



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES  
May 31, 2022**

**PRESENT:**

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

**REGRETS:**

Mayor	Mike Savage
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**STAFF:**

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer  
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor  
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk  
Annie Sherry, 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 1:02 p.m., and adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Lovelace 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.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, recognized the impending retirement of Dave Hubley, Manager, Design & Construction, after over 25 of service with the Halifax Regional Municipality.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

**3. CALLS FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – NONE**

**4. Funding for Stormwater Right-of-Way Cost as General Tax – Deferred March 1, 2022**

The following was before Committee of the Whole:

- Staff recommendation report dated January 12, 2021
- Supplementary staff information report dated April 21, 2022
- Extract from March 1, 2022 Regional Council Minutes
- Staff presentation dated May 31, 2022

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT Committee of the Whole recommend 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.**

Andre MacNeil, Senior Financial Consultant, gave a presentation on Funding for Stormwater Right-of-Way Cost as General Tax and responded to questions of clarification from Committee of the Whole. MacNeil explained the current funding method for stormwater right-of-way charges, outlined the process for implementation of a general rate or area tax rate, and outlined implications for both options on Halifax Regional Municipality resident tax bills.

Deputy Mayor Lovelace stepped down from the Chair and Councillor Outhit assumed the Chair.

Deputy Mayor Lovelace resumed the Chair.

Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer, and Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Committee of the Whole.

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, responded to questions of clarification from Committee of the Whole regarding the procedural implications of the motion on the floor being defeated.

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT Committee of the Whole recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare amendments to By-Law C-900 to reflect Option 2 – Area Rate as presented in the supplementary staff information report dated April 21, 2022.**

Jerry Blackwood, Chief Financial Officer, responded to questions of clarification from Committee of the Whole.

Deputy Mayor Lovelace stepped down from the Chair and Councillor Outhit assumed the Chair.

Deputy Mayor Lovelace resumed the Chair.

Cathie O'Toole, General Manager, Halifax Water responded to questions of clarification from Committee of the Whole and suggested that should the Committee approve an area rate, distinctive naming on the Halifax Regional Municipality tax bill could eliminate confusion.

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, and Andre MacNeil, Senior Financial Consultant, responded to questions of clarification from Committee of the Whole regarding the difference between the urban tax boundary and the stormwater service boundary, and the process for By-law amendments and approval pending the Committee's direction.

Deputy Mayor Lovelace stepped down from the Chair and Councillor Outhit assumed the Chair.

Deputy Mayor Lovelace resumed the Chair.

Louis de Montbrun, Director of Corporate Services/Chief Financial Officer, Halifax Water, and Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer, responded to questions of clarification from Committee of the Whole regarding anticipated dividend revenue for the current and future fiscal years.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED** (9 in favour, 7 against)

In favour: Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Purdy, Mason, Smith, Cuttell, Stoddard, Blackburn, Russell

Against: Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Kent, Austin, Mancini, Cleary, Morse, Outhit

Not present: Mayor Savage

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Iain MacLean  
Municipal Clerk