

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES

October 31, 2011

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Kelly
Deputy Mayor Jim Smith
Councillors: Steve Streach
Bill Karsten
Russell Walker
Reg Rankin
Linda Mosher
Dawn Sloane

REGRETS: Councillor Brad Johns

STAFF: Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Halifax City Hall.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 26 & October 4, 2011

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the minutes of September 26 & October 4, 2011 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the agenda be accepted as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 2012 HRM Citizen Priority Survey

A report dated September 30, 2011 was before the Committee.

A discussion ensued regarding the report dated September 30, 2011 with Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer, and Mr. Ed Thornhill, Manager of Corporate Planning, responding to questions.

Committee members also provided feedback regarding the Survey questions.

Staff noted the Committee's feedback and suggestions and will reformat the survey as required.

7.1.2 Volunteer Awards - Update

Ms. Denise Schofield, Manager of Development Engineering, provided a verbal update on the 2012 Volunteer Awards; noting that she and Mr. Bronwyn MacKinnon, Community Developer, would have a list of nominations prepared for the February 2012 meeting.

7.2 Motion of Referral

7.2.1 Motion of Reconsideration re: Revised Administrative Order One October 4, 2011 Regional Council Meeting

A draft extract of the October 4, 2011 Regional Council minutes was before the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith that the Executive Standing Committee recommend the use of Roberts Rules of Order be followed in all cases not provided for in Administrative Order One rather than the rules of the Nova Scotia Legislature as per section 3.3. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.3 Councillor

7.3.1 Councillor Karsten - Clarification re: Revised Administrative Order One Section 25.(8)

Councillor Karsten expressed concern that Section 25.(8) of Administrative Order One creates some confusion at Council. He requested that staff, including the Municipal Clerk, provide guidance and clarification on this Section.

Councillor Karsten also requested that, when a member of Council knows in advance that they will put forward an alternative motion, notice be provided to the Clerk's Office.

Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Municipal Clerk, advised that this matter was covered in Section 25.(9) of Administrative Order One.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Walker that the Executive Standing Committee recommend:

- 1. Striking Section 25.(8) from Administrative Order One; and**
- 2. Request that staff clarify and reword Section 25.(9).**

Discussion on the motion ensued.

Mayor Kelly left the meeting at 11:13 a.m. Councillor Rankin assumed the Chair.

Ms. Murphy stated that Section 25(9) refers to situations when a Councillor knows in advance that they intend to put an alternative motion forward. She stated that the other pieces reference the development of motions throughout a meeting and that there was no intention to not allow this practice; advising that rewording Sections 25(8) and (9) may resolve the confusion surrounding these Sections of the Administrative Order.

Councillors Karsten and Walker agreed to withdraw their motion and allow staff to provide further clarification and rewording for Sections 25(8) and (9).

8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – November 28, 2011

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant