



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
January 25, 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
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Jill McGillicuddy, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m., and recessed at 11:12 a.m. Committee of the Whole reconvened in at 11:17 a.m. Committee of the Whole recessed at 12:11 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. Committee of the Whole adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – NONE

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

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE

5. Case 22257 – Regional Plan Review – Themes and Directions What We Heard

The following was before Committee of the Whole:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 7, 2021
- Extract from the December 7, 2021 and December 14, 2021 Regional Council Minutes
- Staff presentation dated January 24, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Committee of the Whole recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Suspend Schedule 3 (Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee Terms of Reference) of Administrative Order One, the Procedures of Council Administrative Order;**
- 2. Adopt the amendments in Attachment F of the staff report dated December 7, 2021 and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to follow the revised Public Participation Program for the Regional Plan Review as generally set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated December 7, 2021 and as outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated December 7, 2021 report; and**
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to follow the revised work plan schedule as generally outlined in Attachment B – Regional Plan Work Plan of the staff report dated December 7, 2021 and Attachment C – Site-Specific Requests of the staff report dated December 7, 2021.**

Kate Greene, Program Manager, Regional Policy, Regional Planning gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Committee of the Whole.

Leah Perrin, Principal Planner, Regional Planning, Kelly Denty, Executive Director, Planning and Development responded to questions of clarification from Committee of the Whole.

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the motion be amended to include a new section which reads as follows:

4. **Recommend that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to prepare a staff report outlining an overall policy and process to coordinate the work of the Departments of Planning and Development and Parks and Recreation. The aim is to ensure Council can effectively implement HalifACT, IMP and the Green Network Plan. The staff report should consider the need for a coordinator to lead the Green Network Plan and an updated parks strategy, in light of the following:**
 1. **The current Parks Canada urban park planning process for Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes,**
 2. **The pending Sandy Lake study,**
 3. **Recently identified key wildlife corridors,**
 4. **HRM's natural asset inventory, and**
 5. **Housing development pressures.**

Jacques Dube, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Committee of the Whole.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the motion be amended to include a new section which reads:

5. **Recommend that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to prepare a staff report on the process and implications of including industrial and waterfront lands in Eastern Passage (known as former Texaco Refinery/Valero Lands) for future growth and municipal interest areas.**

Denty responded to questions of clarification from Committee of the Whole.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the motion be amended to include a new section which reads:

6. **Recommend that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to continue to assess request C027(1246 Ketch Harbour Rd) as part of the ongoing Regional Plan Review.**

Greene and Perrin responded to questions of clarification from Committee of the Whole.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED. (10 in favour, 6 against)

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

Against: Councillor Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Blackburn

Not present: Councillor Stoddard

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT the motion be amended to include a new section which reads:

7. **Recommend that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to prepare a staff report outlining the process to initiate updated secondary plans for the areas identified as BRT Walkshed in Scenario C, Infill Areas map in the Regional Plan Review, which should consider:**
 1. **Prioritizing BRT Corridors for rezoning that supports transit oriented complete Communities,**
 2. **Identifying boundaries for the secondary plan updates,**
 3. **The process and timeline required for completing the secondary plans, and**
 4. **The financial resources and budget required to do the work**

Greene responded to questions of clarification from the Committee of the Whole.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOSLY.

Not present: Councillor Stoddard

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

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3. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to follow the revised work plan schedule as generally outlined in Attachment B – Regional Plan Work Plan of the staff report dated December 7, 2021 and Attachment C – Site-Specific Requests of the staff report dated December 7, 2021.**
4. **Recommend that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to prepare a staff report outlining an overall policy and process to coordinate the work of the Departments of Planning and Development and Parks and Recreation. The aim is to ensure Council can effectively implement HalifACT, IMP and the Green Network Plan. The staff report should consider the need for a coordinator to lead the Green Network Plan and an updated parks strategy, in light of the following:**
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2. The pending Sandy Lake study,
 3. Recently identified key wildlife corridors,
 4. HRM's natural asset inventory, and
 5. Housing development pressures.
5. Recommend that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to prepare a staff report on the process and implications of including industrial and waterfront lands in Eastern Passage (known as former Texaco Refinery/Valero Lands) for future growth and municipal interest areas.
 6. Recommend that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to continue to assess request C027(1246 Ketch Harbour Rd) as part of the ongoing Regional Plan Review.
 7. Recommend that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to prepare a staff report outlining the process to initiate updated secondary plans for the areas identified as BRT Walkshed in Scenario C, Infill Areas map in the Regional Plan Review, which should consider:
 1. Prioritizing BRT Corridors for rezoning that supports transit oriented complete communities,
 2. Identifying boundaries for the secondary plan updates,
 3. The process and timeline required for completing the secondary plans, and
 4. The financial resources and budget required to do the work

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Stoddard

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk