

# HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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## HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES January 25, 2000

PRESENT: Mayor Walter Fitzgerald  
Deputy Mayor John Cunningham  
Councillors: Stephen Streach  
Gordon R. Snow  
Keith Colwell  
Ron Cooper  
Jack Greenough  
Condo Sarto  
Bruce Hetherington  
Clint Schofield  
Jerry Blumenthal  
Graham L. Downey  
Sue Uteck  
Sheila Fougere  
Russell Walker  
Bill Stone  
Graham Read  
Stephen D. Adams  
David Merrigan  
Bob Harvey  
Peter Kelly  
Reg Rankin  
Jack Mitchell

ABSENT: Councillor: Harry McInroy (Regrets)

STAFF MEMBERS: Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Patti Halliday, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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**1. INVOCATION**

Mayor Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Invocation.

**2. PROCLAMATIONS - None**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None**

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

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 12.1 Councillor Walker
  - i. Clearing of Bus Shelters
  - ii. Parking Tickets During Storms
  - iii. Snow Around Fire Hydrants
- 12.2 Councillor Rankin - Trinity United Church - Timberlea
- 12.3 Legal Matter - Halifax International Airport Authority
- 12.4 Councillor Cooper - Information Item #3: HRM Population and Employment Trends 1971 to 1996 Report and Information Item #4: Which Way Should Metro Grow? (Dal/Tech Regional Planning Symposium Proceedings)
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- 12.7 Councillor Schofield - Street Lights in Wallis Heights
- 12.8 Councillor Merrigan - Walkways
- 12.9 Councillor Downey - Community Satellite Police Station, Gottingen Street
- 12.10 Councillor Sarto - Staff Presentation re: Information Item #3 - HRM Population and Employment Trends 1971 to 1996 Report

Councillor Fougere requested that Item 11.1 Motion - HRM Real Estate Division Presentations be deferred for two weeks.

Councillor Read requested that Information Item #7 - Traffic Issues - District 17 be added to the February 1, 2000 Regular Council Agenda.

**MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Hetherington that the Order of Business and Additions and Deletions be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - None**

**6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - None**

**7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - None**

**8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS**

**9.1 Petitions**

**9.1.1 Councillor Uteck - Traffic Lights and Connaught Avenue and Jubilee Road**

Councillor Uteck submitted an additional 75 names to the on-going petition with respect to the traffic lights at Connaught Avenue and Jubilee Road, bringing the total number of signatures to 2,925.

**10. REPORTS**

**10.1 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**10.1.1 Councillor Merrigan - Stop Lights - Corner of Sackville Drive & Sackville Cross Roads**

Councillor Merrigan requested a staff report with respect to the corner of Sackville Drive & Sackville Cross Roads. The Councillor noted it is his understanding that a traffic calming study will be conducted at this location, and stated he would like to have a staff report before this study commences.

Council agreed to the request for a staff report.

**10.1.2 Councillor Fougere - Formation of a Regional Transit & Transportation Advisory Committee**

Councillor Fougere requested a staff report from Metro Transit and Traffic and Transportation Services with respect to the formation of a regional transit and transportation advisory committee. The Councillor stated she is looking for some alternatives to the recently disbanded Halifax Transit Advisory Committee. The report is to include a potential mandate for such a committee and possible suggestions for membership composition. Councillor Fougere requested that this report come back to Council as a regular agenda item.

Council agreed to the request for a staff report.

**10.1.3 Councillor Schofield - Snow Clearing, District 9**

Councillor Schofield expressed concern with sidewalk snow clearing in District 9, stating he believes staff have not been provided with the necessary tools required to do this work properly. The Councillor stated he had no concerns with snow clearing on the streets, stating staff did a good job in this area. However, Councillor Schofield noted the residents of Dartmouth pay an area rate to have their sidewalks cleared and this is not being adequately done in District 9. Councillor Schofield requested a staff report with respect to this issue and is to include a review of the amount of snow removal equipment and personnel working in District 9, and to explore the possibility of employing private contractors to perform snow removal service for some of the smaller narrow streets in the area. Mr. Kulvinder Dhillon, Director, Engineering and Transportation Services, stated this can be looked at by staff.

Council agreed to the request for a staff report.

**10.1.4 Councillor Streach - Musquodoboit Harbour Planning Strategy**

Councillor Streach requested a staff report with respect to the next phase of the Musquodoboit Trailway extension. The Councillor stated that, unlike the first phase, the right-of-way for Phase 2 runs directly through the commercial and residential heart of the community. The plan also calls for the trail to cross the busy Hwy. 357. A recently formed community association raised concerns with Councillor Streach, and they are lobbying to have Phase 2 of this project re-evaluated and to have sent a letter to the Minister of Natural Resources requesting that this section of the abandoned railway bed be returned to the abutting landowners. Councillor Streach stated there are different opinions regarding the effect this project will have on development, and, therefore, he requested a staff report on this matter to include the following:

- 1) An opinion on the impact of such a project on the future development of adjacent properties and Musquodoboit Harbour in general.

- 2) Advice on how the community could set up a community planning strategy to set guidelines and put policies in place to prevent a similar situation from occurring again in the future.

Council agreed to the request for a staff report.

**10.2 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**10.2.1 Tender 99-228 Hines Road - Trunk Sanitary Sewer Replacement**

- A staff report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for consideration.

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Sarto that:**

1. **Council authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$92,995.00 from Account No. CRESPOOL, the Capital Pool to Capital Account No. CSR00624, Hines Road - Trunk Sanitary Sewer Replacement.**
2. **Council award Tender No. 99-228, Hines Road - Trunk Sanitary Sewer Replacement to Ocean Contracting Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$443,249.56, and a Total Project Cost of \$509,737.00, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the staff report dated January 12, 2000.**

In response to a question of Councillor Walker, Mr. Dhillon clarified that there are some funds in the capital pool which relate to the wastewater charge.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.2.2 Proposed Administrative Order**

- A staff report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for consideration.

**MOVED by Councillors Cunningham and Blumenthal that Regional Council adopt the proposed Cemetery Administrative Order #20. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.2.3 By-Law Number S-403, Respecting Local Improvement Charges - Les Collins Avenue Road Upgrade**

- A staff report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for consideration.

**MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Streach that Council approve, in principle, the adoption of By-Law Number S-403 Respecting Local Improvement Charges - Les Collins Avenue Road Upgrade, and also give Notice of Motion to begin the formal adoption process. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Colwell served a Notice of Motion for First Reading of By-Law Number S-403 Respecting Local Improvement Charges - Les Collins Avenue Road Upgrade (see Item 13.1)

**10.2.4 By-Law Number S-404, Respecting Local Improvement Charges, New Paving Projects Outside the Core Area - 1998**

- A staff report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for consideration.

**MOVED by Councillors Colwell and Hetherington that Council approve, in principle, the adoption of By-Law Number S-404 Respecting Local Improvement Charges, New Paving Projects Outside the Core Area - 1998, and also give Notice of Motion to begin the formal adoption process. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

At a later point in the meeting, Councillor Rankin served a Notice of Motion for First Reading of By-Law S-404, Respecting Local Improvement Charges, New Paving Projects Outside the Core Area - 1998 (see Item 13.5)

**10.2.5 Sign Encroachment - 1119 Bedford Highway**

- A staff report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for consideration. The report recommended that Council approve Sign Permit Application No. 13481 to construct an encroaching illuminated sign measuring 5'0" by 4'0" by 8'0" in height at 1119 Bedford Highway.

Councillor Kelly requested that this matter be deferred for two weeks to allow staff the opportunity to provide additional information to respond to the following points raised by Councillor Kelly:

- 1) What is the exact location of the proposed sign?
- 2) Does it have any influence or impact on the proposed completion of the Mainstreet Program which was implemented several years ago?



- 3) Is the sign contrary to two sections of the Land Use By-Law under ground signs?

**MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Blumenthal that this matter be deferred for two weeks to allow for additional information.**

Councillor Cooper requested that the staff report include information regarding how long the present mobile sign has been in place, and if the word “construct” means the erection of a ground sign, including a concrete base, which is a completely different type of sign than what is currently in place.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.2.6 Transfer of Governance Responsibility for Defined Contribution Pension Plans to the Halifax Regional Municipality Pension Plan**

- A staff report prepared for George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for consideration.

**MOVED by Councillors Colwell and Stone that the Halifax Regional Municipality Pension Committee be the designated administrator of the defined contribution pension plans consistent with their role in respect of the Halifax Regional Municipality Pension Plan. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11. MOTIONS**

**11.1 Councillor Fougere - HRM Real Estate Division Presentations**

- “Make it policy for the HRM Real Estate Division to provide, as part of their presentations to HRM Council, videographic or at very least, comprehensive photographic representation of any HRM property recommended for sale.”

During the Approval of the Order of Business, this item was deferred for two weeks, at the request of Councillor Fougere

**12. ADDED ITEMS**

**12.1 Councillor Walker**

**(i) Clearing of Bus Shelters**

Councillor Walker expressed concern with the process of snow removal at bus shelters, noting he has received many calls from seniors in his District regarding this matter, stating riders are being dropped off anywhere from 100 to 200 feet from the intersection of a street

and have to walk along the street to get to the sidewalk. Mr. Dhillon stated bus shelters are third priority in the Council approved snow removal policy. He noted it has been difficult to get all the bus shelters cleared completely due to the amount of snow that has fallen in such a short time period, but staff are clearing them as quickly as possible. Councillor Walker requested that staff commence clearing bus shelters in District 15 first, after one or two storms, and then continue on to other Districts, as it has taken four days to get these shelters cleared. It was agreed that staff would look into the Councillor's suggestion.

**(ii) Parking Tickets During Storms**

Councillor Walker advised Council that he has received a report from staff in response to his earlier request regarding the number of parking tickets issued during the snowstorm of January 17, 2000. The Councillor stated he is not completely satisfied with the report, noting he has heard rumours that all the 207 tickets were given out in District 15. Councillor Walker stated he requested a report from Police Services with respect to the breakdown of where these tickets were issued, and they have advised they cannot provide this specific information, only the total number of tickets issued.

Councillor Walker expressed concern that he is getting the impression that the change implemented in the overnight parking ban is being applied to District 15 only.

Councillor Walker noted that some residents were ticketed in the late evening, yet the streets were not plowed until late in the afternoon of the following day. The Councillor questioned the rationale for ticketing vehicles on these streets, stating there should be some relationship between the timing of ticketing and the time of the snow removal.

Councillor Walker stated he is still waiting for a report, which he previously requested, regarding how many tickets were issued in the former County.

With respect to parking meters, Councillor Walker questioned why cars at meters are being ticketed when the snow is not cleared around the meters to provide access for the drivers to put the money in them.

Councillor Walker also expressed concern with the large number of tickets issued around the Metro Centre last week during the hockey game, suggesting tickets should not have been issued until after 10 p.m.

Councillor Walker requested a staff report to address these concerns. Council agreed to the request for a staff report.

Further discussion ensued with respect to snow clearing related matters.

Councillor Blumenthal stated a higher priority needs to be given to the clearing of bus areas, so more people can use transit service during storms. With respect to snow clearing of streets, the Councillor commended staff for their excellent work.

Councillor Stone also expressed concern with the snow clearing of bus shelters, and suggested students could be hired to perform this work. Councillor Stone inquired who should be called when there is a concern with respect to clearing of bus shelters. Mr. Dhillon replied that the regular snow line number of the Works Division is the number to be used.

Councillor Adams noted the only change that has occurred in the policy is the removal of the overnight winter parking ban. With respect to ticketing vehicles, this is covered under provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act and is independent of the snow removal policy.

Councillor Cooper stated an effort needs to be made to implement the ticketing and towing policy to show the Municipality is serious about getting the streets cleared in an orderly fashion, and it is expected that the residents will cooperate. The Councillor expressed concern with the private companies plowing snow onto the sidewalks where the plows have already been, which forces people into the streets and the plows to return the re-clear the sidewalk. As a result, the clearing of other areas is delayed. Councillor Cooper requested if there is not already a provision to issue tickets in these instances, that staff be directed to bring one forward.

Councillor Harvey suggested private contractors should have been brought in early last week to assist with the snow removal efforts, as some areas were not cleared until after the three storms had ended. With respect to bus shelters in District 20, the Councillor stated most of them have were not cleared during the three recent storms. Transit users have suggested that the sidewalk plows could clear out the shelters in the process of clearing the sidewalks, rather than coming back later. Councillor Harvey echoed Councillor Cooper's concerns with private contractors pushing the snow onto the sidewalks, and stated this needs to be addressed. The Councillor noted he also received two compliments from residents with respect to the snow clearing of the streets.

Councillor Harvey suggested the process of putting out contracts for sidewalk clearing in places like Sackville needs to be investigated, suggesting the contract is not attractive enough and that is why there has not been much response.

Councillor Downey noted there are a number of narrow streets in his District, and expressed concern with the difficulty of emergency vehicles accessing these streets. The Councillor suggested parking should be banned from one side of these streets during the winter. Mr. Dhillon replied that staff is the process of putting up temporary "no parking"

signs on some of these streets. Mr. Dhillon also noted staff is looking at pushing back or removing some of the snow throughout the Municipality.

In response to a question of Councillor Read, Mr. Dhillon stated staff can look at implementing a procedure for bus shelters to be followed shortly after the first priority streets.

Responding to a question of Councillor Schofield, Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, stated HRM receives the funds from the tickets issued during snowstorms as the Municipality is performing the enforcement and prosecutions.

Councillor Fougere inquired what will staff do with the excess snow if the current weather trend continues. Mr. Dhillon replied this is being examined, and suggested some of it may need to be transported away from various areas of the Municipality. Councillor Fougere appealed to the public to refrain from parking on the streets until they are finished being cleared.

Councillor Kelly reported that during the last storm he only received one phone call. The Councillor expressed thanks to staff, stating they have addressed his concerns with regards to the side streets. Councillor Kelly complimented staff on the snow removal on streets, but expressed concern with sidewalks, walkways and intersections. The Councillor noted snow banks at intersections throughout HRM are getting quite high creating visibility difficulties for drivers. Councillor Kelly requested that staff take this into consideration when deciding to remove snow from various areas. With respect to walkways, Councillor Kelly stated school areas do not appear to be receiving the necessary concentration, and suggested extra contractors could assist in this matter. In response, Mr. Dhillon stated extra equipment has been very difficult to obtain, but staff is continuing to try to access extra resources and equipment.

Councillor Sarto stated vehicles in his District were either towed or ticketed, and he advised those who complained that there is a law and it needs to be enforced. With respect to sidewalk plowing, the Councillor noted there were three storms back to back and staff did not have enough time to clear the sidewalks between the storms. Councillor Sarto commended staff for the work they are doing in this regard.

Councillor Hetherington also expressed congratulations to staff for their snow removal work, but stressed the need to have the storm drains cleared immediately due to the sudden change in the weather to prevent excessive flooding problems.

Councillor Colwell noted he did not receive any complaints regarding streets in his District that are maintained by HRM. However, the Councillor noted he received numerous calls regarding provincial roads. Councillor Colwell requested that a letter be sent from the

Mayor to the Minister of Transportation and Public Works requesting that better snow removal service be provided on provincial roads in District 3, noting some of these roads have had no salt or sand put on them, and some areas had ice that was two or three inches thick. The Councillor also stated that Highway 107 was not plowed properly during and after the snowstorms, resulting in several accidents. Mayor Fitzgerald agreed to send the letter.

Councillor Mitchell also expressed thanks to staff for the excellent snow removal work last week.

Councillor Streach noted the Department of Transportation and Public Works maintains most of the roads in District 1. The Councillor stated, for the most part, he received no complaints regarding snow removal in Sheet Harbour and the Musquodoboit Valley, and only a few complaints, which are currently being resolved, from the Chezzetcook area. Based on past experience, Councillor Streach stated snow removal is a difficult job at the best of times, and staff is doing the best they can and he commended them for that.

Councillor Stone expressed concern with residents who live on corner lots getting an excessive amount of snow from the street in their driveway when the plow makes the turn. Councillor Stone echoed Councillor Kelly's concerns with respect to sight visibility at various corners, stating this is safety issue that needs to be addressed.

Councillor Blumenthal expressed concern for the disabled community, stating the Municipality needs to ensure that corners are cleared properly so they can benefit from the snow plowing.

**(iii) Snow Around Fire Hydrants**

Councillor Walker expressed concern regarding snow removal around fire hydrants, noting there are many in his District that are snow covered creating a safety hazard. Mr. Kulvinder Dhillon responded that the Halifax Regional Water Commission is responsible for this and he will follow up on this with the General Manager.

**12.2 Councillor Rankin - Trinity United Church - Timberlea**

Councillor Rankin submitted correspondence from the Trinity United Church with respect to a request to the proposed capital budget project for the realignment of St. Margaret's Bay Road. The Church is requesting that consideration be given for adequate signage to reflect the change in its entrance due to the realignment. Councillor Rankin requested that staff be directed to prepare a report to consider this request with the view of providing signage as the realignment is an HRM project.

Councillor Hetherington requested that the report include information on whether or not the Municipality pays for such signage when streets are realigned.

**MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Mitchell that this matter be referred to staff for a report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12.3 Legal Matter - Halifax International Airport Authority**

- This matter was discussed during an In Camera session held prior to the Regular Session, and was now before Council for ratification.

**MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Hetherington that Regional Council rescind Recommendation #1 of the January 19, 1999 motion seeking a change to the HRM Act and authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an airport development agreement with the Halifax International Airport Authority pursuant to Section 56(1) of the Municipal Government Act, such agreement providing for an airport development grant for the proportion of the taxation year 1999/2000 from the date of transfer and the full taxation years 2000/01, 2001/02, 2002/03 in an amount equal to the amount by which actual taxes on those properties assessed to the Federal Government as at January 1, 1999, for each taxation year exceed \$538,898.00, with the development grant amount being approved annually upon submission by the HIAA of the details of development activities.**

Councillor Kelly expressed concerns with regard to HRM having to lose revenue because of this particular agreement. The Councillor inquired if this motion is adopted, can Section 6 of the agreement, with respect to an Airport Improvement Fee, be implemented. Mr. Meech noted the agreement was already approved by Council, and this is just the means to achieve it. In response to Councillor Kelly's question, Mr. Anstey stated as soon as the agreement is signed, Section 6 could be implemented.

Councillor Kelly inquired if a report could be brought back regarding what process can be taken to implement Section 6 and to request the Airport Authority to implement such a fee. Mr. Meech replied it was always part of the negotiation criteria established by the Airport Authority that its preferred position was not to be put in the position to have to charge a transfer tax. Section 6 was put in the agreement to give the Municipality the ability to influence that decision, but it was more on the basis that HRM was not interested in having the transfer tax put in place. Mr. Meech noted the final determination of what the assessment will be has not yet been made as the Federal government has appealed it.

In response to a suggestion of Councillor Greenough, Mr. Reg Ridgley, Manager, Revenue and Process Audit, reviewed the financial implications of the agreement, noting the taxes

will be fixed at \$528,000 as of January 1, 1999. Any future improvements that the Airport Authority performs to any of the properties, will be fully taxable.

Councillor Greenough spoke in support of the motion stating it is the best option in terms of HRM's financial contribution.

Responding to a question of Councillor Read, Mr. Ridgley stated the Airport Authority, as of January 1, 1999, stated 25 percent of all traffic leaving the airport from Halifax is local, and the rest of the traffic is moving through Halifax from other destinations.

Councillor Stone spoke in support of the motion, stating the Municipality cannot take the chance of allowing the airport to be moved or closed.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.4 Councillor Cooper - Information Item #3: HRM Population and Employment Trends 1971 to 1996 Report and Information Item #4: Which Way Should Metro Grow? (Dal/Tech Regional Planning Symposium Proceedings)**

Councillor Cooper stated these two Information Reports give a fair picture of what has been happening in the Municipality with respect to population and business over the last 25 years. The Councillor requested a further staff report on how Council can be updated and given briefings on these Information Reports, and how it is planned to put them all together in the regional planning and visioning project.

Mr. Meech suggested Committee-of-the-Whole meetings could be held from time to time to give Council the opportunity to benefit from this information in a summary report. He agreed staff will bring a report back to Council with a suggested plan to coordinate and disseminate the information.

**12.5 Councillor Adams - Chebucto Head Road**

Councillor Adams requested a staff report with respect to HRM's role for future plowing and maintenance of the Chebucto Head Road, noting that DFO is no longer taking responsibility for the job of snow removal from this street.

**12.6 Councillor Blumenthal - Report from Taxi Committee re: Taxi Limitations**

Councillor Blumenthal requested a staff report from the Taxi Committee next month with respect to taxi license limitations, stating he has received a lot of calls from residents experiencing difficulty obtaining taxis during the evening hours. The Councillor requested

that the report examine the possibility of adding taxis, even if it is only for the evening hours, as this is when the problem mainly occurs.

**12.7 Councillor Schofield - Street Lights in Wallis Heights**

Councillor Schofield requested a letter be sent to Nova Scotia Power Corporation expressing concern with street lighting in Wallis Heights. The Councillor noted there are 10-12 light standards that are not working and the lighting is inadequate for the streets. Councillor Schofield stated a letter regarding this issue was sent to Nova Scotia Power about a year ago, and they indicated they would be upgrading the lighting in this area, but it has not yet occurred.

Council agreed to the request for a letter.

**12.8 Councillor Merrigan - Walkways**

Councillor Merrigan stated he received over 200 phone calls with respect to snow removal on walkways and sidewalks in the school districts in his area. The Councillor expressed appreciation of the fact that staff are working hard, but stated this type of problem cannot be accepted, as it is a serious safety concern as the children are being forced to walk on the roads to get back and forth from school. Councillor Merrigan asked staff for some assistance to resolve this problem. Mr. Dhillon agreed there was a problem in the Sackville area, and noted some broken down equipment attributed to it. With the recent repair of this equipment, Mr. Dhillon stated service in this area should be brought back up to an acceptable standard.

Councillor Merrigan suggested there should be a priority placed on walkways and requested that staff examine this in a report back to Council. Councillor Harvey echoed Councillor Merrigan's concerns, noting the walkways in these areas serve as sidewalks and keep the children off the roads, and, therefore need to be a priority.

Council agreed to the request for a report.

**12.9 Councillor Downey - Community Satellite Police Station, Gottingen Street**

Councillor Downey requested a staff report from Police Services as soon as possible with respect to increased police manpower on Gottingen Street due to the proposed closure of the community satellite station. The Councillor stated manpower on the street should be increased due to this pending closure.

Council agreed to the request for a report.



**12.10 Councillor Sarto - Staff Presentation re: Information Item #3 - HRM Population and Employment Trends 1971 to 1996 Report**

Councillor Sarto requested a staff presentation at some point in time with respect to the above Information Report. Council agreed to the request.

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**13.1 Councillor Colwell - First Reading, By-Law S-403**

**TAKE NOTICE** that at the next regular Regional Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, the **1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2000**, I propose to introduce for First Reading, By-Law Number S-403, Respecting Local Improvement Charges Les Collins Avenue Road Upgrade, the purpose of which is to amend By-Law Number S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements, by imposing Local Improvement Charges for new paving for properties on Les Collins Avenue, West Chezzetcook.

**13.2 Councillor Mitchell - Assessment of Properties within HRM**

**TAKE NOTICE** that at the next meeting of Regional Council to be held on **February 1, 2000**, I intend to introduce a motion requesting a letter be sent to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs requesting clarification of the procedure followed to assess properties within Halifax Regional Municipality, and why some of the residences in District 23 have increases (St. Margaret's Bay/Prospect) as high as 46% to 50% and received tax bills in late December 1999.

**13.3 Councillor Mitchell - Safety Improvements to Route 333**

**TAKE NOTICE** that at the next meeting of Regional Council to be held on **February 1, 2000**, I intend to introduce a motion requesting a letter be sent to the Hon. Ron Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works, regarding urgent safety improvements to Route 333, Prospect Road from Goodwood to the St. Margaret's Bay Road (approximately 2.5km), and also for an update on the second phase of the Highway 103 twinning. Further, the Minister be requested to meet with Councillors Mitchell and Rankin to discuss ways to resolve the safety concerns as soon as possible.

**13.4 Councillor Read - No Scent Policy**

**TAKE NOTICE** that at the next regular meeting of the Halifax Regional Council to be held on **1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2000**, I intend to introduce a motion to have the "no scent" policy, now in place for workplaces of Halifax Regional Municipality, extended to apply to public areas in Municipal buildings, including the Council Chamber and other meeting rooms.

**13.5 Councillor Rankin - First Reading By-Law S-404**

**TAKE NOTICE** that at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on **Tuesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February**, I propose to introduce for First Reading, By-Law Number S-404, Respecting Local Improvement Charges New Paving Projects Outside the Core Area - 1998, the purpose of which is to amend By-Law Number S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements, by imposing Local Improvement Charges for new paving for properties on Halfway Lake Drive, Nottingham Drive, Oakridge Drive, Two Rivers Drive, Deerwood Drive, Terry Court and Brian Andrews Drive.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Councillors Blumenthal and Hetherington that the meeting adjourn at 7:40 p.m. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vi Carmichael  
Municipal Clerk