



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 1, 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

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

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The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m., and recessed at 12:03 p.m. Council reconvened in at 1:01 p.m. Council adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.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.

Mayor Savage acknowledged the crisis in Ukraine and a moment of silence was observed.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regional Council February 8 and 15, 2022 and Committee of the Whole February 15, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

THAT the minutes of February 8 and 15, 2022 Regional Council and February 15, 2022 Committee of the Whole be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- Item 17.2 Personnel Matter – Private and Confidential

Deletions: None

Later in the meeting, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the following item be deferred to future meeting of Regional Council

- **Item 15.1.6 Funding for Stormwater Right-of-way Cost as General Tax**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Item 15.3.3 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Austin

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve recommendations in the following items:

- **15.1.2 - Halifax Port Authority Fish Passage Project, Dartmouth;**
- **15.1.3 - Award - Increase to PO# (Purchase Order) 2070869233 Emergency Michelin Tire Procurement;**

- 15.2.1- Award – 22-1024, Alternative Procurement – Broad Street (North) Roundabout;
- 15.2.2 - Write Off of Uncollectible Accounts; and
- 15.4.1 - Declining Water Levels in Williams Lake

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

7. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Councillor Hendsbee declared a conflict of interest for item 15.1.12

8. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

9. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

10. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – January 25, 2022

10.1 Deputy Mayor Lovelace – Public Safety Strategy Annual Update

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 10, 2021

Amy Siciliano, Public Safety Advisor responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. HEARINGS - NONE

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 15.1.2, 15.1.6 and 15.3.2

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

13.2 Petitions - NONE

13.3 Presentation - NONE

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Photo Enforcement Feasibility Study

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 4, 2022
- Staff presentation dated March 1, 2022

Samantha Trask, Supervisor Road Safety & Transportation, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Suspend the rules of procedure under Schedule 7, the Transportation Standing Committee Terms of Reference, of Administrative Order One, *the Procedures of the Council*

Administrative Order, requiring the Standing Committee to provide policy direction related to neighbourhood transportation initiatives for traffic calming and mitigation; and

- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a program of photo enforcement in anticipation of the eventual proclamation of the Traffic Safety Act and in accordance with the recommendations set out in the January 2022 consulting report prepared by Stewart Solutions Inc**

Sheilagh Stewart and Dan Shimski, Consultants, Stewart Solutions Inc, Brad Anguish, Executive Director, Transportation and Public Works, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

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, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard, Blackburn, Outhit

Against: Councillor Russell

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.1.2 Halifax Port Authority Fish Passage Project, Dartmouth

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated January 7, 2022
- Correspondence from Walter N. Regan

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

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Include work to the Hawthorne Street culvert in the Capital Budget for 2024/25; and**
- 2. Facilitate the Halifax Port Authority's project to construct fish passage around the Banook Lock at no net cost to the Municipality**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.1.3 Award - Increase to PO# (Purchase Order) 2070869233 Emergency Michelin Tire Procurement

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 2, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve an increase to PO#2070869233 for procurement of Michelin tires in the amount of \$22,539.07 (Net HST) from Operating account R938 BTC Bus Maintenance as outlined in the financial Implications section of the staff report dated February 2, 2022.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.1.4 Africville Visioning Process Update

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 14, 2022
- Staff presentation dated March 1, 2022

Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Offices of Diversity & Inclusion gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer, through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion/African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office (D&I/ANSAIO), to work with community partners to conduct phase one of an Africville visioning process. The recommendation is to conduct phase one of a three phased process.

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.1.5 2020/21 Supplementary Education Funding

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 3, 2022

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Suspend the rules of procedure under Schedule 2, the Audit and Finance Standing Committee Terms of Reference, of Administrative Order One, *the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order*, requiring the Standing Committee to review and make recommendations on proposed changes in any operating or project budget items;**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to reduce the 2021/22 payment to the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) for Supplementary Education funding by \$205,601; and**
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate the \$205,601 to the Emergency Housing Fund as a contingency to purchase, install and maintain modular units at two sites and to address suitable temporary housing to address needs of unhoused residents.**

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

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

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Suspend the rules of procedure under Schedule 2, the Audit and Finance Standing Committee Terms of Reference, of Administrative Order One, *the Procedures of the***

Council Administrative Order, requiring the Standing Committee to review and make recommendations on proposed changes in any operating or project budget items; and

2. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to reduce the 2021/22 payment to the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) for Supplementary Education funding by \$205,601.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

3. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate the \$205,601 to the Emergency Housing Fund as a contingency to purchase, install and maintain modular units at two sites and to address suitable temporary housing to address needs of unhoused residents.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED/DEFEATED. (15 in favour, 2 against)

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

Against: Councillors Hendsbee, Russell

15.1.6 Funding for Stormwater Right-of-way Cost as General Tax

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated January 12, 2022
- Correspondence from Amy Ells, and Paul Ralph

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council maintain By-Law C-900 and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to maintain By-Law C-900 and the current HRM stormwater right-of-way charge of \$40 per Halifax Water stormwater client, collected on behalf of HRM on the Halifax Water bill.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT item 15.1.6 be deferred pending the provision of a supplemental staff report to include:

1. **The principle of equity, considering not every property owner in the service area is a ratepayer, and ratepayers carry the burden of the NSUARB ordered charge to maintain a safe and reliable road network enjoyed by all;**
2. **Input from Halifax Water on the number of types of properties that do not pay the ROW fee; and**
3. **Benefits and risks of the staff recommended options for collecting ROW charges.**

Andre MacNeil, Senior Financial Consultant and Cathy O'Toole, General Manager, Halifax Water responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.1.7 Award – No. 21-415, Private On Demand Accessible Transportation Service

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 4, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Award Tender No. 21-415, Private On Demand Accessible Transportation Service as a three-year contract to the sole bidder meeting specifications, SeniorsTransit Inc. for a maximum life-cycle cost of \$1,805,013 (net HST included) with funding from the Halifax Transit 2022/23 proposed operating budget Account R637, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated February 4, 2022.

2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to execute the contract with Seniors Transit subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the CAO and approval to form and authority by Legal Services.

Patricia Hughes, Director, Planning and Customer Engagement, Halifax Transit responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.1.8 80 True North Crescent – Rapid Housing Initiative Funding

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 9, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to negotiate a tripartite agreement with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and the Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia (AHANS); and an amended Buy-Back Agreement with AHANS regarding the parties' respective rights and responsibilities for the development and use of 80 True North Crescent, Dartmouth for affordable housing, substantially in accordance with the draft agreements included as Attachment A and B of the staff report dated February 9, 2022, subject to such further amendments as the CAO may deem advisable;**
- 2. Authorize the CAO to direct the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the said agreements on behalf of the Municipality;**
- 3. Authorize the CAO to amend the agreements between the Municipality and AHANS for the sale, development and use of 64, 67, 80, and 91 True North Crescent, on terms that he in his discretion deems advisable to facilitate and support the development of affordable housing on the subject lands.**

Peter Stickings, Director of Corporate Real Estate responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.1.9 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees – Forgive Sidewalk Café Fees 2022

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 10, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 15, the License, Permit and Processing Fees Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated February 16, 2022.

Hilary Hayes, Supervisor, Licensing and Ticket Administrator and Andrea MacDonald, Manager Buildings & Compliance responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.1.10 Assignment of Contract for RFP (Request for Proposal) 19-058 – Household Special Waste Services

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 2, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council consent to the assignment of the Municipality's existing contract with Terrapure Environmental for RFP 19-058 - Household Special Waste Services to GFL Environmental Services Inc. and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to execute an assignment and assumption agreement to permit the assignment.

Andrew Philopoulos, Manager, Solid Waste Resources responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.1.11 HRM Affordable Housing Grant Program Update and Additional Funding Request for Compass NS

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 22, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Suspend the rules of procedure under Schedule 2, the Audit and Finance Standing Committee Terms of Reference, of Administrative Order One, *the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order* that requires Audit and Finance Committee to review and make recommendations regarding withdrawals from reserves not approved in the approved budget before being tabled at Regional Council;**
- 2. Approve an unbudgeted reserve withdrawal from Reserve Q640 - Bonus Zoning of \$415,245 to operating account C320 – Policy and Strategic Planning; and**
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate an additional \$415,245 from the Bonus Zoning Reserve to increase the total funding allocated to the 2021/22 Affordable Housing Grant Program.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Outhit

15.1.12 Rapid Housing Initiative – Housing Nova Scotia Funding

Councillor Hendsbee was recused from the meeting during consideration of this item having declared an interest in the matter.

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 22, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and execute Contribution Agreements, and any amendments or consents arising from them, with Housing Nova Scotia and the third party non-profit recipients of the Rapid Housing Initiative, as further discussed in this report, to receive and distribute Provincial capital and operational funding to support the affordable housing developments funded through the Rapid Housing Initiative Cities Stream.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Hendsbee

15.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

Councillor Hendsbee rejoined the meeting at this time.

15.2.1 Award – 22-1024, Alternative Procurement – Broad Street (North) Roundabout

The following was before Council:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated February 18, 2022, with attached staff recommendation report dated February 4, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve an unbudgeted reserve withdrawal of \$1,350,000 from the Capital Fund Reserve – Q526,**
- 2. Approve a budget increase of \$3,250,000 to capital account CTU01006 – Bedford West Oversizing, with \$1,350,000 coming from reserve Q526 and \$1,900,000 coming from Capital Cost Contributions (CCC's),**
- 3. Award Alternative Procurement 22-1024 for the design and construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Larry Uteck Boulevard and Broad Street (North) through an Alternative Procurement to West Bedford Holdings Limited at a maximum value of \$3,250,000 (net HST included) as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the February 4, 2022 staff report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.2.2 2021/2022 Write Off of Uncollectible Accounts

The following was before Council:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated February 18, 2022, with attached staff recommendation report dated January 5, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve:

- 1. The real property tax accounts in the amount of \$74,879.10 comprised of \$43,334.19 principal and \$31,544.91 interest as summarized in Schedule 1 of the staff report dated January 5, 2022 be formally written out of the books of account;**
- 2. The general revenue accounts in the amount of \$9,593.37 comprised of \$9,552.68 principal and \$40.69 interest as summarized in Schedule 1 of the staff report dated January 5, 2022 be formally written out of the books of account;**
- 3. The recreation accounts in the amount of \$26,124.15 comprised of \$26,124.15 principal and \$0.00 interest as summarized in Schedule 1 of the staff report dated January 5, 2022 be formally written out of the books of account.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.2.3 Management of Solid Waste Operations Audit – Action Plan

The following was before Council:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated February 14, 2022, with attached staff recommendation report dated February 4, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report regarding an action plan to address the recommendations outlined in the Management of Solid Waste Operations Audit report within one year.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Hotel Association of Nova Scotia Proposal - Tourism Marketing and Event Leadership for HRM

The following was before Council:

- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee report dated February 17, 2022, with attached staff recommendation report dated January 20, 2022
- Staff Presentation dated March 1, 2022

Elizabeth Taylor, Manager, Culture & Events gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Hotel Association of Nova Scotia (HANS), a society formed under the Societies Act (Nova Scotia) substantially in the form provided in Attachment 1 of the January 20, 2022 staff report;**
- 2. Suspend the rules of procedure under Schedule 2, the Audit and Finance Standing Committee Terms of Reference of Administrative Order One, *the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order* and include funding for Discover Halifax to support the delivery of enhanced destination marketing and management programs as part of the Municipality's 2022-2023 budget planning process for consideration during the Budget Adjustment List (BAL) debate in March 2022 with a cumulative contribution to be phased over three years as follows: a. \$250,000 in fiscal 2022/2023 budget; b. \$250,000 in fiscal 2023/2024 budget; and c. \$250,000 in fiscal 2024/2025 budget**
- 3. Subject to amendments by the Province of Nova Scotia to the Halifax Regional Municipality Marketing Levy Act (HRMMLA) respecting the cap on the marketing levy and the extension of the marketing levy to operations of less than 20 rooms or rental units, direct the Chief Administrative Officer to initiate the process to amend By-law H-400 to implement the amendments to the HRMMLA as necessary; and**
- 4. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or his designate, to negotiate and execute a Service Level Agreement on behalf of the Municipality with Discover Halifax, including the terms and conditions set out in Table 2 of the discussion section of the January 20, 2022 staff report, and otherwise acceptable to the Chief Administrative Officer.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.3.2 Formalizing Relationship between HRM & "Every One Every Day Kijipuktuk – Halifax"

The following was before Council:

- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee report dated February 17, 2022, with attached request for consideration form from Councillor Blackburn
- Correspondence from Aimee Gasparetto

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report with recommendations on formalizing the relationship between Halifax Regional Municipality and "Every One Every Day Kijipuktuk-Halifax" with the intent to:

- 1. Embed the collaborative work of reconciliation in Halifax Regional Municipality business units;**
- 2. Centre reconciliation in the design and development of civic and social infrastructure;**
- 3. Enable Halifax Regional Municipality to participate in more localized and circular economies through Participatory City platform; and**
- 4. Facilitate joint-action around the advancement of Truth & Reconciliation and strengthened participation of all residents in inclusive civic development and growth.**

Councillor Blackburn proposed that Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report with recommendations on formalizing the relationship between Halifax Regional Municipality and Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre, with the intent to support the advancement of "Every One Every

Day Kijipuktuk-Halifax". As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion as amended now read:

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report with recommendations on formalizing the relationship between Halifax Regional Municipality and Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre, with the intent to support the advancement of "Every One Every Day Kijipuktuk-Halifax" with the intent to:

- 1. Embed the collaborative work of reconciliation in Halifax Regional Municipality business units;**
- 2. Centre reconciliation in the design and development of civic and social infrastructure;**
- 3. Enable Halifax Regional Municipality to participate in more localized and circular economies through Participatory City platform; and**
- 4. Facilitate joint-action around the advancement of Truth & Reconciliation and strengthened participation of all residents in inclusive civic development and growth.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.3.3 Nourish Nova Scotia

The following was before Council:

- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee report dated February 17, 2022, with attached staff recommendation report dated January 20, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report to consider HRM endorsement of the Coalition for Healthy School Food's call for development of a universal, costshared, healthy school food program for Canada.

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

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the motion be amended as follows:

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Suspend the Rules of Procedure under Section 17 of Administrative Order One, the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order; and**
- 2. Endorse the Coalition for Healthy School Food's call for development of a universal cost-shared, healthy school food program for Canada.**

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Suspend the Rules of Procedure under Section 17 of Administrative Order One, the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order; and**
- 2. Endorse the Coalition for Healthy School Food's call for development of a universal cost-shared, healthy school food program for Canada.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.4 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE

15.4.1 Declining Water Levels in Williams Lake

The following was before Council:

- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee report dated February 4, 2022, with attached staff recommendation report dated December 20, 2021

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

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council request that the Mayor write a letter to the Province requesting that the Williams Lake Dam be assumed by a provincial body and repaired or replaced to address its impact on declining water levels in Williams Lake or that the Province revisit its position on granting permits or agreements for community group ownership or maintenance of dams.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. MOTIONS - NONE

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

Council may rise and go into a private In Camera session, in accordance with Section 19 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, for the purpose of dealing with the following

17.1 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS - Private and Confidential Report A matter pertaining to contract negotiations and legal advice.

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff recommendation report dated February 22, 2022

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated February 22, 2022; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated February 22, 2022 be maintained private and confidential**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Personnel Matter

This matter was dealt with in public. No further action was taken.

18. ADDED ITEMS

Additions:

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

Council may rise and go into a private In Camera session, in accordance with Section 19 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, for the purpose of dealing with the following:

17.2 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

A matter pertaining to an identifiable individual or group.

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff recommendation report dated February 28, 2022

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated February 28, 2022; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated February 28, 2022 be maintained private and confidential**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Kent

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move a motion to rescind part 2 of Item 14.1.4 from the January 10, 2017 Regional Council meeting which requested a staff report as follows:

2. Dependent upon the response from DND, direct staff to determine requirements to cease whistling operations at the railway grade crossings on Hines Road and Howard Avenue and initiate the process of coordination among HRM, DND and the railway operator to enable whistle cessation at the identified locations

19.2 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move First Reading of proposed By-law C-1200, *Respecting Commercial Development Districts*, the purpose of which is to

reduce the impact of increases in commercial property assessments for eligible commercial properties in the district(s) by phasing-in assessment increases for commercial properties that exceed a standard percentage increase, up to a maximum phased-in amount, over three fiscal years.

19.3 Deputy Mayor

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to request that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on revising the budget approval process timeline for area rate business plans to align more effectively with the municipality's business unit budget process to permit community associations opportunities to plan future area rate projects more appropriately and incorporate them into the upcoming fiscal year.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk