



**BUDGET COMMITTEE  
(STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BUDGET)  
MINUTES  
February 1, 2019**

PRESENT: Councillor Bill Karsten, Chair  
Mayor Mike Savage  
Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini  
Councillors: Steve Streach  
David Hendsbee  
Lorelei Nicoll  
Sam Austin  
Waye Mason  
Lindell Smith  
Shawn Cleary  
Russell Walker  
Stephen Adams  
Richard Zurawski  
Matt Whitman  
Lisa Blackburn  
Steve Craig  
Tim Outhit

STAFF: Jane Fraser, CFO, Director of Finance, Asset Management & ICT  
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor  
Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk  
Simon Ross-Siegel, 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 11:00 a.m., and Council adjourned at 1:00 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Karsten, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

## **2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

## **3. Proposed 2019-20 Multi-Year Capital Program Budget (Supplementary Report) – Deferred from January 16, 2019**

The following was before Committee of the Whole:

- A revised staff recommendation report dated November 19, 2018
- A supplemental staff recommendation report dated January 18, 2019
- Correspondence from Don Hill and Norm Collins

The Chair called three times for members of the public wishing to speak on the matter, and there were none.

It was confirmed that the motion from the January 16, 2019 Budget Committee meeting was on the floor.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, Seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT Budget Committee recommend to Halifax Regional Council to:**

- 1. a. Approve the capital budget for 2019-20 and approve, in-principle, the 2020-21 and 2021-22 capital budgets as per Attachment 1a of the revised staff report dated November 19, 2018,**  
**b. Approve the schedule of 2019-20 reserves withdrawals as per Attachment 1b of the revised staff report dated November 19, 2018, and**  
**c. Direct staff to prepare the ten-year capital plan as per Attachment 1c of the revised staff report dated November 19, 2018, as presented to the Budget Committee.**
- 2. Approve the list of 2019-20 advanced tender projects as per the revised Attachment 2 of the revised staff report dated November 19, 2018.**
- 3. Approve the list of multi-year projects as per Attachment 3 of the revised staff report dated November 19, 2018.**

In response to an enquiry, on projects in the Moving Forward Together Plan, staff clarified that though the B-list includes projects not being funded to the full amount, \$7.6 million dollars currently allocated to projects in the Moving Forward Together Plan. This means that a portion of the B-List may advance in 2019.

In reply to questions from Committee, Brad Anguish, Director of Transportation and Public Works, indicated that the A-list provides a relatively comprehensive list of capital projects which are realistically capable of being provided through capital in 2019/2020.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

**THAT the motion be amended to include the following wording, “Approve funding the Alternative Priority Projects in Attachment 4 (Attachment A of the Supplementary Staff report dated January 18, 2019) for fiscal 19/20, as described as Funding Option 1 in the Supplemental Report dated January 18, 2019.”**

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Whitman

**THAT the Budget Committee delete \$5 million for Street Recapitalization (CR000009) as described in the Supplemental Report dated January 18, 2019.**

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND DEFEATED.**

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT the Budget Committee amend the main motion on the Floor from January 16, 2019 to:**

- **remove and approve, *in-principle, 2020-21 and 2021-22 capital budgets as per Attachment 1(a)***
- **remove 1(c) *Direct staff to prepare the ten-year capital plan as per Attachment 1c of the revised staff report dated November 19, 2018, as presented to the Budget Committee of the Whole***
- **add the word “potential” into part 3 before multi-year**

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT the Budget Committee approve the following:**

- 1.a. Approve the capital budget for 2019-20 of the revised staff report dated November 19, 2018; and funding the Alternative Priority Projects in Attachment 4 (Attachment A of the Supplementary Staff report dated January 18, 2019) for fiscal 19/20, as described as Funding Option 1 in the Supplemental Report dated January 18, 2019;**
- b. Approve the schedule of 2019-20 reserves withdrawals as per Attachment 1b of the revised staff report dated November 19, 2018, and**
- 2. Deemed Moot - Ratified by Regional Council on January 29, 2019.**
- 3. Approve the list of potential multi-year projects as per Attachment 3.**

**MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon  
Municipal Clerk