



**EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Savage, Chair
Deputy Mayor Lisa Blackburn, Vice-Chair
Councillor Bill Karsten
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Russell Walker
Councillor Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillor Richard Zurawski

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Q.C., Municipal Solicitor
Liam MacSween, Acting Deputy Municipal Clerk
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 10:11 a.m. The Standing Committee reconvened at 10:25 a.m. and adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 27, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT the minutes of January 27, 2020 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence - None

10.2 Petitions - None

10.3 Presentation - None

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Revision of Taxi Appeal Process

The following was before the Executive Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 2, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Bill Karsten

THAT the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to draft amendments to By-Law T-1000, *Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis and Limousines*, and any other necessary amendments, to enable appeals to be heard by an arm's length committee consistent with the structure, composition, and operation outlined in Table 1 of the staff report dated January 2, 2020.

Meg MacDougall, Solicitor, discussed the reasoning behind the staff recommendation to replace the current system of having taxi licence appeals heard by the Appeals Committee. Discussions with the municipal clerks of several Canadian jurisdictions indicated that having taxi license appeals heard by a single appeal officer was very convenient and more efficient. A pool of three appeal officers will be appointed to the Taxi License Appeal Committee with a single officer adjudicating an appeal hearing. John Traves, Q.C., Municipal Solicitor, stated that given the low number of taxi license appeals it is the best to appoint one person to hear an appeal. Mr. Traves suggested that if the number of appeals increase Council could consider appointing additional appeal officers to hear taxi appeals.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Elections Administrative Order

The following was before the Executive Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 2, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt Administrative Order 2019-001-GOV, the *Elections Administrative Order*, as set out in Attachment 2 of this report; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to conduct a review of the administrative order after the next regular election and return to the Executive Standing Committee with their findings.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT the Executive Standing Committee convene to in camera to discuss the Personnel Matters.

14.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – January 27, 2020

The following motion was approved in public session.

Moved by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of January 27, 2020 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – *Private and Confidential Report*

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

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Executive Standing Committee:

1. Directs that action be taken as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated February 20, 2020; and

2. That the February 20, 2020 private and confidential staff report not be released to the public.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public came forward to address the Standing Committee.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 23, 2020

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant