



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 1, 2024**

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer
Josh Judah, Managing Solicitor
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. and recessed at 3:05 p.m. Council reconvened at 3:23 p.m. and recessed at 5:13 p.m. Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m. and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 9:20 p.m. Council adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 1:04 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.

Mayor Savage and Councillors Outhit, Blackburn and Smith gave thanks and acknowledgements during their last meeting as Regional Council members.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 3 & 10, 2024

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the minutes of September 3 & 10, 2024 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 – Halifax Water - Cogswell District Energy System – Non-Mandatory Zone
- Item 18.2 – Councillor Smith - Richmond Yards Building RA – Affordable Housing Units

Deletions: None

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon requested that Information Item 4 - Fall River Water Extension be brought forward at the next Regional Council Meeting.

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Lovelace requested that Information Item 5 - Integrated Tourism Master Plan 2030 be brought forward at the next Regional Council Meeting.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

Later in the meeting, as provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Outhit requested that Item 15.1.3 Inclusion of a Pump Track within Parkland on Brookline Drive, Bedford be considered after item 17.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Item 15.5.1 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Kent

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

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

- 13.1.1 – Fly-past Request – Remembrance Day Service;
- 15.2.1 – Discovery Centre Contribution Renewal Agreement;
- 15.3.1 – Framework for Major Events; and
- 15.7.1 – HRTG-2024-00692: Request to Include 5450 Russell Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

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 – September 3, 2024

10.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 48, Respecting the Creation of Community Councils - Regional Centre and Suburban Housing Accelerator Planning Matters – Supplementary Report

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated September 19, 2024
- Extract from the September 3, 2024 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 48, the Community Council Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 2 (Revised) of the supplementary staff report dated September 19, 2024.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

12.1 Regional Subdivision By-law Amendments - Security Options and Inspection Fees

Mayor Savage stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon assumed the Chair.

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated August 30, 2024
- Extract from the September 10, 2024 Regional Council draft minutes

Melinda Francis, Principal Planner spoke to the proposed amendments and explained they would apply to subdivisions involving new infrastructure. They noted that the amendments would allow for an additional option for the provision of security in the form of a development bond and change the method of collection of audit inspection fees. Francis responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

The hearing opened at 6:06 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon noted that the Municipality was the applicant for this matter.

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings and called for anyone wishing to speak on the matter.

Andrew Bone, Clayton Developments expressed their support for the proposed amendments and noted the addition of development bonds as a form of security would benefit both developers and the Halifax Regional Municipality. Bone responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The hearing closed at 6:09 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Regional Subdivision By-law as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated August 30, 2024.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

12.2 MPSA-2023-00349: Amendments to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy, Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and associated development agreement for lands between Larry Uteck Boulevard, Starboard Drive, and Fleetview Drive, Halifax (Joint Meeting with North West Community Council)

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated July 25, 2024
- Extract from the September 10, 2024 Regional Council draft minutes
- Correspondence from Andrew Bone, Richard and Phyllis Littler, Josh Hagle, Bernie Vidito, Larry Nardecchia, Peter Dawe, Weifeng Zhu
- Staff presentation dated October 1, 2024
- Applicant presentation dated October 1, 2024

Megan Backos, Planner III gave a presentation and responded to a question of clarification from a member of Regional Council.

The hearing opened at 6:30 p.m.

The Deputy Mayor invited the applicant to come forward and address Regional Council and North West Community Council.

Andrew Bone, Clayton Developments and Heather Hansen, Vice President, Strategy and Brand, Shannex gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council and North West Community Council.

The Deputy Mayor reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings and called for anyone wishing to speak on the matter.

Josh Hagle, Bedford spoke to concerns the proposed amendments may have on Oceanview Drive, Bedford. They noted the potential for increased through traffic, noting that Oceanview Drive was constructed and designated as a local street, and the Municipal Planning Strategy required local streets to be protected from through traffic. They spoke to traffic studies undertaken in 2018, asserted Oceanview Drive served as a collector street and referenced a project recently approved for Paper Mill Lake. Hagle noted Oceanview Drive was excluded from a revised traffic study undertaken for the application of the Shannex development and asserted HRM and developers had ignored the impacts of the project on Oceanview Drive.

Catherine Dingle, Bedford spoke to living near the site of the Shannex development and concerns regarding dust and noise pollution emitted from the construction site, the timeline of the project, insufficient infrastructure and health and safety concerns posed by the addition of a high density building to the area.

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon invited the applicant to respond to questions raised by the public.

Bone and Hansen responded to questions raised by the public. Hansen noted the project was expected to be completed soon, efforts were made to notify neighbours of the construction and minimize impacts to nearby residents and stated the project was a required service in the community. Bone explained Clayton Developments had engaged a professional traffic engineer to undertake traffic studies on the site that concluded the building would not substantially impact traffic in the neighbourhood. They explained these studies were reviewed and approved by HRM and the density of the building was appropriate for the area as it was located near a major arterial road network.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The hearing closed at 7:00 p.m.

Backos responded to questions raised by the public during the hearing, confirming Clayton Developments submitted traffic studies which were approved by HRM. They explained Oceanview Drive was outside of the scope of traffic studies undertaken in the area and noted the recent completion of a traffic calming program on Oceanview Drive which resulted in a reduced volume of traffic. Backos stated HRM was continuing to monitor operations on Oceanview Drive, clarified the Paper Mill Lake development had not yet been approved, and how by-laws regulated construction noise.

The Deputy Mayor advised that where this was a joint meeting with North West Community Council, the sections of the motion regarding the MPS must be considered prior to sections regarding the Development Agreement. Consideration of sections regarding the Development Agreement would be done by North West Community Council members only and the vote would be done by show of hands.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the proposed amendments to the MPS for Bedford, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated July 25, 2024; and,**
- 2. Adopt the proposed amendments to the MPS for Halifax, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated July 25, 2024.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT North West Community Council:

1. **Provisionally approve the proposed development agreement to permit a lifestyle community development, which shall be substantially of the same form as contained in Attachment C of the staff report dated July 25, 2024; and,**
2. **Require the development agreement be signed by the property owner within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later, otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 12.2, 15.4.1 and 15.8.2.

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

13.1.1 Fly-past Request – Remembrance Day Service

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Captain Annick Fortin

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

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council grant permission for a Royal Canadian Air Force aircraft to fly over Halifax Grand Parade at a height of 500 feet above the highest obstacle at 11:02 a.m. on November 11, 2024, as part of Remembrance Day service.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

13.2 Petitions - None

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Second Reading Proposed By-law P-104, an Amendment to By-law P-100, Respecting the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated August 21, 2024, revised September 25, 2024
- Extract from the September 10, 2024 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law P-104, amending By-law P-100, the Police Board By-law, as set out in revised Attachment 2 of the staff report dated August 21, 2024.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Hendsbee

15.1.2 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council and Proposed Amendments to the Investment Policy

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated September 9, 2024
- Extract from the September 10, 2024 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

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.**
- 2. Adopt the amendments to the Investment Policy as set out in Attachment B to the staff report dated September 9, 2024.**
- 3. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order One, the Procedures of Council Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment D to the staff report dated September 9, 2024.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Hendsbee

15.1.3 Inclusion of a Pump Track within Parkland on Brookline Drive, Bedford

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated September 19, 2024

As provided for in section 103 of Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council, a motion was made to convene In Camera to discuss contract negotiations.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene into In Camera (In Private) to discuss a contractual matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer:

- 1. To proceed with the siting of a pad-ready area and initial site preparation for the development of pump track within the Brookline Drive parkland as outlined within the staff report dated September 19, 2024; and**
- 2. To include the Brookline Drive Pump Track as outlined in the staff report dated September 19, 2024 within the 2025/26 Capital Budget for consideration by Regional Council.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

15.1.4 Response to Changes to Provincial Minimum Planning Requirements

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated September 13, 2024
- Extract from the September 10, 2024 Regional Council draft minutes
- Staff presentation dated October 1, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:**
 - a. Initiate a process to consider amendments to all planning documents, including the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, all Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-Laws, and the Regional Subdivision By-Law to ensure compliance with the Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations as amended by the Province of Nova Scotia on August 20, 2024; and**
 - b. Follow Administrative Order 2023-002-ADM Respecting Public Participation for Planning Documents, Certain Planning Applications, and Engagement with Abutting Municipalities for the required public participation program, as outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated September 13, 2024; and**
 - c. Return to Regional Council with a staff report outlining the risks and potential approaches to land use planning in consideration of the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in Annapolis Group Inc. v. Halifax Regional Municipality.**
- 2. Request that the Mayor send a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia requesting amendments to the HRM Charter to include immunity from construction taking/ de facto expropriation claims.**

Councillor Mason proposed that part 1a of the motion be amended to read '... amended by the Province of Nova Scotia on August 20, 2024 and September 25, 2024.' As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

Councillor Mason proposed that the word construction in part 2 of the motion be struck out and replaced with constructive. 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 now read:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:**
 - a. Initiate a process to consider amendments to all planning documents, including the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, all Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-Laws, and the Regional Subdivision By-Law to ensure compliance with the Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations as amended by the Province of Nova Scotia on August 20, 2024 and September 25, 2024; and**
 - b. Follow Administrative Order 2023-002-ADM Respecting Public Participation for Planning Documents, Certain Planning Applications, and Engagement with Abutting Municipalities for the required public participation program, as outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated September 13, 2024; and**
 - c. Return to Regional Council with a staff report outlining the risks and potential approaches to land use planning in consideration of the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in Annapolis Group Inc. v. Halifax Regional Municipality.**
- 2. Request that the Mayor send a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia requesting amendments to the HRM Charter to include immunity from constructive taking/ de facto expropriation claims.**

Leah Perrin, Manager Regional Planning gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer, Kate Greene, Director Regional and Community Planning, Jacqueline Hamilton, Executive Director, Planning and Development and Kenda MacKenzie, Halifax Water responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:**
 - a. Initiate a process to consider amendments to all planning documents, including the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, all Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-Laws, and the Regional Subdivision By-Law to ensure compliance with the Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations as amended by the Province of Nova Scotia on August 20, 2024 and September 25, 2024.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 4 against)

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

Against: Councillors Purdy, Morse, Cuttall, Stoddard

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:**
 - b. **Follow Administrative Order 2023-002-ADM Respecting Public Participation for Planning Documents, Certain Planning Applications, and Engagement with Abutting Municipalities for the required public participation program, as outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated September 13, 2024; and**
 - c. **Return to Regional Council with a staff report outlining the risks and potential approaches to land use planning in consideration of the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in Annapolis Group Inc. v. Halifax Regional Municipality.**
2. **Request that the Mayor send a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia requesting amendments to the HRM Charter to include immunity from constructive taking/ de facto expropriation claims.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Discovery Centre Contribution Renewal Agreement

The following was before Council:

- **Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated September 6, 2024 with attached staff report dated July 23, 2024**

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

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute a five-year Contribution Agreement with the Discovery Centre substantially in accordance with the draft agreement attached to the staff report dated July 23, 2024, with annual funding of \$200,000.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Framework for Major Events

The following was before Council:

- **Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee report dated September 19, 2024 with attached staff report dated July 23, 2024**

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

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council request the Chief Administrative Officer work with Discover Halifax to develop a major event policy framework.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.4 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

15.4.1 Implementation of Peninsula South Complete Streets - University Avenue and West and East Connections

The following was before Council:

- Transportation Standing Committee report dated August 29, 2024 with attached staff report dated July 29, 2024
- Correspondence from Sue Uteck, David Trueman
- Staff presentation dated October 1, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the installation of bicycle facilities and related changes on University Avenue from LeMarchant Street to South Park Street as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated July 29, 2024.**
- 2. Subject to the approval of Recommendation 1 above, approve the use of the Peninsula South Streetscape Design Guidelines as a guide for the implementation of the public realm improvements along University Avenue.**
- 3. Approve the installation of bicycle facilities and related changes on Morris Street from South Park Street to Lower Water Street, including conversion of Morris Street to one-way eastbound for motor vehicle traffic, as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated July 29, 2024.**
- 4. Approve the installation of bicycle facilities and other related changes to Seymour Street (University Avenue to South Street), South Street (Seymour Street to Cartaret Street), Cartaret Street, and Oakland Road (Robie Street to Beaufort Avenue) as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated July 29, 2024.**
- 5. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report regarding potential for including the full South Street Two-way Raised Bikeway (Concept 3A) as a part of the Halifax Urban Greenway project when planning the construction of the Oxford Street facility connecting the Beaufort and Coburg MUPS.**

Mark Nener, Supervisor, Active Transportation Planning gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer and Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

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

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

Against: Councillors Purdy, Russell

15.5 BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

15.5.1 Board of Police Commissioners Community Survey on Policing

The following was before Council:

- Board of Police Commissioners report dated September 4, 2024 with attached staff report dated August 22, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council allocate \$25,000 in the board's 2025-2026 budget for the purpose of conducting a monthly independent community survey on policing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

15.6 GRANTS COMMITTEE

15.6.1 Less than Market Value Lease and Amending Agreement – Northwood Homecare Incorporated – 409 Glendale Drive

The following was before Council:

- Grants Committee report dated September 9, 2024 with attached staff report dated July 4, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve a less than market value lease extension and amending agreement, with terms set forth in the staff report dated July 4, 2024, with Northwood Homecare Incorporated for the premises located at 409 Glendale Drive, Lower Sackville, and authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the less than market value lease extension and amending agreement.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

15.7 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.7.1 HRTG-2024-00692: Request to Include 5450 Russell Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated September 12, 2024 with attached staff report dated August 22, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider 5450 Russell Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated August 22, 2024 as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mason

15.8 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.8.1 Councillors Russell and Blackburn – Municipally Run Events and the Annual Event Calendar

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillors Russell and Blackburn

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to write a staff report that:

- 1. Creates a policy/framework that provides clear criteria and a rationale for determining which significant events should be included in the annual municipal event calendar and be managed, either wholly or partially, by the municipality.**
- 2. Conducts a full review of the current annual event calendar and propose changes to the existing events based on new policy and framework.**
- 3. Investigates and propose methods of support for significant community-led events, such as the Sackville Tree Lighting ceremony. Support could include but not be limited to; funding options, in-kind resources, insurance provision, promotional assistance and streamlined permitting processes to help facilitate these important community events.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

15.8.2 Councillor Mancini – Special Care Shared Housing Planning Strategies

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Mancini
- Correspondence from Daniel Cyr, Colleen Upson, Donald and Catherine Kay, Gordon Organ, Suzanne LeBlanc, Amy Pauls, Maria Raffel, Andy Armstrong, Amber Doiron, Patrick Bennett

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to review the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and all applicable secondary municipal planning strategies and land use by-laws and engage with the relevant provincial departments, to assess the scale and location of shared housing with special care and return to Council with a staff report.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

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

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

Against: Councillor Austin

Not present: Mayor Savage

16. MOTIONS – NONE

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – September 3 & 10, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of September 3 & 10, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 17.2 PROPERTY MATTER and 17.6 PROPERTY MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.2 PROPERTY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report – In Camera Information Item from September 10, 2024

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated July 18, 2024

This matter was dealt with in In Camera (In Private).

17.3 PERSONNEL 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 September 10, 2024

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 September 10, 2024; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated September 10, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

17.4 LEGAL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential report dated October 1, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated October 1, 2024; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated October 1, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

17.5 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 September 20, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated September 20, 2024; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated September 20, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

17.6 PROPERTY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated September 25, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated September 25, 2024; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated September 25, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

Private and Confidential Information Items

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

18. ADDED ITEMS

18.1 Halifax Water - Cogswell District Energy System – Non-Mandatory Zone

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated September 26, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Mason

Kenda MacKenzie, Acting General Manager/CEO, Halifax Water spoke to the expansion of service to the boundary and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the Halifax Regional Water Commission to operate the Cogswell District Energy System within the “non-mandatory” connection zone as depicted in Figure 2 of the Halifax Water report dated August 28, 2024, in addition to the existing mandatory connection zone.**
- 2. Request the Mayor to write a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia requesting legislative amendments to the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter and Halifax Regional Water Commission Act, to:**
 - a. expand the boundary of the Cogswell District Energy System to include the “nonmandatory” connection zone depicted in Figure 2 of the Halifax Water report dated August 28, 2024;**
 - b. authorize the municipality to pass by-laws with respect to both the mandatory and nonmandatory connection zones; and**
 - c. extend the application of Halifax Water’s statutory limitations of liability to the provision of incidental business, including district energy services.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

18.2 Councillor Smith - Richmond Yards Building RA – Affordable Housing Units

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Smith

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report:

Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy to establish a site-specific development agreement policy for Richmond Yards Building RA on 6016 Almon Street (PID 00005181) to provide for two additional storeys in a tall mid-rise built form subject to the following requirements:

- 1. the development shall consist of no more than 12 storeys and meet the requirements of a tall mid-rise building under the Regional Centre Land Use By-law;**

2. the building shall be designed in a coordinated way with the rest of Richmond Yards development;
3. the development shall complete the active transportation connection from Clifton Street to Robie Street, located between Almon Street and St. Albans Street;
4. the development shall provide affordable dwelling units within the two additional storeys in accordance with CMHC funding;
5. the development shall meet all other applicable requirements of the land use by-law and the secondary municipal planning strategy; and

follow Administrative Order 2023-002-ADM Respecting Public Participation for Planning Documents, Certain Planning Applications, and Engagement with Abutting Municipalities for the required public participation program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

19. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of the administration, thanked the Mayor and members of Regional Council for their service to the Halifax Regional Municipality.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk