



HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

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January 28, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER – 10:00 a.m.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 26, December 3 & 10, 2019 and January 7, 2020

Approved as circulated. Minutes can be reviewed online at <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>

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

Council agreed to move item 13.3.1, 15.2.1, and 15.1.6 (respectively) following item 10.1.

*Motion **defeated** to defer item 15.1.2 until KPMG can present further details on their findings.*

Later in the meeting, Council agreed to move item 15.2.2 following item 15.1.1. Council further agreed to add a motion from Councillor Mason (item 18.1).

*Approved as **amended**.*

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Council agreed to remove items 15.1.1 and 15.2.1 from the consent agenda.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve the following items: 15.1.7, 15.2.3, and 15.5.1.

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 and January 14, 2020

10.1 Gorsebrook Park - Park Plan

*Motion **approved as amended** that Halifax Regional Council adopt the Gorsebrook Park Planning Report as a guiding document for future improvements to Gorsebrook Park **and to direct staff to consult with the community.***

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. HERITAGE HEARING – 1:00 P.M.

12.1 Case H00468 – Request to Include 26 Elliot Street, Dartmouth in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

Heritage Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve the request to include 26 Elliot Street, Dartmouth in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as a municipal heritage property without the inclusion of interior character defining elements.

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items: 10.1, 15.1.6, 15.1.4, 15.2.2, 15.3.2, and 15.4.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

13.2 Petitions

13.2.1 Deputy Mayor Blackburn

Deputy Mayor Blackburn submitted a petition containing 1193 signatures requesting the reinstatement of the seven (7) kilometers of transit service north of Kinsac Road, Beaver Bank.

13.2.2 Councillor Zurawski

Councillor Zurawski submitted a petition containing 216 signatures requesting the construction of a new playground at 187 States Lane, Beechville.

13.2.3 Councillor Streach

Councillor Streach submitted a petition containing 113 signatures requesting that Mayor Savage write a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to request the installation of a temporary “Bailey Bridge” and an expedited permanent structure replacement.

13.2.4 Councillor Cleary

Councillor Cleary submitted a petition containing 700 signatures requesting a crosswalk to be marked across Quinpool Road between Vernon Street and Monastery Lane to improve the safety of the pedestrians.

13.3 Presentations

13.3.1 Halifax Partnership

Presentation given. No further action taken.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Case 22547 – Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Amendments for Winslow Drive, Upper Tantallon

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws for Planning Districts 1 and 3 (St. Margarets Bay) and Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville to realign plan area boundaries to permit commercial development on Winslow Drive Upper Tantallon; and

2. Follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 27, 1997.

15.1.2 Human Resources Processes and Practices Review

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to accept and implement the recommendations from the KPMG Human Resources Processes and Practices Review at Halifax Regional Municipality, except for recommendations 4, 6, 9, 13 and 26.

15.1.3 Proposed Administrative Order SC-93, Respecting Closure of a Portion of Rosedale Avenue, Halifax – Declaration of Surplus Property and Street Closure - PID 40921926, Rosedale Avenue, Halifax

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Declare the portion of the Rosedale Avenue right-of-way (PID 40921926), shown as Parcel A in Attachment A of the staff report dated November 18, 2019, surplus to Municipal requirements and categorize Parcel A, as 'Extraordinary', as per Administrative Order 50; and
2. Approve Administrative Order SC-93 to close a portion of Rosedale Avenue, shown as Parcel A in Attachment B of the staff report dated November 18, 2019.

15.1.4 Proposed Administrative Order 2019-006-ADM, Respecting Grants to Business Improvement Districts

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt Administrative Order 2019-006-ADM, the Business Improvement District Grants Program Administrative Order effective on April 1, 2020, as set out in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated July 30, 2019, including repealing the BID Contribution Fund Policy.
2. Adopt the revised Business Improvement District Service Agreement as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated July 30, 2019, which incorporates
 - (a) the two-tiered approach to year-end financial reporting as directed by Council on August 19, 2019;
 - (b) the requirement that municipal funding be identified as a separate line item in the BID's statement of revenues, with a corresponding list of funded projects included in the Notes to Financial Statements;
 - (c) the requirement to disburse the installments three times per year;
3. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the amended Business Improvement Districts Service Agreements on behalf of the Municipality with all Districts currently listed in Administrative Order Number 47.
4. Refer consideration of an increase to the Business Improvement Grants Program in the amount of \$50,000 to Council's 2020/2021 budget deliberations.

15.1.5 Case 21162 - Secondary Suites and Backyard Suites

This matter was **deferred** to request a supplementary report to examine the applicability of backyard suites to townhouses and two-unit buildings within the LUB area.

15.1.6 Long-term Sustainability of the Bus Stop Theatre Cooperative

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve the provision of a one-time contribution of \$250,000.00 to the Bus Stop Theatre Co-operative towards the purchase of 2203 Gottingen Street and 2268 Maitland Street. The contribution is to be phased over two years, to be considered as part of the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 budget, conditional on:
 - a. proof of financial commitments as outlined in the Bus Stop Theatre Co-operative Feasibility Study, satisfactory to the Chief Administrative Officer, for the balance of funding for the purchase, to be provided to HRM by the Bus Stop Theatre Co-operative prior to June 1, 2020; and
 - b. the execution of a contribution agreement between HRM and the Bus Stop Theatre Co-operative in accordance with the terms as outlined in Table 5 of the staff report dated November 20, 2019.

2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer negotiate and enter into a contribution agreement with the Bus Stop Theatre Co-operative that is consistent with terms as outlined in Table 5 of the staff report dated November 20, 2019.

15.1.7 Navigator Program Multi-Year Funding

This item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve a contribution of \$60,000 to the Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission and North End Business Association for the Navigator Street Outreach Program for fiscal year 2020/2021 subject to budget approval.
2. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a Contribution Agreement between the Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission, the North End Business Association and Halifax Regional Municipality, in accordance with the key terms and conditions set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated January 7, 2020.

15.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Investing in Canada Contribution Agreement - Herring Cove Phase 2B

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

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign the attached Contribution Agreement with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, to receive \$5,778,522.00 in funding for the Herring Cove Water and Wastewater Servicing project, Phase 2B;
2. Increase capital account CS000001 – Herring Cove Servicing Phase 2B by \$5,778,522.00 with funding from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program;
3. Increase capital account CS000001 – Herring Cove Servicing Phase 2B by \$2,101,639 with funding from a Local Improvement Charge (LIC); and,
4. **Add the detailed design for Phase 4 with costs coming back to Council prior to beginning.**

15.2.2 Dartmouth Family Centre Grant Request

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve a one-time contribution to the Dartmouth Family Centre in the amount of \$80,000 from the General Contingency Reserve Q421 to fund the design and construction of an outdoor play/programming area and to assist with costs associated with kitchen appliances and kitchen equipment in association with the society's community food centre at the Primrose Plaza, 6 Primrose Street, Dartmouth, conditional upon (i) written confirmation from the property owner of permission to the Dartmouth Family Centre to install an outdoor play/programming area for the Centre on the land for a minimum term of five (5) years; (ii) the execution of a Contribution Agreement between HRM and the Dartmouth Family Centre; and (iii) the contribution being matched by a private donor.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and enter into a Contribution Agreement with the Dartmouth Family Centre in the amount of \$80,000 for the design and construction of an outdoor play/programming area and to assist with costs associated with kitchen appliances and kitchen equipment in association with the society's community food centre as set out in the discussion section of the of the staff report dated November 7, 2019, which shall be substantially of the same form as in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 7, 2019, **but incorporating the changes necessary to implement the revised value and scope of work.**

15.2.3 Solar City Program Update

This item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve an increase to the gross budget for capital account

CD990005 – Solar City Program by \$9,000,000, with repayment received from Solar City Participants for no net impact to the overall budget.

15.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Lake Banook Water Sport Park and the 2022 Canoe Sprint World Championship

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to plan for the parkland improvements as outlined in the staff report dated November 13, 2019 in support of the 2022 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships (Canoe '22) and general public parkland use; and*
- 2. Assess the need for a new Master Plan for Lake Banook, that would include all stakeholders, after Canoe '22.*

15.3.2 A Streetscaping Program Framework for the Regional Centre

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Prepare a Streetscaping Administrative Order for Council's consideration based on the framework described in the discussion section of the staff report dated November 7, 2019.*
- 2. Advance opportunities for Regional Centre streetscaping (including, but not limited to those generally described in attachment 3 of the staff report dated November 7, 2019) for consideration in future capital budgets, and to ensure the administrative order acknowledges that other streetscaping can occur outside of the Regional Centre on a case-by-case basis.*
- 3. Continue working with representatives of Nova Scotia Power and Bell Aliant to achieve funding agreements with regulatory approval, for undergrounding projects including areas beyond the existing "pole free zone".*
- 4. Explore options for a by-law to recoup all or some of the municipal portion of the capital cost to bury overhead line and return to Regional Council with a recommendation.*

15.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.4.1 Case H00470 – Evaluation of Potential Heritage Resources in Downtown Halifax – Report #1

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Set a date for heritage hearings to consider the inclusion of 1529, 1533, 1535, 1539, and 1549 Birmingham Street in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as municipal heritage properties to form the Birmingham Streetscape, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 24, 2019;*
- 2. Set a date for heritage hearings to consider the inclusion of 1520, 1526, 1528, 1530, 1532, 1534, and 1542 Queen Street in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as municipal heritage properties to form the Queen Streetscape, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 24, 2019; and*
- 3. Set a date for heritage hearings to consider the inclusion of 1545-49, 1560, 1567, 1579, and 1600 Grafton Street in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as municipal heritage properties to form the Grafton Streetscape, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 24, 2019.*

Date(s) for the Heritage Hearings to be confirmed.

15.5 SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.5.1 Downtown Dartmouth Ice Festival Funding Request

This item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve Funding Option 1 as described in the Discussion section of the November 28, 2019 staff report to the Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission (DDBC) for the Downtown Dartmouth Ice Festival in the amount of \$7,500 from the 2019/20 Community and Events Reserve, Q621; and
2. Pending final approval of the 2020/21 and the 2021/22 budgets, approve funding in the amount of \$7,500 from the Community and Events Reserve, Q621.

15.5.2 Significant Anniversary Funding Request Halifax ComedyFest

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve funding in the amount of \$12,300 to the Halifax Comedy Festival Society for the 25th Anniversary of the Halifax Comedy Fest from the Community and Events Reserve, Q621.

16. MOTIONS – NONE

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

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

17.1 PROPERTY MATTER – Private and Confidential Report – Deferred from January 14, 2020

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

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

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

17.2 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – 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 recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated January 15, 2020; and
2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated January 15, 2020 to the public.

17.3 PERSONNEL 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 recommendations as discussed during the In Camera (In Private) January 28, 2019 meeting; and
2. Not release the private and confidential report dated January 21, 2020 to the public.

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Contract Negotiations

18. ADDED ITEMS

18.1 Councillor Mason

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council request the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of Transportation Infrastructure Renewal requesting a public presentation regarding the current master plan for the Queen Elizabeth 2 Health Science Centre.

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Deputy Mayor Blackburn on behalf of Mayor Savage

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 11, 2020 I propose to move a motion requesting a staff report outlining options for a one-time capital grant of up to \$75,000 to the Mobile Food Market to assist in the purchase of a new food distribution vehicle.

19.2 Councillor Walker

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 11, 2020 I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM, Respecting Tax Relief To Non-Profit Organizations, the purpose of which is to replace Schedules 26, 27 and 30 of the Administrative Order.

19.3 Councillor Mason

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

- 1. move a motion to repeal Administrative Order 2016-003-ADM, respecting Construction Site Management; and*
- 2. introduce Administrative Order 2018-005-ADM, respecting Construction Site Management to make the Administrative Order more effective in part by being more responsive to the scale and location of a construction project in the areas of:*

- Application*
- Rodent Control*
- Community Engagement and Notification Requirements*
- Construction Site Protection and Hoarding Requirements*
- Signage Requirements*
- Tree Retention and Protection Requirements*
- Temporary Lighting Requirements*
- Sample CMP Updating*
- Housekeeping Amendments*

20. ADJOURNMENT – 5:46 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS
January 28, 2020

1. Proclamation – Bell Let's Talk Day – January 29th, 2020
2. Proclamation – Heart Month – February 2020
3. Memorandum from the Director of Planning and Development dated December 5, 2019 re: Status of Proposed Provincial Highway 113 Adjacent to Blue Mountain Birch Cove Wilderness Reserve
4. Proclamation – Professional Institute of the Public Service Day – February 6th, 2020
5. Proclamation – African Heritage Month – February 2020
6. Proclamation – International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation – February 6th, 2020
7. Memorandum from the Acting Municipal Clerk dated January 20, 2020 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None
8. Proclamation – Halifax Celtic Festival – January 29th – February 2nd, 2020
Festival celtique de Halifax – Du 29 janvier au 2 février 2020
Halifax Celtic Festival – 29 Ionawr – 2 Mis Bach 2020
Féis Cheilteach Haileafaics – Féill Bríghde (Imbolc) - 29 am Faoilleach – 2 an Gearran 2020
Féile Cheilteach Halifax – Imbolc - 29 Eanáir – 2 Feabhra, 2020
9. Memorandum from the Chair of Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated January 21, 2020 re: Investment Activities – Quarter Ending September 30, 2019