

# HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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## HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES April 4, 2000

PRESENT:

Mayor Walter Fitzgerald  
Deputy Mayor John Cunningham  
Councillors: Stephen Streach  
Gordon R. Snow  
Keith Colwell  
Ron Cooper  
Harry McInroy  
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

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.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Mayor Fitzgerald noted that the official opening of the Mission to Seafarers took place earlier in the day.

Councillor Streach expressed congratulations to the Eastern Shore Bantam Triple A Mariners, who recently won a gold medal at Lake Placid, competing against teams from all across the United States and Canada. It was agreed that a congratulatory letter from Council would be sent to the team.

**2. PROCLAMATIONS**

**2.1 Volunteer Week**

Mayor Fitzgerald proclaimed April 9 - 15, 2000 as Volunteer Week in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

**2.A Tall Ships Presentation - Hon. Alan R. Abraham and Mr. Bob Stapells**

- Background Information from the HRM Logistics Committee regarding Tall Ships 2000 and an Event List, as of March 20, 2000, were circulated to Council.

The Hon. Alan R. Abraham and Mr. Bob Stapells made a presentation to Council regarding Tall Ships 2000. A brief video was shown to illustrate some of the Tall Ships events. Some points made during the presentation were as follows:

- Tall Ships 2000 will bring 150 tall ships, with 5,000 crew members from 23 countries, to Nova Scotia.
- Of the 150 tall ships, 26 will be Class A tall ships.
- Tall Ships 2000 will require approximately 1,200 volunteers.
- The event is expected to draw 750,000 people to the Halifax waterfront over the five day period.
- It is estimated that close to \$23 million in total spending will be generated in Nova Scotia by Tall Ships 2000.

Mr. Stapells updated Council on the work of the HRM Logistics Committee referring to a map of the Tall Ships Promenade to illustrate the berthing locations of the ships (copies of which were circulated to Council.) In his presentation, Mr. Stapells noted the berthing

specifications required that all ships must be in the same area which precluded the Committee from choosing berthing locations in different areas throughout HRM.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Abraham and Mr. Stapells for their presentation, and expressed congratulations and appreciation to them and the Committee on their work for this major tourism event.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 21, 2000**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Cunningham and Councillor Fougere that the minutes of March 21, 2000 be approved, as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 12.1 Councillor Blumenthal - Lanes Between Bilby and Almon Streets
- 12.2 Councillor Uteck - Downtown Halifax Business Commission - Fred the Bus
- 12.3 Report - Case 00241: Amendment to Development Agreement, 6955 Bayers Road, Halifax

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

**5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

**7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE**

**8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

**8.1 Business Improvement Districts - Renewal of Service Agreements (Project 00102)**

- A Supplementary Report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration. The report recommended that Council approve a three-year extension to the Service

Agreements with the Dartmouth Downtown Development Corporation, the Downtown Halifax Business Commission, and the Spring Garden Area Business Association. Council will annually approve the budget and activity plan for each Business Improvement District.

Councillor Hetherington spoke in support of Alternative 1 in the Supplementary Report, which suggested a mail out ballot or plebiscite be conducted annually to determine consensus on proposed levy rates. However, the Councillor suggested that this would only need to occur every four years, rather than annually, to coincide with the municipal elections.

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Cooper that Council approve the extension to the Service Agreements with the Dartmouth Downtown Development Corporation, the Downtown Halifax Business Commission, and the Spring Garden Area Business Association, and require a mail-out ballot, or plebiscite, be conducted every four years, in conjunction with the municipal elections, to determine consensus on proposed levy rates.**

Councillor Downey noted the Spring Garden Road Area Business Association already held its annual meeting last week to set forth the area rate and the budget.

Mr. Austin French, Regional Coordinator, Planning Services, and Mr. MacKinnon, Executive, Spring Garden Road Area Business Association, noted the supplementary report indicates that at anytime if 51 percent of the membership of BIDC wishes to bring the issue forward to Council, this can be done through a petition.

Councillor Greenough spoke in support of the staff recommendation, stating the Executives of the BIDCs have indicated that they believe the more appropriate forum for this issue would be an annual general meeting. The Councillor noted he has not heard any negative feedback with the current process, and, therefore, cannot support the motion on the floor.

Speaking against the motion, Deputy Mayor Cunningham stated an annual meeting provides more opportunity for discussion and debate, and noted that he, too, has not received any complaints about the current process.

Councillor Uteck also spoke against the motion and reiterated Mr. French's comments that there already is a mechanism in place if there is a problem.

Responding to a question of Councillor Cooper, Mr. French reviewed the operating cost information contained in Attachment 1 of the original staff report relating to this issue.

Although he did not have the exact figures, Mr. French stated the vast majority of the funds come from the area rate.

Speaking against the motion, Councillor Sarto stated there is already a good and fair mechanism in place.

Responding to a question of Councillor Schofield regarding salaries, Mr. French stated he did not have that information with him this evening; however, he noted that this information is presented to Council each year prior to approving the area rate.

Closing the debate, Councillor Hetherington requested, if this motion is defeated, that Council receive the minutes of the annual meetings of the BIDs.

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.**

**MOVED by Councillors Downey and Uteck that Council approve a three-year extension to the Service Agreements with the Dartmouth Downtown Development Corporation, the Downtown Halifax Business Commission, and the Spring Garden Area Business Association. Council will annually approve the budget and activity plan for each Business Improvement District. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**9.1 Petitions**

**9.1.1 Councillor Harvey - Riverside Drive**

Councillor Harvey submitted a petition, on his own behalf and that of Councillor Merrigan, from several hundred residents requesting safer conditions for students of Sycamore Lane Elementary School walking along and crossing Riverside Drive. The residents are requesting a sidewalk on the north side of Riverside Drive and improvements to the crossing situation, such as a flashing red light.

**9.1.2 Councillor Read - Pesticides**

Councillor Read submitted a petition containing 144 signatures and 50 letters in support of restricting the use of pesticides.

**9.2 Presentations**

**9.2.1 Mr. Rod MacLean - Purcell's Cove Millennium Reunion**

- Correspondence dated March 29, 2000 from Lynne Simpson, Member, Purcell's Cove Millennium Reunion Committee, was before Council.
- Information regarding the Purcell's Cove Millennium Reunion was circulated to Council.

Mr. Rod MacLean and Mr. Andrew Murphy made a brief presentation to Council regarding the Purcell's Cove Millennium Reunion, and expressed thanks to HRM for its support though the HRM 2000 Millennium Fund.

**10. REPORTS**

**10.1 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**10.1.1 Councillor Fougere**

**i) Notices Posted on Utility Poles, Quinpool Road**

Councillor Fougere requested a staff report indicating what policies are in place to reduce the number of advertisements and flyers that are attached to the various poles on Quinpool Board. The Councillor noted she has received a number of calls from concerned businesses and residents regarding the proliferation of notices being posted on utility poles. Councillor Fougere inquired if there is a by-law that addresses this, what action can be taken to alleviate the problem, and how can people be made responsible for these signs or how can they be eliminated altogether. Councillor Blumenthal expressed concern with signs from roofing and siding companies being nailed to HRM trees, and Councillor McInroy expressed concern with signs on lamp posts on Barrington Street.

It was agreed that the matter be referred to staff for a report.

**ii) Growing Number of Rickshaw Operators**

Councillor Fougere requested a staff report to indicate what policies are presently being enforced to regulate the growing number of rickshaw operators in the downtown area, to resolve some of the recent problems that have been arising in this business, such as no specified staging areas and arguments over appropriate locations.

It was agreed that the matter be referred to staff for a report.



**10.1.2 Councillor McInroy**

**i) Cat By-Law**

Councillor McInroy expressed concern with the repeated delays of a Cat By-Law coming before Council. The Councillor requested a specific date for the presentation of the proposed Cat By-Law to Council. Mr. Peter James, Regional Coordinator, By-Law Enforcement, indicated that the report would be forthcoming in 2-3 weeks.

**ii) Cow Bay Road - Water and Sewer Charges**

Councillor McInroy stated that charges for water and sewer services billed to Cow Bay Road property owners in early March were drastically greater than they had been advised in writing that they would be when the project commenced prior to amalgamation. The Councillor stated that frontage charges in 1994 were estimated at \$40.00 with free lateral and no acreage charge. After encountering rock during construction, staff allegedly indicated a charge of \$50.00 - \$60.00 per front foot to a maximum of \$65.00 per front foot total cost per property. Councillor McInroy stated the charges billed in 2000 were \$65.00 frontage, \$2,700.00 for the lateral and \$2,100.00 per acre of area. The Councillor noted he has already requested a staff report on the chronology of events around this project, particularly those with financial impacts. The Councillor also requested that, as part of this report, the Chief Administrative Officer review the fairness of the increased financial burden applied to Cow Bay Road property owners.

It was agreed that the matter be referred to staff for a report.

**10.1.3 Councillor Kelly - Board/Committees/Commissions - Public/Private Designation**

Councillor Kelly requested a staff report to indicate which Boards/Committees/Commissions staff and/or Council consider to be open or closed to the public; and, subsequently, if there are any that are deemed to be closed, the reasons why they are deemed such.

It was agreed that the matter be referred to staff for a report.

**10.1.4 Councillor Sarto - Children's Playground Equipment - Woodlawn**

Councillor Sarto requested a staff report regarding the reinstatement of the children's playground equipment in the Woodlawn community which was lost as a result of the demolition of the Penhorn School and the property later being sold to Chrysler Canada.

It was agreed that the matter be referred to staff for a report.

## **10.2 REGIONAL TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMITTEE**

### **10.2.1 First Reading - Taxi License Renewals - By-Law T-111**

- A report from the Taxi and Limousine Committee, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration. Notice of Motion of First Reading was given by Councillor Adams at the March 28, 2000 meeting of Regional Council.

Councillor Adams presented the Committee's report, stating one of the reasons for the By-Law amendment is that HRM Police Services in Halifax and Dartmouth charge a fee to the individuals requesting a criminal records report, while the RCMP in the County area does not. The Councillor stated By-Law T-111 will eliminate the criminal records report, and require in its place the submission of a Statutory Declaration. Councillor Adams noted if the Municipality were to pick up the cost for the criminal records reports, it would amount to approximately \$32,000 per year.

In response to a question of Councillor Fougere, Mr. Peter James, Regional Coordinator, By-Law Enforcement, stated, with the Statutory Declaration, the only way he would become aware of whether or not a taxi driver has a recent criminal conviction would be if they admit to that fact on the declaration. As the Taxi Inspector, Mr. James stated this is of concern to him, and requested that this item be referred to staff to investigate some options and come back to Council with a report and recommendations.

Responding to a question of Councillor Stone, Mr. James stated it is his understanding that a Statutory Declaration has to be signed by a Commissioner of Oaths to attest to the validity of it.

**MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal and Deputy Mayor Cunningham that By-Law T-111 be referred to staff for a report.**

In response to a question of Councillor Adams, Mr. Anstey stated that a staff report normally accompanies First Reading, and the only report before Council at this time is from the Taxi and Limousine Committee.

### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor McInroy requested that staff also examine the possibility of asking the RCMP to levy the same charge as HRM Police Services for a criminal records report to ensure equity across the board.

**10.3 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**10.3.1 First Reading By-Law R-102 Respecting the Amendment of By-Law R-100, the By-Law and Ordinance Repeal By-Law**

- Notice of Motion of First Reading of By-law R-102 Respecting the Amendment of By-Law R-100 was given by Councilor Greenough at the March 28, 2000 meeting of Regional Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Greenough and Sarto that By-Law R-102 Respecting the Amendment of By-Law R-100, the By-Law and Ordinance Repeal By-Law, be given First Reading. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.3.2 HST Rebates and NSPI Property Taxes**

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

**MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Kelly that Halifax Regional Council send to the Minister of Finance for the Province of Nova Scotia a letter:**

- 1) **Support the continuation of a program to insure that Nova Scotia Municipalities are not impacted negatively by the HST by:**
  - a) **continuing to match the Federal HST rebate of 57.14% on the provincial portion of the HST; and,**
  - b) **encouraging the Provincial government to provide full relief from the Provincial portion of the HST;**
- 2) **Requesting that the NSPI be required to pay taxes to municipalities in a like manner as those paid by similar agencies such as MTT; and,**
- 3) **In the interim, that NSPI/HST offset agreement be continued as it was signed in good faith between the UNSM and Provincial Government to provide partial offset to the negative impact of the HST; and,**
- 4) **Requesting that these issues be treated as the separate policy decisions that they in fact are. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### 10.3.3 Supplementary Education Funding

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

Councillor Adams stated this issue arose from a situation in the Spryfield area with respect to the closure of Holly Drive School. The proposed amendment to the Municipal Government Act would allow the supplementary funding that would have been applied to those children to follow them to William King School.

**MOVED by Councillors Adams and Kelly that the proposed amendment to the Municipal Government Act, attached to the staff report dated March 28, 2000 as Schedule A, be approved and forwarded to the Province of Nova Scotia for formal adoption by the House of Assembly.**

Speaking against the motion, Councillor Uteck stated supplementary education funding should stay in Halifax and Dartmouth where it is collected. The Councillor stated if this motion is adopted, it will not stop with just this one school. Councillor Uteck stated this is an issue which the Province needs to address.

Councillor Greenough stated he can understand the difficulty Councillor Adams is attempting to address, but suggested a better way to handle the inconsistency may be to exempt the affected households from the area rate. Therefore, the monies will be spent in the areas from which they are collected.

Councillor Harvey stated this motion shows the problems Council is facing with this double funding that is occurring in HRM.

Speaking against the motion, Councillor Blumenthal stated it would open too many doors. Responding to Councillor Greenough's suggestion of an exemption, the Councillor questioned how families with children attending different schools would be handled. Councillor Blumenthal stated a plebiscite is the best way to determine how supplementary funding should be handled.

Responding to a question of Councillor Stone, Councillor Adams stated the amount involved is approximately \$6,000. Councillor Stone stated it was not a lot of money, and he could support the motion if the School Board was prepared to let the parents decide how the money should be used in school programming.

Councillor Sarto spoke against the motion stating the School Board is planning a review of its boundaries.

Councillor Cooper spoke in support of the motion, stating the School Board has indicated that money raised in that area would go to where the children attend school. The Councillor stated the School Board is maintaining three levels of service in HRM, and until the boundary review is complete, he would support the motion on the floor.

Councillor Hetherington inquired about the fee charged for children living in one jurisdiction and attending school in another. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Halifax Regional School Board to seek clarification regarding this policy.

Councillor Schofield stated he had difficulty supporting the motion. The Councillor suggested a simple solution to the supplementary education funding would be to take all the supplementary funding given to Halifax and Dartmouth, and spread it over the entire Municipality and charge per capita.

Mayor Fitzgerald referred to a letter he recently wrote to The Hon. Jane Purves, Minister of Education. The Mayor quoted from a document enclosed with the letter entitled "Statistical Analysis for the Halifax Regional School Board, March 2000," copies of which all members of Council received. The document stated the provincial and mandatory funding levels for the Halifax Regional School Board are the lowest in the Province by a significant degree. The shortfall in funding is a significant contribution factor to the Board having the highest pupil per teacher ratio and the highest school drop-out rate in the Province. The letter inquired of the Minister what she plans to do to address the shortfall in the Provincial funding for students in HRM. Mayor Fitzgerald expressed concern that the Municipality is being short-changed by the Province in the area of funding for education.

Councillor Colwell shared the Mayor's concerns, stating the communities of Halifax and Dartmouth are subsidizing the Provincial government. Each time the supplementary funding is increased in Halifax and Dartmouth, the Province, in theory, would reduce the funding to the School Board.

Councillor Walker stated Supplementary Education funding has nothing to do with the funding from the Province as it is based on assessment.

Councillor Harvey noted that during the first year of amalgamation, the Province increased the mandatory education funding, and HRM decreased supplementary funding.

Closing the debate, Councilor Adams stated the intent of the motion is to provide former Halifax students attending a former County with the benefit of supplementary education. The Councillor stated the parents of the Holly Drive students did advise the School Board where they did not want their children to go, but never stated where they wanted them to go. The Chair and members of the PTA have indicated that they have never met with the

School Board to discuss this issue. Councillor Adams stated the School Board made a deliberate decision to take away supplementary education from these students, and it is up to Council to correct this situation and to provide equity to these children. Councillor Adams stated he would be willing to amend the motion to provide a level of comfort for those Councillors that are concerned to ensure that this will apply only to the Holly Drive School situation.

Councillor Adams requested a **Recorded Vote**.

Members of Council voting **in favour** of the motion: Councillors Snow, Cooper, Downey, Walker, Read, Adams, Merrigan, Harvey, Kelly, Rankin and Mitchell.

Members of Council voting **against** the motion: Mayor Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Cunningham, Councillors: Streach, Colwell, Greenough, Sarto, Hetherington, Schofield, Blumenthal, Uteck, Fougere and Stone.

Councillor McInroy was not present when the vote was taken.

**MOTION DEFEATED. (11 For, 12 Against)**

**10.3.4 Sign Encroachment - Civic #505 Herring Cove Road**

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

**MOVED by Councillors Adams and Blumenthal that Council approve Sign Permit Application No. 020620 made by Rockingstone Heights Elementary School to construct an illuminated, encroaching, free standing sign measuring 1.35m long and 1.22m wide x 3.79m in height.**

Councillor Walker requested a staff report clarifying why this matter was before Regional Council and not the Chebucto Community Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.3.5 Application for 'National Monument Assistance by Sackville Heritage Park Advisory Committee**

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

**MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Merrigan that Council:**

1. **Approve the application by the Sackville Heritage Park Advisory Committee to erect a monument in Sackville Heritage Park to commemorate the friendship and partnership between Nunavut and Halifax Regional Municipality.**
2. **Approve a grant of \$2,480 which represents 20% of the total project costs for “National” friendship monument as recommended by the District Councillor and the Tourism, Culture and Heritage Business Unit. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **10.3.6 District Capital Funds Policy**

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

**MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Greenough that Council adopt the policy, as described in the staff report dated March 14, 2000, for the use of District Capital Funds.**

Responding to questions of Councillor Kelly, Ms. Dale MacLennan, Director of Finance, stated the two items that need to be covered, regarding district capital funding expenditures, are whether or not they fit the definition of a capital expenditure and whether or not they fit the specific descriptions of municipal mandate or purpose as outlined in the Municipal Government Act. Ms. MacLennan stated the Municipality cannot exceed the 1 percent of taxes for the general municipal purpose. She referenced Page 3 of the staff report which states “District capital budgets will be submitted to Council for approval in conjunction with the annual budget process.” Ms. MacLennan stated this will give the opportunity to examine the quantity and the general intent of the various districts for those dollars and allow any difficulties to be anticipated as the year goes on.

Councillor Cooper expressed concern with having the district capital budgets submitted to Council in conjunction with the annual budget process, and suggested a better alternative would be to have them come forward after the budget approval. The Councillor spoke in support of the practice of having the district capital budget projects submitted through the Community Councils. In response, Ms. MacLennan stated this policy would not preclude this from occurring, but agreed some clarification of this in the policy may be helpful.

Councillor Walker also expressed concern with the district capital project budget having to be put forward in conjunction with the annual budget process. In response, Ms. MacLennan stated over time there is a declining tolerance for specific types of capital

items being funded through the capital budget, even though they meet the definition of a capital expenditure. Once the Councillors can determine what they need in the individual districts, the full list can come to Council for review. If there are any concerns, they can be addressed at that point.

**MOVED by Councillors Walker and Fougere that the motion be amended to delete the phrase “in conjunction with the annual budget process” from the sentence in the policy which states “District capital budgets will be submitted to Regional Council for approval in conjunction with the annual budget process.”**

Ms. MacLennan stated it would be helpful if the district capital projects come to Council for approval prior to the dollars being spent. Councillor Walker stated he had no difficulty with this. Mr. Meech stated the amendment will provide some flexibility, but the capital expenditure will still require approval of Council before it proceeds.

The vote was taken on the amendment.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The vote was then taken on the Main Motion, as amended, which read as follows:

**MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Greenough that Council adopt the policy, as described in the staff report dated March 14, 2000, for the use of District Capital Funds, with the following amendment: the phrase “in conjunction with the annual budget process” is to be deleted from the sentence in the policy which states “District capital budgets will be submitted to Regional Council for approval in conjunction with the annual budget process.” MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11. MOTIONS - None**

**12. ADDED ITEMS**

**12.1 Councillor Blumenthal - Lanes Between Bilby and Almon Streets**

With the use of photographs, Councillor Blumenthal illustrated the problems being encountered in this area designated as common ground, such as derelict cars, prostitution, and a hang out for drug users. The Councillor expressed thanks to Mr. David Bradshaw, the By-Law Enforcement Officer, who has gone over and above his duties and cleared out the lane several times. Councillor Blumenthal requested a staff report to outline who maintains ownership and control of the lanes between Bilby and Almon Streets and to examine the possibility of HRM taking them over.



Council agreed to the request for a staff report.

**12.2 Councillor Uteck - Downtown Halifax Business Commission - Fred the Bus**

Councillor Uteck reviewed the history of the transit service offered by FRED (Free Rides Everywhere Downtown) and some of the problems it has encountered over the last few years. The Councillor noted there is a request from the Downtown Halifax BIDC for HRM to sponsor the operating costs the downtown trolley, and the Commission is willing to undertake the costs for marketing and the new wrap. Councillor Uteck asked that this request be forwarded to staff for a report for next week, if possible.

Council agreed to the request for a staff report.

**12.3 Report - Case 00241: Amendment to Development Agreement, 6955 Bayers Road, Halifax**

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

Councillor Blumenthal spoke in support of the amendment, and expressed thanks to Mr. Meech for his assistance in this matter.

**MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Sarto that Council set the date of April 25, 2000, to consider the proposed amendment to the development agreement for 6955 Bayers Road, as attached in Appendix A to the staff report dated April 3, 2000. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**13.1 Councillor Walker - Amendment to Administrative Order Number 10**

**TAKE NOTICE** that at the next regular session of Halifax Regional Council to be held on April 11, 2000, I intend to introduce a motion to amend Administrative Order Number 10 Respecting Partial Exemption for Residential Taxation, to provide for the implementation of the revised and expanded program approved by Council on March 7, 2000.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Meech reminded Council that next Tuesday, April 11, 2000, a Vision 20/20 exercise will take place from 1:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. A Committee of the Whole meeting will follow at 3:00 p.m. for an update on the master plan for Prince's Lodge.

**MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Blumenthal that the meeting adjourn at 8:00 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vi Carmichael  
Municipal Clerk