



HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

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January 14, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER – 10:02 a.m.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

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

Additions:

17.5 Property Matter – Private and Confidential Report

18.1 Councillor Smith - 5534 to 5558 Bilby Street and 2819 to 2827 Isleville Street, Halifax

*18.2 GRANTS COMMITTEE – Volunteer Search and Rescue Grants Program – Recommended Awards
Fiscal Year 2019-2020*

Council agreed to change the order of business to address item 14.1. Councillor Zurawski – Climate Action Plan Update and item 15.1.3. Second Reading Proposed By-law S-448, and Amendment to By-law S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements, after 1:00 p.m.

Council agreed to defer item 10.1 Gorsebrook Park - Park Plan to the next regular meeting of Council on January 28, 2020.

Later in the meeting, Council agreed to refer Item No 3. Memorandum from the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee dated December 18, 2019 re: Proposed Community Operated Transit Route Porters Lake to Cole Harbour for discussion at a future Budget Committee meeting (January 22, 2020).

*Agenda approved as **amended**.*

5. CONSENT AGENDA*

Council agreed to remove items 15.1.4 and 15.1.5 from the consent agenda.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve the following items: 15.2.1 and 15.4.1.

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 – December 3, 2019

10.1 Gorsebrook Park – Park Plan

This matter was **deferred further** to the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council on January 28, 2020, during the approval of the order of business.

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. PUBLIC HEARING

APPEAL HEARING – 1:00 P.M.

12.1 Appeal of the Decision of the Design Review Committee for Case 22511 – Substantive Site Plan Approval for 1144, 1148, and 1150 Barrington Street, Halifax

Motion approved that the appeal be allowed.

12.2 Case 21730 – Request to amend the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) for 205 Bedford Highway, Halifax

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law (LUB), to permit an eight-storey mixed-use building at 205 Bedford Highway, by development agreement, subject to a minimum of 18 units of affordable housing dwelling units being provided via incentive or bonus zoning, as set out in revised Attachment 1 of the Community Council report dated December 3, 2019 and Attachment B of the staff report dated October 25, 2019.

12.3 Case H00446 – Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan, By-law, and Amendments to the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council adopt the:

1. Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan and the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District By-law H-800 as contained in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated September 25, 2019, with the following amendments:

a. Delete terms “Foreign Protestant” on page 5 of the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan and replace with the terms “primarily German-speaking” and “German-speaking”, as set out in Attachment A of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019;

b. Delete Map 1, Heritage Resources, of the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan and replace with Map 1, Heritage Resources, contained in Attachment B of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019;

c. Delete heritage property inventory sheets for 1144 Barrington Street, 1146-48 Barrington Street and 1150 Barrington Street in the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan and replace with heritage property inventory sheets for 1144 Barrington Street, 1146-48 Barrington Street and 1150 Barrington Street, contained in Attachment C of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019; and

d. Delete Schedule A, Heritage Resources, of the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District By-law H-800 and replace with Schedule A, Heritage Resources, contained in Attachment D of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019.

2. Amendments to the Downtown Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law as contained in Attachments C and D of the staff report dated September 25, 2019, with the following amendments:

a. Delete Schedule E, Map 7.5, Old South Suburb Heritage Resources, contained in Attachment C of the staff report dated September 25, 2019 and replace with Schedule E, Map 7.5, Old South Suburb Heritage Resources, contained in Attachment E of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019; and
b. Delete Attachment D, amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law, contained in the staff report dated September 25, 2019 and replace with Attachment D, amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law, contained in Attachment F of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019.

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received for the following agenda items: 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, and 15.3.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

13.2 Petitions

13.2.1 Councillor Cleary

Councillor Cleary submitted a petition containing 123 signatures seeking to stop Halifax Regional Municipality from permanently restricting right hand turns onto George Dauphinee Avenue.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – December 10, 2019

14.1 Councillor Zurawski – Climate Action Plan Update

Discussion held. No further action was taken.

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Eastern Passage Weekly Collection of Recyclables

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include sufficient funding in the 2021/2022 budget cycle such that the residential recycling collection frequency can be increased from every second week to weekly for the Eastern Passage Area, including Cow Bay, to be implemented for the next Collection Request for Proposal (RFP) commencing on July 1, 2021.

15.1.2 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 1, The Procedures of the Council Administrative Order, Administrative Order 2017-005-GOV, Respecting the Advisory Committee on Accessibility in the Halifax Regional Municipality and Regional Watersheds Advisory Board Terms of Reference - The Adoption Process for the Centre Plan (Package B)

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council adopt amendments to:

- a) The Regional Watersheds Advisory Board Terms of Reference, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated October 31, 2019;
- b) Schedules 5 and 6 of Administrative Order 1, The Procedures of the Council Administrative Order, respecting the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee, and the Executive Standing Committee, as set out in Attachment D of the staff report dated October 31, 2019; and
- c) Administrative Order 2017-005-GOV, the Advisory Committee on Accessibility Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment F of the staff report dated October 31, 2019.

15.1.3 Second Reading Proposed By-law S-448, and Amendment to By-law S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve the Local Improvement Charges as outlined in Table 1 to the staff report dated September 20, 2019; and,
2. Adopt revised By-law S-448, amending By-law S-400, the Street Improvement By-law, as set out in Attachment 1 of the supplementary staff report dated November 28, 2019.

15.1.4 Scotiabank Centre (SBC) Management Agreement

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the Management Agreement with the Halifax Convention Centre Corporation carrying on business as Events East Group, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 15, 2019, for the continued management of the Scotiabank Centre; and
2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute any renewals of the Management Agreement.

15.1.5 Amended and Reinstated Award – RFP (Request for Proposal) No. 19-156 - Design-Build Fire Station No. 62 Williamswood

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council award Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 19-156, Design-Build Fire Station No. 62 Williamswood to the highest scoring proponent, Bird Construction Group, at a cost of \$4,551,041 (net HST included), with funding from Project No. CB000079 – Sambro/Harrietsfield Fire Station, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the revised report dated January 14, 2020.

15.1.6 Policing Resource Review

*Motion approved as **amended** that Halifax Regional Council:*

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to accept and implement the recommendations from the Police Service Review with the exceptions of: 1, 2, 20.
2. **Refer the Chief Administrative Officer report and accompanying in-camera information report to the Board of Police Commissioners to be taken into consideration as they prepare this year's budget and subsequent budgets.**

15.2 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Women's Advisory Committee – Establish a Staff Board*

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council establish a staff board, pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Public Appointment Policy, consisting of the Managing Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Advisor from Diversity and Inclusion, a representative from the Municipal Clerk's Office, and the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate, to review applications to the Women's Advisory Committee, and disclose to the Executive Standing Committee any relevant evaluations or references that may have been conducted.

15.3 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Vehicle for Hire Licensing Program Review – Regulating Brokers and Transportation Network Companies

*Motion approved as **amended** that Halifax Regional Council:*

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare amendments to By-law T-1000 and Administrative Order 39, to regulate Transportation Networking Companies and introduce a new licensing requirement for brokers as set out in the Discussion section of the supplementary staff report dated December 17, 2019, for Council's consideration with the following direction from;
 - a) **That the licensing fee for registering a Transportation Network Company be tiered based on the number of vehicles as follows:**
 - 1 – 10 Vehicles = \$2,000**
 - 11 – 25 Vehicles = \$5,000**
 - 26 – 100 Vehicles = \$15,000**
 - 100+ Vehicles = \$25,000**
2. Direct the Mayor write a letter to the Province to request the required amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act to enable the Municipality to charge Transportation Network Companies a per-trip fee;
3. **Request that the Chief Administrative Officer provide a supplementary report on licensing Transportation Network Companies drivers; and**

4. Request that the Chief Administrative Officer provide a supplementary report regarding a per trip fee for Transportation Network Companies in support of the Integrated Mobility Plan.

Additional motion approved that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report with respect to the restriction of vehicles permitted by Transportation Network Companies to fuel efficient and hybrid vehicles, to be considered as part of HalifACT 2050.

15.4 NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

15.4.1 Hammonds Plains Common Area Rate Request – Highland Park Rate Payer’s Association*

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Authorize a one-time contribution of \$25,000 from the Hammonds Plains Area Rate surplus to the Highland Park Rate Payer’s Association to complete the development of Timberlane Terrace Park; and
2. Authorize an additional one-time contribution of \$25,000 from the Hammonds Plains Area Rate surplus to the Highland Park Rate Payer’s Association for capital improvements to the Grant Line Trail.

15.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.5.1 Councillor Cleary – Amendments to Administrative Order 1 (AO1)

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report for an amendment to Administrative Order 1, the Procedure of the Council, section 59(1) to include Community Councils.

15.5.2 Councillor Austin - Heritage Registration Dartmouth Post Office

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report examining the potential for including the Dartmouth Post Office, PID 00108043, in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality. The report should be referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee for evaluation.

15.5.3 Councillor Hendsbee – Floating Homes Letter to the Province of Nova Scotia

Motion approved as amended that Halifax Regional Council request the Mayor send an official letter to the Minister of Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs & Housing and the Port Authority to request an immediate moratorium on Floating Homes in order for the Halifax Regional Municipality and other municipalities to get the legislative authority and regulations in place to deal with the pending phenomenon.

16. MOTIONS

16.1 Councillor Whitman

Motion approved as amended that Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report that responds to the requests by the St. Margaret’s Bay Area Rails to Trails Association, the BLT Rails to Trails Association, and the Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association that Halifax Regional Municipality takes responsibility for the operation and maintenance for the segments of active transportation multi-use pathway currently under their responsibility. The report should consider options such as HRM assuming ownership of the facilities or a Letter of Authority from the Province and consider factors such as the Provincial government position, cost, enforcement, permitted uses and other considerations to help understand the implications for the sustainability of these facilities and for Municipal responsibilities.

16.2 Councillor Cleary

Motion defeated that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on developing a policy for a “cooling off” period for elected and senior officials, as public office holders. This report should include a jurisdictional scan of best practices in Canadian municipal, provincial, and federal governments, an analysis of potential benefits and challenges, and a recommendation for an appropriate length of time that public office holders

should wait before accepting positions from businesses that do business with the municipality or submit applications for development, especially ones that they had direct and significant dealings during their time as a public office holder.

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

17.1 PROPERTY MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

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

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendation as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated December 2, 2019; and*
- 2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated December 2, 2019 to the public until the transaction has closed.*

17.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated January 7, 2020; and*
- 2. Not release the private and confidential report dated January 7, 2020 to the public.*

17.3 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendation as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated November 6, 2019; and*
- 2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated November 6, 2019 to the public.*

17.4 PROPERTY MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

*This matter was **deferred** to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Halifax Regional Council (January 28, 2020).*

17.5 PROPERTY MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private). No further action taken.

Private and Confidential Information Items:

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

18. ADDED ITEMS

18.1 Councillor Smith - 5534 to 5558 Bilby Street and 2819 to 2827 Isleville Street, Halifax

Motion approved that notwithstanding Halifax Regional Council's June 25, 2019 motion directing the Chief Administrative Officer to not accept requests for site-specific amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategies in Centre Plan Package B areas while the planning process to adopt Package B is underway, Regional Council directs the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- a) initiate a process to consider amendments to applicable Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws for 5534 to 5558 Bilby Street and 2819 to 2827 Isleville Street, Halifax. The process will consider amendments that would allow the 7 storey mixed-use development permitted within the Development Agreement originally approved by West Community Council in Case 17511, and subsequently amended by Halifax and West Community Council in Case 20326; and*

b) request staff to implement a public participation plan using community mail outs to the notification area.

18.2 GRANTS COMMITTEE - Volunteer Search and Rescue Grants Program – Recommended Awards Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve:

- 1. The awards of four (4) Operating Grants as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated July 25, 2019 for a total of \$128,921;*
 - 2. A Capital Grant in the amount of \$2,334 to the Eastern Shore Ground Search and Rescue Team; and*
 - 3. A conditional capital grant in the amount of \$10,045 to the Musquodoboit Valley Ground Search and Rescue Team to be held by HRM pending submission of documentation demonstrating an ability to complete the purchases prior to March 31, 2020;*
- for a combined total cost of \$141,300 from Operating Account C801-8004.*

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Walker

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on January 28, 2020, I propose to introduce a Policy pursuant to Section 325 of the Halifax Municipality Charter, Administrative Order SC-93, the purpose of which is to close a portion of Rosedale Avenue, Halifax described as Parcel “A.”

19.2 Councillor Walker

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on January 28, 2020, I propose to introduce Administrative Order 2019-006-ADM, Respecting Grants to Business Improvement Districts, the purpose of which is to bring the grant program in line with current practice and legislation, while repealing the Business Improvement District Contribution Fund Policy.”

19.3 Councillor Smith

“TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move that Council consider adopting, by policy, a Public Participation Program, the purpose of which is to obtain input from stakeholders and the public at large on the five-year review of the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (RMPS), and any proposed amendments to the RMPS and all secondary municipal planning strategies and land use by-laws as a result of the review.”

20. ADJOURNMENT – 11:00 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS
January 14, 2020

1. Memorandum from the Director of Legal, Municipal Clerk and External Affairs dated November 25, 2019 re: Funding for Harrietsfield Water Servicing
2. Proclamation – Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers Awareness Month – January 2020
3. Memorandum from the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee dated December 18, 2019 re: Proposed Community Operated Transit Route Porters Lake to Cole Harbour
4. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated January 6, 2020 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - Jacqueline Kinley, Lyle Mailman and Stefano Hollands