, Majid Khan, Hamzah Mangera, Yasser El Azrak, Dr. Khalid Abaza, Shaahid Bateson, Zahra Dhubow, Dr. Oumar Sy, Ummah Masjid and Community Center, Fatema Sidat, Naima Chergui, Dr. Ahmad Hussein, Shalom Murti Mandaville, Nawal Alsharmani, Dalia El-Dib, Vanessa Rachael Marsden, Sudi Jelle, Claire Stredulinsky, Nadia Qadi, Wafaa Sherif, Zekrayat Jaber, Ikram Siddiqui, Samir Ouizi, Nadia Qadi, Emma Elamassi, Peter Glenister, Linda Scherzinger, Kathrin Winkler, Sandy Greenberg, Lubna Channaa, Sunmoon Akter, Patricia Betts, Lynne Gordon, Dr. Mohammed M. Rahaman, Asma Durrani, Heshman Ashour, Hamid Mesbah, Margaret Sagar, Atif Majeed, Dr. Yasser Mostafa Kamel, Gerry White, Sultana Ahamed, Maria Cain, Dr. Ashraf Al Zaman, Deborah Luscomb, Syeda Amberin, Safi Rahman, Adam Grant, Asad Mari, Mohammed Azure, Shahedul Islam, Yusraa Khan, Myriam Le Brock, Haris Khan, Shakir Ahmed, Hesham Elmahdy, Husain Mangera, Nadine Hesham, Samra Yunus, Maria Wahaj, Miriam Elmahdy, Dr. Gaser Nagah, Amer Syed, Rasha Mohamed, and Yunxin Jiang

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report on the implications of the HRM:

- 1. Opposing the Province of Quebec's Bill 21, An Act respecting the principals of the State ("Bill 21") and confirm our commitment to upholding the freedoms set out in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; supporting the current legal challenge against Bill 21;**
- 2. Providing a one-time 2021/22 non-profit grant of \$50,000 to the joint legal challenges of Bill 21 by the National Council of Canadian Muslims, the World Sikh Organization of Canada, and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, to be accommodated from available funding within the 2021/22 Operating Budget (M310-8004); and**
- 3. Calling on all other Canadian municipalities to affirm their opposition to Bill 21 and provide financial contributions to support the legal challenge.**

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council regarding the anticipated timeline for the report.

As provided for in section 90 of Administrative Order One, the motion was separated for voting purposes.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report on the implications of the HRM:

- 1. Opposing the Province of Quebec's Bill 21, An Act respecting the principals of the State ("Bill 21") and confirm our commitment to upholding the freedoms set out in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; supporting the current legal challenge against Bill 21;**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (15 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Russell

Not present: Councillor Smith

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report on the implications of the HRM:

- 2. Providing a one-time 2021/22 non-profit grant of \$50,000 to the joint legal challenges of Bill 21 by the National Council of Canadian Muslims, the World Sikh Organization of Canada, and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, to be accommodated from available funding within the 2021/22 Operating Budget (M310-8004); and**
- 3. Calling on all other Canadian municipalities to affirm their opposition to Bill 21 and provide financial contributions to support the legal challenge.**

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (5 in favour, 11 against)

In favour: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Cleary, Stoddard, Blackburn

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Austin, Morse, Cuttell, Russell, Outhit

Not present: Councillor Smith

16. MOTIONS

16.1 Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to outline options to enable powers conveyed in recently adopted amendments to the Halifax Regional Municipal Charter via Bill 32 to allow the municipality to provide financial assistance to a business if the financial assistance is for the purpose of increasing the availability of affordable housing, and to require the regulate affordable housing within developments through land-use by-laws.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (15 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Russell

Not present: Councillor Smith

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – December 14, 2021

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of December 14, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

17.2 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential recommendation report dated December 16, 2021

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated December 16, 2021; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated December 16, 2021 be maintained private and confidential**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

17.3 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential recommendation report dated December 21, 2021

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated December 21, 2021; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated December 21, 2021 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

17.4 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential recommendation report dated December 13, 2021

This matter was dealt with in public.

Councillor Morse was recused from the meeting during consideration of this item having declared a conflict of interest pertaining to familial involvement.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated December 13, 2021; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated December 13, 2021 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Morse

Councillor Morse rejoined the meeting at this time.

17.5 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS - Private and Confidential Report

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff recommendation report dated January 5, 2022

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated January 5, 2022; and**
- 2. Release the private and confidential staff report dated January 5, 2022 to the public once the conditions as outlined in the report have been met.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (15 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Morse

Not present: Councillor Smith

18. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Russell

TAKE NOTICE that at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move that Council direct the CAO to prepare a staff report that:

1. Reviews the service boundaries within HRM;
2. Identifies the types and levels of service that have been committed within each of the boundaries, and their corresponding costs;
3. Reviews the taxation boundaries within HRM, and the amount of tax that is generated within each boundary

19.2 Councillor Deagle Gammon

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to propose that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a Staff Information Report and Presentation on the progress of the Rural Planning Task Force as well as next steps and timelines.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk