

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES

November 12, 2013

PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Reg Rankin
Councillors: Barry Dalrymple
David Hendsbee
Bill Karsten
Lorelei Nicoll
Gloria McCluskey
Darren Fisher
Waye Mason
Jennifer Watts
Linda Mosher
Russell Walker
Stephen Adams
Matt Whitman
Brad Johns
Steve Craig
Tim Outhit

REGRETS:

None

STAFF:

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk
Mr. Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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1. INVOCATION

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Nicoll.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Members of Council noted a number of community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 22, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll and seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the minutes be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

At the request of the Deputy Mayor the following items were moved to immediately follow Item No. 10.3.1 – Presentation – Community Monitoring Committee:

- Item No. 11.5.1 –Councillor Adams - Solid Waste Strategy Review – Community Engagement Update Report #2
- Item No.12.1 – Motion - Deputy Mayor Rankin
- Information Item No. 4 - Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated October 29, 2013 re: Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) Solid Waste Strategy Review Community Engagement Program – National Public Relations Midterm Project Report (**referenced for information only**)

The following items were added to the Agenda:

- 14.1 – Councillor Whitman – By-Law-T-400
- 14.2 – Councillor Johns – Amendment to Regional Plan

MOVED by Councillor Walker and seconded by Councillor Whitman that the agenda be approved as presented. 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 – October 29, 2013

8.1 Canadian Red Cross Atlantic Zone – Capital Grant Request

The following was before Regional Council:

- A recommendation report dated October 9, 2013

Councillor Fisher stated that the Red Cross serves an alternative service delivery function in HRM and outlined the important work that is undertaken by the Red Cross with respect to disaster mitigation. He noted that the request for funding is to assist with the construction of a volunteer training facility to be built in Dartmouth. He referenced a similar project undertaken by the Red Cross in St. John's, Newfoundland and urge members of Council to not support the recommendation outlined in the October 9, 2013 staff report.

MOVED by Councillor Fisher and Seconded by Councillor Adams that Halifax Regional Council decline the Canadian Red Cross: Atlantic Zone request for \$300,000 as per the rationale provided in the Discussion section of this report and refer the Canadian Red Cross: Atlantic Zone to the HRM Community Grants Program.

Councillor Adams stated that he has first-hand experience with Red Cross and the good work that it does. He noted that he will not be supporting staff's recommendation and suggested that funding for the Red Cross should be implemented and spread out over a three to four year period.

Councillor Hendsbee commented that he will not support the recommendation. He noted that the funding request should be considered as an extraordinary budget item outside of the Grant Committee and that funding for this initiative should be included in the Capital Budget

Councillor Watts expressed concern that the funding for the volunteer training program will be a recurring expense and an ongoing commitment. She asked for clarification as to whether or not the funding request would be a one-time grant and what the payout would be.

In response to Councillor Watt's inquiry, Ms. Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants & Contributions noted that for the volunteer training programming would be an annual recurring cost for the Red Cross. In terms of the grant request, Council could choose to approach it as a one-time contribution or as a multi-year contribution.

Councillor Watts requested further information on this matter from Fire and Emergency Services.

Mr. Phil McNulty, Executive Fire Officer, stated that Fire Services works hand in hand with the Red Cross and appreciates and respects the work that is done by that organization. Mr. McNulty commented that Fire Services currently does not suffer from a lack of classroom training space and that the proposal from the Red Cross to offer training space for Fire Services is not needed at this time. In response to a follow up question from Councillor Watts, Mr. McNulty stated that if Fire Services were to

provide funding under the current proposal from the Red Cross, it is his belief that there would be a duplication of services relative to the Red Cross's ability to provide Fire Services with classroom space.

Councillor Mosher commented that assisting the Red Cross should be a municipal mandate and that Council should explore using the sale of surplus land account to provide the funds to support the Red Cross request.

Councillor Outhit requested clarification on whether HRM would be funding operating expenses for the Red Cross or if the request is for a Capital contribution.

Mr. Bruce Fisher, Manager of Fiscal Policy and Planning responded by stating that the request should be considered as an operating grant from HRM's perspective. He noted that expenditures like this are usually made out of an operating budget or operating accounts. He noted that it is only considered capital to the Red Cross.

Councillor Nicoll stated that she would like to know exactly where the \$300,000 would come from and whether or not it will impact Fire Services.

Mr. McNulty stated that Fire Services does not have the capacity in its current budget to provide the \$300,000 grant to the Red Cross.

Councillor Adams requested that Mr. Gavin Giles, a member of the National Board of Directors with the Canadian Red Cross, come forward to speak to Council on this matter.

The Mayor asked Mr. Giles to come forward to address Council.

Mr. Giles noted that he is a member of the National Board of Directors of the Red Cross. He noted that the Red Cross has been called out regularly to respond to crises related to people within HRM and is engaged in the development of the Centre for Excellence in the Training for Natural Disaster Relief which will be headquartered in Dartmouth. Mr. Giles commented that the request is a capital request and will not be ongoing. He noted that the program is to build a facility to train volunteers who will be available for deployment in the community.

Councillor Dalrymple inquired as to where the money for this grant would come from if it is approved.

The CAO noted that a source of funds have been identified from the 2011/2012 operating surplus and that Councillor Fisher will include the funding source in his motion.

MOTION PUT AND DEFETED. (1 in favour; 16 opposed)

In favour were: Councillor Karsten

Those opposed were: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Rankin, Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Johns, Whitman, Craig and Outhit

The following motion was put on the floor:

MOVED by Councillor Fisher and seconded by Councillor Adams that Regional Council direct staff to find funding of \$300,000 dollars from the 2011-2012 surplus for a contribution by HRM to capital costs related to the Canadian Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Centre located in HRM.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence - None

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Community Monitoring Committee

The following was before Regional Council:

- A presentation entitled “ the 4th “R” – Rethink” dated November 12, 2013

Ms. Elizabeth Salton, Vice Chair of the Community Monitoring Committee gave a presentation to Council.

Ms. Salton noted that the community engagement process with respect to HRM’s Solid Waste Review is the issue. She noted that some of the process worked and some did not. She introduced Mr. Tom Musial and requested that he speak to Council.

Mr. Musial noted that he is before Council as a volunteer and a member of community for the past 37 years. He noted that has witnessed the goodwill and hard work of members of the community and that the purpose of his presentation is to report the extraordinary dismay with respect to the public consultation process.

Mr. Musial commented that all of the major points that the community spoke to were picked up and rebutted by staff. He stated that he has written to the mayor twice on the issue and noted that the voice of the community is not being listened to. Mr. Musial further commented that there is grave concern in the community that HRM is not listening to them. He concluded by stating that an agreement with HRM was made in

good faith and that there is a great deal of concern in the community that HRM is considering breaking that agreement.

Ms. Salton remarked that the Community Engagement process that was undertaken by HRM staff was flawed and more negative than positive. She noted that all three provincial parties will not approve further changes at the Otter Lake Landfill and that the community's message regarding Front End Processor and Waste Sorting Facility is very clear. Ms. Salton, on behalf of the Community Monitoring Committee, recommended that HRM should restart the public consultation process after a 12 month period and that the CMC would be more than willing to work with staff to develop a more constructive approach to deal with the solid waste issues.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Salton and Mr. Musial for their presentation.

11.5.1 Councillor Adams – Solid Waste Strategy Review Community Engagement Report # 2

The following was before Regional Council:

- An Information Report dated October 2, 2013
- Correspondence from Barb Allen dated October 28, 2013
- Correspondence from John Cascadden dated October 28, 2013
- Correspondence from John Cascadden dated October 31, 2013
- Correspondence from Peter Lund dated October 31, 2013
- Correspondence from Ken Donnelly dated November 7, 2013
- Correspondence from David Wimberley dated November 12, 2013
- A Recommendation Report dated April 8, 2013
- Extract of Regional Council Minutes dated September 20, 2011
- Extract of Regional Council Minutes dated July 10, 2012
- Extract of Regional Council Minutes dated February 5, 2013
- Extract of Regional Council Minutes dated March 7, 2013
- Regional Council Minute extract dated April 23, 2013

Councillor Adams noted that he would be referencing the motion put forth by Deputy Mayor Rankin (Item 12.1) in relation to this item.

Councillor Adams stated that most of the discussions during the public consultation sessions were dominated by the proposed closure of the Front End Processor (FEP), Waste Stabilization Facility (WSF) and the reduction of liners. He noted that a great deal of concern in the community is attributed to these factors. With the permission of the Deputy Mayor Councillor Adams put the following motion on the floor:

12.1 Deputy Mayor Rankin

MOVED by Councillor Adams and seconded by Deputy Mayor Rankin Whereas the first six (6) meetings of the Solid Waste/Resource Review Community Engagement has resulted in a resounding message that HRM should honour its written contract with the communities in the vicinity of the Otter Lake landfill facility.

Whereas the discussion at the meetings has been focused on the Stantec Report recommendations for changes at the Otter Lake landfill facility, to the detriment of discussions of other recommendations for changes to the Solid Waste/Resource system;

Whereas the stress on the local community is obvious and avoidable;

And whereas a staff report on the outcome of the community engagement is no longer required

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Council's resolution of April 23rd be rescinded and the Stantec recommendations to close the FEP and WSF and reduce liners be rejected (2/3rd vote required)

Deputy Mayor Rankin referenced past solid waste issues in HRM and noted that the removal of the FEP, WSF and the reduction of liners at the Otter Lake Landfill would be detrimental to the environmental protection of the area. He further remarked that Council should support the motion as not supporting it would further erode public trust in Regional Council.

Councillor Hendsbee stated that he has no problem supporting the motion given that the discussion is about removing the FEP, WSF, and liner components only.

Councillor Dalrymple stated that he will support removing the FEP, WSF and liner components of the conversation with respect to Otter Lake. He noted that this will allow more focus to be placed on further consultations with the public in terms finding better alternatives.

Councillor Karsten referenced an upcoming staff report on this matter and inquired about the next steps that would have to be taken if the motion is defeated.

Mr. Gord Helm, Manager of Solid Waste stated that staff is currently targeting the December 10, 2013 meeting of Regional Council to bring the final report on this matter forward.

Councillor Karsten commented that he cannot support the motion until he has had time to review the staff report.

Councillor Watts inquired as to the role of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee in this process and whether this matter will be discussed at the Standing Committee prior to the report being brought forward to Regional Council in December.

Mr. Helm replied that the report is intended to go directly to Regional Council.

Councillor Watts expressed her concern with the disengagement of the ESSC in the process. She noted that the ESSC has discussed this matter very few times and that a more in depth discussion could have taken place at the committee before being brought forward to Regional Council.

Councillor Craig commented that Council must go through the process, receive the final staff report, and then make an informed decision. He noted that he would not support the motion on the floor and that he would like to review the final staff report.

Councillor Adams referenced the 1999 agreement between HRM and Community Monitoring Committee. He commented that asking residents to wait four more weeks on this matter will increase the level of uncertainty and anxiety in the community. Councillor Adams remarked that a similar approach to what the motion is requesting had taken place with the Purcell's Cove Study for Sewer and Water Feasibility study in that it was amended part way through to exclude area two of the study. He again requested that Council move the WSF, FEP and liner components with respect to the Otter Lake Landfill off of the table for discussion.

Councillor Mosher stated she will support the motion on the floor. For clarification, Councillor Mosher noted that Purcell's Cove issue was not changed by Council and that the original staff report stated the staff would be studying area two but it would not be considered for the extension of services based on input provided from the community.

Councillor Johns stated that he will support the motion. He noted that he is a strong advocate of following commitments made by previous Council's.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED 2/3 Majority not achieved. (In favour 10; Opposed: 7)

Those in favour were: Deputy Mayor Rankin, Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Adams, Whitman, Johns, Outhit

Those opposed were: Mayor Savage; Councillors, Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Walker, Craig

Council adjourned for a short break.

Council reconvened at 2:53 p.m.

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Provincial Archival Development Program Contribution Funding Agreement

The following was before Regional Council:

- A recommendation report dated October 21, 2013.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll and seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council authorize HRM's participation in the Provincial Archival Development Program and direct the Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of HRM, to execute the Provincial Archival Development Program Funding Agreement as attached to the October 21, 2013 staff report.

Councillor Nicoll noted that there were no budget implications associated with this item as it is funded by the province. She commented that this program will assist in archiving the records of the former County of Halifax.

Councillor McCluskey noted that she would like the records from the former City of Dartmouth included in an Archival Development program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Those not present were: Councillors Dalrymple and Mason.

11.1.2 Halifax Metro Centre Naming Rights

A staff report dated November 5, 2013 was before Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Walker and seconded by Councillor Fisher that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to work with Trade Centre Limited, to secure naming rights for the Halifax Metro Centre in advance of the 2014 hockey season, pursuant to Administrative Order 56.

Councillor Watts noted her concern for the potential of the naming rights for the Metro Centre going to an alcohol company and the impact that may have on underage drinking. She requested a friendly amendment to the motion stating that alcohol companies not be considered for naming rights.

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that the Municipal Alcohol Policy as referenced in the November 5, 2013 staff report does not apply to facilities that are not operated by HRM, and that the Metro Centre is explicitly excluded from the Municipal Alcohol Policy.

Mr. John Traves, Solicitor, stated that there will be an upcoming report from Legal Services outlining the legal implications of the Municipal Alcohol Policy and how it applies to the motion.

Councillor Hendsbee noted that he is of the opposite opinion and that this matter should be open to all to compete. Councillor Hendsbee inquired as to whether staff will be accepting the highest bidder or will there be a scoring

Mr. Butts responded by stating that it is premature to comment on that, he noted that the recommendation is for a Request for Proposal as opposed to that of a tender.

Councillor McCluskey stated that her position on Alcohol policy is quite well known and inquired about the amount of money that was received for naming rights for the BMO centre in Bedford.

Ms. Denise Schofield, Manager, Regional Recreation and Culture stated that there is a confidentiality clause in the contract with BMO and that HRM cannot disclose how much money was paid for the naming rights.

Councillor Fisher inquired as to whether a staff report is required each time HRM is considering changing the name of a facility.

Ms. Schofield replied that Administrative Order 56 specifies differing levels of support and the process that is required to carry out a name change. She remarked that for larger type naming, a staff report is required.

In response to a question from Councillor Nicoll, Ms. Schofield stated that there are a number of facilities in other jurisdictions that have granted naming rights to companies that sell alcohol.

Councillor McCluskey commented that if the recommendation is passed it will amount to Regional Council instructing staff to issue the Request for Proposal and that it can be further debated when it comes back to Council.

Mr. Butts agreed with Councillor McCluskey's assessment.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (16 In favour; 1 opposed)

Those in favour were: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Rankin, Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Mason, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Johns, Whitman, Craig, Outhit

Those opposed were: Councillor Watts

11.2 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11.2.1 Report Request – Residential Rental Licensing

The following was before Regional Council:

- A recommendation report dated October 29, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Mason and seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding steps, including public and stakeholder consultation, for possible implementation of a residential rental licensing program and/or targeted enforcement and by-law enhancement program to:

- a) Enforce land use by-laws, building codes, and fire safety compliance**
- b) Focus on rental structures containing six or less units and on converted dwellings**
- c) Recommend whether to limit the geographic scope (a neighbourhood, district or planning area) for enhanced enforcement**
- d) To consider programs such as those in London, Ontario; Oshawa, Ontario; Hamilton, Ontario and Waterloo, Ontario.**

Councillor Mason noted that this request is asking staff to look at all the options as outlined in the recommendation. He noted that the intention of this motion is to request a staff report that would address issues surrounding the conversion of single family homes to multi-unit dwellings.

Councillor Hendsbee inquired if the staff report will expand upon how this proposal will be different from or how it will augment or enhance the current By-Law M-100 respecting Residential Tenancies. He also inquired as to whether or not this proposed strategy would be enforceable upon provincial housing projects.

Councillor McCluskey remarked that there are apartment buildings in HRM that have illegal units and that the problem is not only with single family dwellings. She inquired as to whether or not it is against the Charter to focus on certain property owners with targeted enforcement.

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer commented that most of the jurisdictions that have considered a program like this have done a comprehensive study as to how a program can be implemented. He noted HRM will attempt to learn from these jurisdictions as they review the matter.

Councillor Fisher suggested a friendly amendment to section A of the motion to include **building codes** in the recommendation for the staff report. Councillor Mason accepted the amendment to the motion.

Councillor Watts remarked that the situation as described by Councillor Mason greatly affects the student population in HRM. She noted that there are many issues with respect to safety and that if Council is going to be encouraging secondary suites in the Centre Plan, it is very important to address the concerns as outlined in the motion.

Councillor Adams stated that he supported the motion at Halifax and West Community Council but questioned why it is needed. He commented that similar legislation is already in place and that what is presented would be akin to telling staff to do what they should be doing all along and enforce the by-law that is already in place.

Mr. Butts commented that the report request is asking for options to deal with specific issues, such as a customized enforcement regime to achieve compliance and public safety. He noted that if Council approves the report it will come back to Council for further debate.

Councillor Nicoll stated that she fully supports the request for a report. She noted that Councillor Adams concerns are also valid.

Councillor Outhit noted that there will likely be added costs for additional staffing and new programming associated with the motion. Councillor Outhit suggested that the implementation of a Licensing program may help neutralize some of these associated cost. He requested information with respect to the funding of this proposed program to be included in the report.

Further discussion ensued.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED (16 in favour; 1 against)

Those in favour were: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Rankin, Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Johns, Whitman, Craig, Outhit

Those opposed: Councillor Adams

11.3 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

11.3.1 Amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Audit and Finance Standing Committee

The following was before Regional Council

- A staff report dated October 21, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Mosher and seconded by Councillor Karsten that Halifax Regional Council

- 1. Amend the Terms of Reference of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee to allow a subcommittee to oversee the contract of the Auditor General**
- 2. That the subcommittee be comprised of the Mayor, the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee. They shall report as required to the Audit and Finance Committee who, in turn, report to Regional Council.**

Several Councillors questioned the need of a subcommittee of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee to oversee the contract of the Auditor General.

Further discussion ensued.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour; 3 opposed)

Those in favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Rankin, Councillors, Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Fisher, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Johns, Craig

Those opposed: Councillors McCluskey, Whitman, Outhit.

11.3.2 Appointments – Board of Police Commissioners

The following was before Regional Council:

- A staff report dated October 28, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Mosher and seconded by Councillor Karsten that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Confirm the terms for all three members of Regional Council on the Board of Police Commissioners to November 30, 2014.**
- 2. And, further recommend that one (1) Council term be extended to November 30, 2015 and that the choice member whose term would extend be confirmed by draw or as otherwise agreed among the members.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.3.3 2014 Council Meeting Schedule

The following was before Regional Council

- A staff report dated October 30, 2013
- Correspondence from Bryn Jones-Vaillancourt, dated October 29, 2013
- A document entitled “Benchmark Survey – Schedule of Council Meetings (2013)

MOVED by Councillor Mosher and seconded by Councillor Mason that Halifax Regional Council approve the 2014 Council Meeting Schedule, as set out in Attachment 1 of the October 21, 2013 staff report.

Councillor Mosher noted that she had supported the motion when it was before the Executive Standing Committee predicated on the fact that alternate Tuesday meeting dates would be made available for Committee of the Whole sessions. She noted that the recommendation feels premature and that Council should not consider the proposed meeting schedule until the upcoming Governance Review report is completed.

Several Councillors commented that they would not be supporting the motion on the basis that there are enough agenda items being brought forward to Regional Council to warrant weekly meetings and that matters that should be reviewed by Regional Council will be dealt with by Standing Committees.

Councillor Outhit remarked that he supports the idea of having more Committee of the Whole sessions and suggested that further efficiencies in terms of the productivity of Council can be found by reducing the amount of Board and Committee meetings that Councillors attend and focusing more on Regional Council meetings.

Councillor Walker stated that he supports the recommendation to move to bi-weekly meetings and that the proposal to move from 34 scheduled meetings to 24 meetings is not a vast reduction given that three meeting over the past year were cancelled due to light agendas. He further noted that if it is determined that Regional Council requires an additional meeting date an additional meeting can be scheduled.

Councillor Karsten noted that the original intent to move to a Standing Committee structure was to create efficiencies and to streamline how Council operates. He commented that he believes that the current structure works quite well and expressed his support for the motion.

Councillor Mason expressed his support for the motion and noted that Standing Committee meetings as well as Community Council meetings should be broadcast on the web to further public access to Council.

Councillor Nicoll commented on feedback provided to her at the most recent Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Conference whereby attendees had informed her that many people across the province watch televised and web streamed sessions of Regional Council to stay informed on municipal issues in HRM. She further remarked that the new meeting schedule can be implemented for one year and reviewed again in 2015.

Councillor Watts noted her concern about moving to a bi-weekly meeting schedule with regard to residents who regularly tune in to the meetings. She referenced that there are accessibility concerns in terms of public engagement and that Council should consider beginning meetings at 6:00 p.m. Councillor Watts also conveyed her opinion that Community Councils and Standing Committees should be webcast to provide better

access to Council's decisions to residents. Councillor Watts stated that she will support the recommendation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour; 4 against)

Those in favour: Mayor Mike Savage, Deputy Mayor Rankin, Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Fisher, Mason, Watts, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Craig

Those opposed: Councillor Outhit, Johns, Mosher, McCluskey

11.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11.4.1 Case H00382: Substantial Alteration to 2221 Maitland Street, Halifax – St. George's Parish Hall, a Registered Municipal Heritage Property

The following documentation was before Halifax Regional Council:

- A staff report dated October 28, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Watts and seconded by Councillor Johns that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed substantial alteration to the St. George's Parish Hall as outlined in Attachments A through D of the October 1, 2013 staff report

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Those not present: Councillor Mosher

11.4.2 Case H00383: Heritage Incentives – Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District 2013-14

The following was before Regional Council:

- A staff report dated October 28, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Mason and seconded by Deputy Mayor Rankin that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a grant of no more than \$22,236 and a tax credit of no more than \$3,125 for the restoration and renovation of the Mary McAlpine building located at 1569 Barrington Street as described in the August 14, 2013 staff report and subject to recommendation # 5.**
- 2. Approve a grant of no more than \$1,395 and a tax credit of no more than \$3,125 for the restoration and renovation of the Cabot building located at 1725-27 Barrington Street as described in the August 14, 2013 staff report and subject to recommendation # 5**

3. **Approve a grant of no more than \$100,000 and a tax credit of no more than \$525,593 for the restoration and renovation of the National Film Board building located at 1572 Barrington Street as described in the August 14, 2013 staff report, subject to recommendation # 5 and further subject to approval of Heritage Case H00386 by Regional Council in early September 2013.**
4. **Approve waiving the repayment of \$175,950 the costs HRM incurred to stabilize the façade of the National Film Board building as per the 1997 Heritage Agreement and to budget for this repayment forgiveness in the operating budget in the fiscal year subsequent to the project's completion.**
5. **Approve payment of the grants and tax credits referenced in recommendations 1-3 conditional upon the respective applicant:**
 - a) **Completing the work set out in the respective application to the satisfaction of the Municipality, to support the total amount approved; and**
 - b) **Providing receipts and invoices, in a format acceptable to the municipality, to support the total amount approved; and**
 - c) **Executing the registering at the Registry of Deeds/Land Registration Office and agreement that the owner will not apply to demolish, nor will they demolish, the respective property for 20 years from the date of the agreement.**
6. **Approve the transfer of any unused grant funds (at fiscal year-end) from the budget 2013-14 Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Incentives Program budget of \$200,000 (\$150,000 from account C310-8004 Planning Applications and \$50,000 from Q312) to the Cultural Development Reserve (account Q312) for expenditure once the approved projects are completed.**
7. **Approve extension of any un-issued 2013-14 tax credits referenced in recommendations 1 to 3 above into future fiscal years as may be required to match project timelines.**

Councillor Mason requested clarification from staff with regard to recommendation 6.

Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner responded by stating that recommendation 6 is a standard clause which allows staff to secure the approved amount of money for the specific project.

Councillor Mason further inquired as to whether or not this is the final year of the program.

Ms. Holm replied in the affirmative and noted that the program was initially intended to run for five years and is currently in the final year.

Councillor Watts asked for clarification on the review process for the five year program

Mr. Brand Anguish, Director of Community and Recreation Services, commented that the review process will start with the production of the final report of the program which is anticipated to be before Council in January. In response to a follow up question from Councillor Mason, Mr. Anguish noted that all budgetary implications in relation to the review of this program will be discussed with finance prior to the report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11.5.1 Councillor Adams – Solid Waste Strategy Review Community Engagement Report # 2

This item was dealt with earlier on the agenda. Please refer to page 8.

11.5.2 Councillor Mosher – Access to Electronics Recycling Service

The following was before Regional Council:

- A Councillor consideration form re: Access to Electronics Recycling Services

MOVED by Councillor Mosher and seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Request staff to consider as part of the solid waste strategy review, potential improvements to the recycling system for seniors and persons with disabilities, in order to address concerns regarding access to the program for those who cannot get electronics to depots.**
- 2. Request that the Mayor write a letter to the Resource Recovery Fund Board Inc. (RRFB) and the Nova Scotia Department of Environment encouraging a review of their recycling services to make them accessible to as many residents as possible.**

Councillor Mosher stated that she wanted to thank Councillor Karsten for his help on bringing the motion forward. She stated that HRM operates a curbside collection program that does not include electronic devices and that a program is required to assist HRM residents who are unable to access electronic recycling depots.

Councillor Watts suggested that this measure should also include hazardous waste products in addition to electronic waste.

Councillor Fisher commented that a former Councillor requested a report outlining a once per year electronic curbside pickup of electronics but does not recall it coming forward to Council. He requested clarification from staff on this matter.

Mr. Gord Helm, Manager of Solid Waste, stated that he did recall the report that Councillor Fisher had referenced. He noted that many of the roadblocks that are faced by staff is in providing programs such as the one proposed by Councillor Mosher is securing the necessary funding from the RRFB.

Councillor Hendsbee suggested that staff should consult Efficiency Nova Scotia with respect to the possible implementation of this program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. MOTIONS

12.1 Deputy Mayor Rankin

This item was dealt with earlier on the agenda. Please see page 9.

12.2 Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason and seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report outlining possible participation and if merited, appropriate funding for Destination Eastern & Northumberland Shores (DEANS).

Councillor Mason requested that the staff report should examine to what extent Destination Halifax offers its services to the various communities of the HRM.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. IN CAMERA - NONE

14. ADDED ITEMS

14.1 Councillor Whitman

MOVED by Councillor Whitman and seconded by Councillor Hendsbee whereas local businesses are being negatively impacted by the Truck Route Bylaw. Council directs staff to prepare a staff report with amendments to By-Law T-400, that enable Council to grant exemptions for temporary situations and or local traffic.

Councillor Whitman stated that By-Law T-400 has been negatively impacting businesses on the Hammonds Plains Road and in other communities in HRM. He noted

that the request for the staff report is to enable Council to grant exemptions to the By-Law to assist businesses.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.2 Councillor Johns – Amendment to the Regional Plan

MOVED by Councillor Johns and seconded by Councillor Craig that Halifax Regional amend the existing Regional Plan to:

- 1) Remove parcel PID#00500967 and 0048694 from Schedule J of the Regional Plan and,**
- 2) Align the sewer/water service boundary to include both lots.**

Upon the advice of the solicitor this item was deferred in accordance with Section 48 of Administrative Order One until such time that a staff report is provided.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

15.1 Councillor McCluskey

Take notice that, at a future meeting of Regional Council, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 53, the Municipal Alcohol Policy, the purpose of which is to replace the phrase “reasonable alcohol consumption” with “alcohol consumption in accordance with Nova Scotia’s Low Risk Drinking Guidelines” as directed by Regional Council on October 8, 2013.

15.2 Councillor Fisher

Take Notice that at the next meeting of Regional Council to be held on November 19, 2013, I intend to request a staff report outlining a formal review of the M-100 By-Law respecting Standards for Residential Occupancies and to include and solicit feedback from stakeholders such as tenants and landlords.

15.3 Councillor Fisher

Take Notice that at the next meeting of Regional Council to be held on November 19, 2013, I intend to request a staff report on initiating a master plan for the Beazley Sports Complex to outline planned and needed improvements to the facilities and to investigate any needed Land acquisitions.

15.4 Councillor Mason

Take Notice that at a future meeting of Regional Council I will move that Council request a staff report regarding Section 48 of AO1 to clarify the use of deferral when a motion is added under added items but does not request a staff report.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett
Municipal Clerk

INFORMATION ITEMS
November 12, 2013

1. Proclamation – WORKshift Day – November 5, 2013
2. Proclamation – Restorative Justice Week – November 17-24, 2013
3. Memorandum from the Director of Finance & ICT, CFO dated October 7, 2013 re: Award of Contracts – CAO Approval
4. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated October 29, 2013 re: Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) Solid Waste Strategy Review Community Engagement Program – National Public Relations Midterm Project Report
5. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated November 4, 2013 re: Requests for Presentation to Council – Community Monitoring Committee