



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
June 20, 2023**

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Sam Austin
Councillors: Cathy Deagle Gammon
David Hendsbee
Becky Kent
Trish Purdy
Shawn Cleary
Kathryn Morse
Patty Cuttell
Iona Stoddard
Pam Lovelace
Lisa Blackburn
Paul Russell
Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillors: Tony Mancini
Waye Mason
Lindell Smith – Parental Accommodation

STAFF: Cathie O’Toole, Chief Administrative Officer
Karen Brown, Acting Municipal Solicitor
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant
Lama Farhat, 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 1:00 p.m. and recessed at 2:31 p.m. Council reconvened at 2:39 p.m. Council recessed at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened at 3:38 p.m. Council recessed at 5:07 p.m. and reconvened at 5:59 p.m. Council adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 1:00 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 – June 6, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the minutes of June 6, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- Item 18.1 – Fly-past Request – Closing Ceremony for the North American Indigenous Games
- Item 18.2 – Ratification from Committee of the Whole - Case 22257: Regional Plan Review – Phase 4 Draft Plan Release
- Information Item 5 – Proclamation – Remembrance Day of the 100-Year Anniversary of the Chinese Immigration Act – June 23, 2023

Deletions:

- Item 15.1.5 – Interim Councillor Appointment to the Board of Police Commissioners

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Cuttell requested that Information Item 3 – Restoration and Preservation of Fleming Cottage be brought forward at a future Regional Council Meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, it was MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the following item be deferred to the next meeting of Regional Council:

- Item 17.4 – PUBLIC SECURITY – Private and Confidential Report

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Item 15.1.4 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Blackburn

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve recommendations in the following agenda items:

- **Item 15.1.2 – Case MPSA-2023-00349: Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments for Bedford South Shannex, Starboard Drive, Halifax;**
- **Item 15.1.3 – Youth Worx Program Job Experience – Supplementary Report; and**
- **Item 15.2.4 – Regional Special Events Grants Report 2023/24.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

7. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

8. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

9. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

10. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

10.1 CA0138 – Beechville and area Community Boundary Project

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated May 3, 2023
- Extract from May 9, 2023 Regional Council minutes
- Correspondence from Barb Allen, Maureen Yeadon, Jenée Jarvis, Iona Duncan-States and Patsy Crawford
- Staff presentation dated June 20, 2023
- Councillor Cuttell images

Gayle MacLean, Operations Supervisor, Current Planning gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Halifax Regional Council amend the community boundaries of:

- 1. Beechville, as per Map 1 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023, and authorize staff to install and relocate community signs as identified on Map 2 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023;**
- 2. Lakeside, as per Map 1 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023, and authorize staff to install and relocate community signs as identified on Map 2 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023;**
- 3. Halifax, as per Map 1 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023, and authorize staff to relocate the community signs as identified on Map 2 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023; and**
- 4. Goodwood, as per Map 1 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023, and authorize staff to relocate the community sign as identified on Map 2 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023.**

Mayor Mike Savage stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Mayor Austin assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the motion be amended that Halifax Regional Council defer the amendments to the community boundaries of:

1. **Beechville, as per Map 1 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023, and authorize staff to install and relocate community signs as identified on Map 2 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023; and**
4. **Goodwood, as per Map 1 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023, and authorize staff to relocate the community sign as identified on Map 2 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023.**

Pending receipt of a supplemental staff report that considers modifications to the proposed Beechville/Goodwood boundary at Prospect Road including additional community consultation with the communities of Beechville, Goodwood and Hatchet Lake.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council. O'Toole advised Regional Council that recommendations 1 and 4 needed to be deferred together because changes to the map related to recommendation 4 would also impact the map for recommendation 1.

Kurt Pyle, Manager, Culture, Heritage, and Planning Information Services responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

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

Deputy Mayor Austin resumed the Chair.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND DEFEATED. (5 in favour, 8 against)

In favour: Councillors Hendsbee, Purdy, Cuttell, Lovelace, Outhit

Against: Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Kent, Cleary, Morse, Stoddard, Blackburn, Russell

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Council Outhit

THAT the motion be amended to include addition of new part 5:

5. **That Halifax Regional Council defer the installation of signage for the southern border of the Beechville Community pending receipt of a supplemental staff report that considers modifications to the Beechville/Goodwood boundary at Prospect Road including additional community consultation with Beechville and Goodwood.**

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Cleary

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Morse

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2. Lakeside, as per Map 1 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023, and authorize staff to install and relocate community signs as identified on Map 2 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023;
3. Halifax, as per Map 1 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023, and authorize staff to relocate the community signs as identified on Map 2 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023; and
4. Goodwood, as per Map 1 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023, and authorize staff to relocate the community sign as identified on Map 2 of the staff report dated May 3, 2023.
5. That Halifax Regional Council defer the installation of signage for the southern border of the Beechville Community pending receipt of a supplemental staff report that considers modifications to the Beechville/Goodwood boundary at Prospect Road including additional community consultation with Beechville and Goodwood.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Mancini, Mason, Smith

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

12.1 Case H00552: Deregistration of Parcel RL-1 (PID 41027079), Old Sackville Road, Middle Sackville

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated April 26, 2023
- Extract from May 9, 2023 Regional Council minutes
- Staff presentation dated June 20, 2023

Carter Beaupre-McPhee, Heritage Planning Researcher gave a presentation.

The hearing opened at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Savage noted the applicant was not present.

Mayor Savage reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings. Mayor Savage noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak; there were none.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The hearing closed at 6:07 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Russell

That Halifax Regional Council deregister the municipally registered heritage property known as PID 41027079, as shown as Parcel RL-1 on Attachment A of the staff report dated April 24, 2023.

Councillors spoke in support of the deregistration and provided a brief historical background, and noted the current progress of the Church.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mancini, Mason, Smith, Outhit

12.2 Proposed Administrative Order 2023-003-ADM Respecting Public Participation for Planning Documents, Certain Planning Applications, and Engagement with Abutting Municipalities, Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 48 Respecting the Creation of Community Councils, and Proposed Amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies, and Land Use By-laws

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated April 14, 2023, revised June 15, 2023
- Supplementary report dated June 7, 2023, revised June 15, 2023
- Extract from April 25, 2023 Regional Council minutes
- Staff presentation dated June 20, 2023

Shilo Gempton, Planner III gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Council.

The hearing opened at 6:13 p.m.

Mayor Savage noted that the municipality was the applicant for this matter.

Mayor Savage reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings. Mayor Savage noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak; there were none.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The hearing closed at 6:14 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt Administrative Order 2023-002-ADM Respecting Public Participation for Planning Documents, Certain Planning Applications, and Engagement with Abutting Municipalities, as set out in Attachment A of the revised supplementary staff report dated June 7, 2023, including repealing the Resolution Regarding a Public Participation Program for Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments adopted by Council on February 25, 1997;**
- 2. Adopt the Amendments to Administrative Order 48, the Community Council Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment I of the revised staff report dated April 14, 2023; and**
- 3. Adopt the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies, and Land Use By-laws, as set out in Attachments C, D, and E of the revised staff report dated April 14, 2023.**

Kate Greene, Director, Regional and Community Planning and Leah Perrin, Manager, Regional Planning responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

On April 25, 2023, a motion was passed to amend sections 7.1 and 7.2 of proposed Administrative Order 2023-002-ADM, *Respecting Public Participation for Planning Documents, Certain Planning Applications, and Engagement with Abutting Municipalities*, to replace the word “may” with the word “shall”. Councillor Russell noted one “may” from section 7.2 was not corrected as directed, with staff confirming it as an error. As direction was previously given, and with the approval of Legal, the error will be corrected administratively and did not require a second motion.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mancini, Mason, Smith, Outhit

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 10.1, 15.3.1 and 18.1.

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

13.2 Petitions - None

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

14.1 Councillor Lovelace – Cooling Centres in Designated Locations in HRM

The following was before Council:

- Information report dated April 26, 2023

Shannon Miedema, Director of Environment and Climate Change responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

14.2 Councillor Lovelace – Ownership and Conservation of Historic Kempton Road

The following was before Council:

- Information report dated May 17, 2023

David MacIsaac, Manager of Active Transportation Program responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated May 23, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry to be used for Emergency Management purposes in HRM to support residents who experience exponential increase in life safety risk due to extreme weather and other crisis events throughout HRM.

Erica Fleck, Director of Emergency Management responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Mancini, Mason, Smith

15.1.2 Case MPSA-2023-00349: Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments for Bedford South Shannex, Starboard Drive, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 8, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law, the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law, and to the applicable existing development agreements to increase the permitted population density, increase the maximum building height, and enable the development of additional office and lifestyle community land uses; and**
- 2. Follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 27, 1997.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith

15.1.3 Youth Worx Program Job Experience – Supplementary Report

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 9, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Expand the Youth Worx Program as described in the body of the staff report dated June 9, 2023; and**
- 2. Continue to develop the Café model as the preferred model for Youth Worx job experience.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith

15.1.4 First Reading Proposed By-law L-500, Respecting the Construction and Operation of Land-Lease Communities – Land-Lease Communities By-law Modernization Project (PLPPROJ-2023-00192)

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 12, 2023
- Extract of June 6, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes
- Staff presentation dated June 20, 2023

Peter Nightingale, Principal Planner, Land Development & Subdivision Program, Alyson Dobrota, Planner II and Rhys Burnell, Planner I gave a presentation. Nightingale and Dobrota responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider approval of By-law Number L-500 Respecting the Construction and Operation of Land-lease Communities, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 12, 2023, which includes

- a. **amendments to the Halifax County By-law 29, the Mobile Home Park By-law;**
- b. **amendments to the City of Dartmouth By-law M-200, Respecting Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks; and**
- c. **repealing the City of Halifax Ordinance 143, Respecting Mobile Home Parks.**

Mayor Savage resumed the Chair.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith

15.1.6 Funding to the 2022/23 HRM Affordable Housing Grant Program

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 13, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Suspend the rules of procedure under Schedule 2, the Audit & Finance Standing Committee Terms of Reference, of Administrative Order One, the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order; and**
2. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate \$1,229,833.27 from Bonus Zoning Reserve Q640 to fund the 2022/23 Affordable Housing Grant Program.**

Jamy-Ellen Proud, Planner III responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith

15.1.7 First Reading Proposed By-law M-300, Respecting Micromobility – Regulation of Electric Kick-Scooters and Shared Micromobility Services

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 15, 2023
- Extract of June 6, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes
- Staff presentation dated June 20, 2023

Mark Nener, Active Transportation Planner and Lucas Pitts, Director, Traffic Management gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Mayor Mike Savage stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Mayor Austin assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

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;**
- 2. Give First Reading to By-law M-300, the Micromobility By-law, to enable the use of electric kick-scooters in the Halifax Regional Municipality, as set out in Attachment B to the staff report dated June 15, 2023.**

Mayor Savage resumed the Chair.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith and Outhit

15.2 GRANTS COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2018-010-ADM, Respecting Interim Grants to Community Museums – Community Museums Grants Program: Recommended Awards 2023

The following was before Council:

- Grants Committee report dated May 29, 2023 with attached staff report dated May 19, 2023
- Extract from June 6, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2018-010-ADM Respecting Grants to Community Museums as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated May 19, 2023;**
- 2. Approve an increase in thirteen (13) Operating Grants as outlined in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated May 19, 2023 at a combined cost of \$134,000 from Operating Account M310-8004 as the first year of a maximum 3 year Operating Grant;**
- 3. Approve two (2) Project Grants as detailed in the Discussion section of the staff report dated May 19, 2023 at a combined cost of \$9,563 in fiscal year 2023/24 from Operating Account M310-8004; and**
- 4. Approve three (3) Capital Grants as detailed in the Discussion section of the staff report dated May 19, 2023 at a combined cost of \$68,000 in fiscal year 2023/24 from Operating Account M310-8004.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith, Outhit

15.2.2 Less than Market Value Lease: Unicorn Theatre, 11 Station Road, Head of St. Margaret's Bay

The following was before Council:

- Grants Committee report dated June 12, 2023 with attached staff report dated June 5, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a less than market value lease with The Unicorn Theatre Society for the premises located at 11 Station Road and the lease is to contain terms and conditions that are similar to those set out in Table 1 in the discussion section of the staff report dated June 5, 2023.

Andy Conrad, Community Facility Partnership Coordinator responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith, Outhit

15.2.3 Less than Market Value Lease: Safety Minded ATV Association

The following was before Council:

- Grants Committee report dated June 12, 2023 with attached staff report dated June 5, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve a less than market value lease with the Safety Minded ATV Association for the premises located at 15 Station Road as per the key terms and conditions set out in Table 1 in the discussion section of the staff report dated June 5, 2023 and authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the finalized document.

Andy Conrad, Community Facility Partnership Coordinator responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith, Outhit

15.2.4 Regional Special Events Grants Report 2023/24

The following was before Council:

- Grants Committee report dated June 12, 2023 with attached staff report dated June 5, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve 14 Event Grants for a total of \$12,550 as identified in Table 1 of the staff report dated June 5, 2023 from the approved 2023/24 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events;**
 - i. 13 Community Celebrations totalling \$7,550**
 - ii. 1 Significant Anniversaries totalling \$5,000**

2. **Approve 39 Established Community Events for a total of \$211,025 as identified in Table 2 of the staff report dated June 5, 2023 from the approved 2023/24 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events;**
3. **Approve 15 Event Grants for a total of \$233,000 as identified in Table 3 of the staff report dated June 5, 2023 from the approved 2023/24 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events funded from the 2023/24 Community and Events Reserve Q621;**
 - i. **2 Established Community Events totalling \$33,000**
 - ii. **13 Cultural Events & Showcases totalling \$200,000**
4. **Pending final approval of the 2024/25 budget, approve 39 Established Community Events for a total of \$211,025 as identified in Table 2 of the staff report dated June 5, 2023 from the approved 2024/25 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events;**
5. **Pending final approval of the 2024/25 budget, approve 15 Event Grants for a total of \$233,000 as identified in Table 3 of the staff report dated June 5, 2023 from the approved 2024/25 Operating Budget – C760 Community/Civic Events funded from the 2024/25 Community and Events Reserve Q621;**
 - i. **2 Established Community Events totalling \$33,000**
 - ii. **13 Cultural Events & Showcases totalling \$200,000**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith

15.3 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.3.1 Councillor Lovelace – Prioritizing Community Safety in HRM

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Lovelace
- Correspondence from Nancy Burton and Rick Burns

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. **Develop a staff report outlining and prioritizing budgeted and non-budgeted initiatives within the 2023/24 Budget and Business Plan that will help mitigate and manage wildfire risk to communities; and**
2. **Provide an update to Council on the progress to enhance crisis communication capacity, which is listed as an objective in the Strategic Priorities Plan for 2021-2025.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith, Outhit

15.3.2 Councillor Cuttell – Opening of Comfort Centres in HRM during crisis events

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Cuttell

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report regarding the opening of comfort centres in HRM during crisis events, including an inventory of facilities, both HRM and community owned, that can be used as comfort centres across the municipality, and an evaluation of readiness of the centres to respond in the event of a crisis.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council. O'Toole provided a brief overview of the Emergency Management Plan and explained that decisions made are based on optimizing emergency response capabilities.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith, Outhit

16. MOTIONS

16.1 Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to review and provide recommendations on:

- 1. All boards, committees and commissions that include citizen volunteers, in an effort to reduce duplication, close gaps and increase efficiencies and resources optimization, and;**
- 2. All standing committees of council, looking at the terms of reference, especially their duties, responsibilities, administration, and procedures, looking for improvements, efficiencies, and work that flows to Council.**

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk and Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith, Outhit

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

17.1 PROPERTY MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated June 9, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated June 9, 2023; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated June 9, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Cleary, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Russell,

Against: Councillor Purdy

Not present: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith, Outhit

17.2 LABOUR RELATIONS – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated June 13, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated June 13, 2023; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated June 13, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mancini, Mason, Smith, Outhit

17.3 LABOUR RELATIONS – Private and Confidential Report

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated June 13, 2023

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated June 13, 2023; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated June 13, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith, Outhit

17.4 PUBLIC SECURITY – Private and Confidential Report

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated June 14, 2023

This matter was deferred; refer to the Order of Business.

18. ADDED ITEMS

18.1 Fly-past Request – Closing Ceremony for the North American Indigenous Games

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Captain A.W. MacKenzie

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council grant permission for the Canadian Armed Forces to fly an aircraft over the Halifax Commons Emera Oval at a height of 500 feet above the highest obstacle on July 21, 2023 at 20:30 hours for the Closing Ceremony for the North American Indigenous Games.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith, Outhit

18.2 Ratification from Committee of the Whole - Case 22257: Regional Plan Review – Phase 4 Draft Plan Release

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Accept the Draft Regional Municipal Planning Strategy included in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 16, 2023 to be used for public engagement purposes;**
- 2. Adopt the amendments to the Public Participation Program for the Regional Plan Review in Attachment F of the staff report dated June 16, 2023 and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to follow the revised Public Participation Program for the Regional Plan Review as generally set out in Attachment B and as outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated June 16, 2023; and**
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to follow the revised work plan schedule as generally outlined in Attachment C of the staff report dated June 16, 2023 – Regional Plan Work Plan and Attachment D of the staff report dated June 16, 2023 – Site-Specific Requests.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith, Outhit

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Hendsbee

TAKE NOTICE that a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to propose First Reading of By-law M-400, the purpose of which is to repeal and replace By-law H-400, the *Marketing Levy By-law*, in response to legislative amendments made by the Province of Nova Scotia, to increase the hotel marketing levy from two percent to three percent, and to require all accommodations registered under the Tourism Accommodations Registration Act to collect and remit a marketing levy of three percent to Halifax Regional Municipality.

19.2 Councillor Lovelace

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to propose the adoption of Amendments to Administrative Order 10, *Respecting Partial Tax Exemption for Residential Taxation*, to simplify the application process for tax exemptions for those homes affected by the wildfires.

19.3 Councillor Lovelace

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move:

1. First Reading of By-law T-1007, amending By-law T-1000 *Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis, Limousines, and Transportation Network Companies*,
2. Adoption of amendments to Administrative Order 15, *Respecting License, Permit, and Processing Fees*, and
3. Adoption of amendments to Administrative Order 39, *Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation*,

the purpose of which is to create a streamlined licensing process for vehicle for hire drivers.

19.4 Councillor Purdy

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on July 11th, 2023, I propose to request a staff report to investigate the possibility of providing shuttle service to Rainbow Haven Beach as a pilot project in 2024, including considering whether amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy would be required.

19.5 Deputy Mayor Austin

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move amendments to Administrative Order 2019-011-GOV, *Respecting the Design Advisory Committee*, the purpose of which is to repeal the Administrative Order and dissolve the Design Advisory Committee.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk