



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
January 14, 2014**

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

**REGRETS:** Councillors: Bill Karsten  
Brad Johns  
Reg Rankin

**STAFF:** Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Clerk  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant  
Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 3:18 p.m., and recessed at 5:00 p.m. Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m. and moved into an In Camera session at 7:16 p.m. Council adjourned at 7:36p.m.*

**1. INVOCATION**

The Mayor called the meeting to order with the Invocation being led by Councillor Walker.

**2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 3 & 10, 2013**

Councillor Hendsbee requested that the December 10, 2013 minutes be corrected to note that he retired early from the meeting to attend a public meeting, not a public hearing.

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Watts that the minutes of December 3 and 10, 2013 be approved.**

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

Additions:

14.1 Committee of the Whole Motion January 8, 2014 - Metro Transit Five Year Service Plan – Moving Forward Together Update

14.2 Solid Waste Strategy Resources Review – Final Report (Committee of the Whole – January 14, 2014)

IN CAMERA - Private and Confidential Information Item:

4. Private and Confidential In Camera Information Report - re: Framework for Area Rates – Stormwater Right-of-Way Costs

14.3 Councillor Hendsbee - Memorandum from the Director of Planning and Infrastructure dated August 29, 2013 re: Rural Road Standard – Non-substantive Amendment to Development Agreement for Multi-Purpose Trail – Seven Lakes, Porters Lake

14.4 Councillor Hendsbee - Memorandum from the Director of Metro Transit dated December 19, 2013 re: Integration of Transit Routes 401 & 370

**MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Mason that the agenda, as amended, be approved.**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

**6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**

**7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**

**8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**9.1 Proposed Administrative Order SC-75, Respecting closure of a portion of  
Bluewater Road, Bedford**

This item was dealt with later in the meeting. See page 11.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**10.1 Correspondence**

Correspondence was received for item 11.6.2 and 11.7.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council. For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

**10.2 Petitions**

**10.2.1 Councillor Mosher**

Councillor Mosher submitted a petition containing 63 signatures in opposition to Case No. 18762 – Application by Eastlink for a 30 Metre Communications Monopole. Councillor Mosher asked that it be forwarded to staff involved with the application.

**11. REPORTS**

**11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**11.1.1 Sole Source Award – Efficiency Nova Scotia: Lighting Efficiency Projects (Batch #4)**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 4, 2013.

**MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Mason that Halifax Regional Council award the 10 proposals contained in the November 4, 2013 staff report (summary table of facilities attached as Attachment B) as a sole source purchase to Efficiency Nova Scotia Corporation (ENSC), for Total HRM Project cost of \$100,262.80 (net HST included), with funding from the 2013/14 Project No. CBX01161 - Energy Efficiency Projects, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the November 4, 2013 staff report.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not Present: Councillors Karsten, Rankin, and Johns.

**11.1.2 Approval Advanced Project Funding & Award RFP #P13-035 – Metro Transit AVL/CAD Replacement**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 20, 2013.

**MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Halifax Regional Council:**

- a) Approve advanced capital funding from 2014-15 Project Budget of \$2,000,000 for Project CM020005 – Transit Technology Implementation as per the Financial Implications section of the December 20, 2013 staff report.**
- b) Award RFP # P13-035, Metro Automated Vehicle Location/Computer Aided Dispatch (AVL/CAD) Replacement to the highest scoring proponent, Trapeze Software Group, Inc. (Trapeze) for a Total Price of \$5,905,876.99 (net HST included) subject to the successful negotiation of a contract with funding from CM020005 New Transit Technology, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the December 20, 2013 staff report.**
- c) Award future phase items Automated Vehicle Announcements, Automated Passenger Counters and Head Sign Integration to Trapeze at a Total Price of \$1,643,317.52 (net HST included) subject to the successful negotiation of a contract with funding from CM020005 New Transit Technology, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the December 20, 2013 staff report.**
- d) Authorize and direct the CAO to negotiate a contract with Trapeze relative to items (b) and (c) above that meets the requirements of the RFP to the satisfaction of the CAO, attains the technical solution proposed by Trapeze and accords with Financial Implications section of the December 20, 2013 staff report.**
- e) Authorize the CAO to execute a contract on behalf of the Municipality resulting from these negotiations.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not Present: Councillors Karsten, Rankin, and Johns.

**11.1.3 Award – RFP #P13-098 Multi Year Program Management Office, Metro Transit**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 5, 2013.

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Fisher that Halifax Regional Council:**

- a) **Award RFP No. P13-098, Multi Year Program Management Office, Metro Transit to Barrington Consulting, for a period of two (2) years at a maximum cost of \$2,354,694.45 (Net HST included), with funding from Project No. CM020005, Transit Technology Implementation, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the December 5, 2013 staff report.**
- b) **Award the standing offer for the third, fourth and fifth years of the project for resources on an as required basis to Barrington Consulting based on the hourly rates submitted in their proposal and subject to satisfactory performance during the initial two (2) year contract.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Rankin, and Johns.

#### **11.1.4 Metro Transit Advanced Capital Funding**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 18, 2013.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Approve advanced capital funding in project account CB000013, Lacewood Terminal Replacement, for 2014-15 in the amount of \$3,350,000 as per the Financial Implications section of the December 18, 2013 staff report.**
2. **Approve advanced capital funding in project account CVD00434, Conventional Transit Bus Expansion, for 2014-15 in the amount of \$2,350,000 as per the Financial Implications section of the December 18, 2013 staff report.**
3. **Approve advanced capital funding in the project account CVD00435, Conventional Transit Bus Replacement, for 2014-15 in the amount of \$1,320,000 as per the Financial Implications section of the December 18, 2013 staff report.**
4. **Approve advanced capital funding in project account CVD00430, Access-a-Bus Replacement, for 2014-15 in the amount of \$50,000 as per the Financial Implications section of the December 18, 2013 staff report.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Rankin, and Johns.

#### **11.1.5 Duke Tower Lease Renewal, Suite 408 Corporate Training Centre**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 19, 2013.

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Mason that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a lease renewal for the existing**

**Corporate Training Center premises at Duke Tower, between Crombie REIT (Landlord) and the Halifax Regional Municipality (Tenant), as per the terms and conditions outlined in the December 19, 2013 staff report and Tables 1 and 2 in the Private and Confidential Information Report dated December 19, 2013.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Rankin, and Johns

**11.1.6 Lease Renewal, 81 Ilsley Avenue, Dartmouth – Corporate Information Management**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 9, 2013.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Lease Agreement between Eastport Properties Limited (Landlord) and the Halifax Regional Municipality (Tenant), for the subject premises, as per the terms and conditions outlined in the December 9, 2013 staff report and Tables 1 and 2 of the Confidential Information report dated December 19, 2013, pending Ministerial approval.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Rankin, and Johns.

**11.1.7 Property Disposal – 199 Bedford Highway, Halifax**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation/information report dated December 12, 2013.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Adams that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Stockbridge Investors Group, for HRM Property at 199 Bedford Highway, Halifax, as per the terms and conditions outlined in the December 12, 2013 staff report and in Table 1 of the Confidential Report dated December 12, 2013.**

Councillor Walker noted that the parking lot will be divided into two and HRM is retaining part of it for the Park.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 1 against)**

In favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Fisher; and Councillors: Dalrymple, Nicoll, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Craig, and Outhit.

Against: Councillor Hendsbee

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Rankin, and Johns.

In response to a question from Councillor Walker, Mr. Peter Stickings, Manager, Real Estate and Land Management advised that the closing date is February 28, 2014, and that, as requested by Councillor Walker, he would notify him when the property has closed.

**11.1.8 Request for Permanent Encroachment – Ferguson’s Cove Road**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 28, 2013.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Council approve the encroachment agreement, as attached to the November 28, 2013 staff report, allowing the construction of the duct bank at the proposed location within the right-of-way.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Rankin, and Johns.

**11.1.9 Case 18817 – Non –Substantive Amendment to an Existing Development Agreement – 1475 Hollis Street and 1496 Lower Water Street, Halifax**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 10, 2013.

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve the proposed amending development agreement, as contained in Attachment A, to allow an extension to the date of commencement of the “Alexander” development at 1496 Lower Water Street, Halifax; and**
- 2. Require that the proposed amending development agreement be signed by the property owner within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Rankin, and Johns.

**11.1.10 School Review Process – Phase 2**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 16, 2013.

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council provide a submission to the Nova Scotia Department of Education for Phase 2 of the school review process, as outlined in the discussion section of the December 16, 2013 staff report.**

Councillor Watts advised that this matter was a follow-up to the letter the Mayor submitted this past summer on the school review process.

Councillor Hendsbee indicated his support for the motion advising that HRM should have a stronger relationship with the Provincial Department of Education in the site selection process of HRM's schools.

Councillor Craig agreed with the motion and pointed out that the French School Board needs to be included in the process. He noted that the Municipality is often playing catch-up on these issues, and it is time that the Municipality has input into the process.

Councillor Nicoll spoke in support of the motion and expressed concern that there did not seem to be consideration of transportation plans when it came to the siting of schools, and that she hoped a transportation plan will be included. She referred to the proposed working group of staff from HRM staff and the School Board as outlined in the staff report and questioned if Councillors will have input into the working group. In response, Ms. Anne Totten, HRM Corporate Policy Analyst advised that Councillors will be able to provide input to staff to bring forward to the working group.

At Councillor Nicoll's suggestion Councillor Watts, the mover of the motion, agreed to revise the motion to include **that the submission include a long range transportation plan.**

The motion now reads:

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council provide a submission to the Nova Scotia Department of Education for Phase 2 of the school review process, as outlined in the discussion section of the December 16, 2013 staff report, and the submission include a long range transportation plan.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Rankin, and Johns.



**11.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE**

**11.2.1 Business Improvement District (BID) Contributions Fund – Proposed Policy Amendments**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated January 6, 2014 from the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee. Attached to this report was a report dated December 10, 2013 from the HRM Grants Committee; and a staff supplementary report dated November 25, 2013.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Halifax Regional Council’s adopt amendments to Section 16 of the BID Contributions Fund Policy respecting application and report deadlines as detailed in the Discussion section of the November 25, 2013 staff report with implementation to commence in the 2014-15 fiscal year.**

In response to a request by Councillor Mason, Mr. Bruce Fisher, Manager, Financial Policy and Planning advised that he would provide him a copy of the BID Contributions Fund Policy.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Rankin, and Johns.

**11.2.2 Framework for Area Rates – Stormwater Right-of-Way Costs**

The following was before Council

- A minute extract from the October 22, 2013 Regional Council meeting
- A recommendation report dated January 6, 2014 from the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mosher that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Levy a new Stormwater Charge for Right-of-Way costs of \$39 per Property on those properties that pay the Halifax Water Stormwater Charge, and,**
- 2. Request that Halifax Water collect the new Stormwater Charge for HRM through the Halifax Water billing process, commencing with the 2014-15 fiscal year.**

Councillor Hendsbee requested that staff provide him a complete list of streets and communities that will be affected by this tax.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 1 against)**

In favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Darren Fisher; and Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Craig, and Outhit

Against: Councillor Whitman

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Rankin, and Johns.

**11.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE**

**11.3.1 Guidelines and Standards – Downtown Planning (DH1) Zone and Downtown Dartmouth Business Improvement District (BID)**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated December 16, 2013 from the Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to establish guidelines and standards for sidewalk construction, lighting and pole, street furniture and finishing in the HRM right-of-way on streets in the Downtown Planning (DH1) zone and the downtown Dartmouth BID area with the following considerations:**

- 1. To determine where as a matter of policy the Red Book Capital District standard will be applied outside of major streetscape areas,**
- 2. To develop a standard for inclusion in the Red Book for the DH1 Precinct 3 – Spring Garden area that reflects but is less extensive than the elements and colour scheme introduced in the Spring Garden streetscaping,**
- 3. Recommend a mechanism to allow partnership with and investment by private and other stakeholders to implement these standards and to draft and Administrative Order that will outline this procedure.**

Councillor Mason explained that this matter arose out of complaints by residents where recent sidewalk replacement on Prince Street did not have the red and grey brick edging as is suggested in the Red Book. In speaking with staff he was informed that the brick edging was left out because it was not complimentary next to the charcoal and grey bricking that has recently been installed on Spring Garden Road. Councillor Mason noted that there are number of private investors, developers and Business Improvement Districts (BID) that want to help to accelerate streetscaping in the downtown and the idea behind the report is to provide clarity when HRM or a private contractor is upgrading a sidewalk on what the expected standard is for sidewalk replacement. He noted that this pertains to not only sidewalks, but lighting and street furniture as well.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Rankin, and Johns.

Council recessed at 5:00 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

The Public Hearing (Item 9.1) was addressed at this time.

**9.1 Proposed Administrative Order SC-75, Respecting closure of a portion of Bluewater Road, Bedford**

The following was before Council:

- A draft minute extract from the December 10, 2013 Regional Council meeting
- A staff recommendation report dated November 7, 2013.

Mr. Tom Crouse, Acquisition and Disposal Manager presented the proposal to close a portion of Bluewater Road, Bedford.

In response to a question raised by the Municipal Solicitor, Mr. Crouse confirmed that the Public Hearing Notice had been advertised in the newspaper and a copy sent to the Minister of Transportation.

Mayor Savage called three times for any speakers wanting to speak on the matter to come forward at this time. There being no speakers, it was **MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that the public hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve Administrative Order No. SC-75, concerning the closure of a portion of the Bluewater Road right-of-way, Parcel B and Parcel T-1, Bedford, as per Attachment A of the staff report dated November 7, 2013, and**
- 2. Direct staff to close the portion of Bluewater Road right-of-way, Parcel B and Parcel T-1, as shown on Attachment B of the staff report dated November 7, 2013.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Rankin and Johns.

**11.4 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

**11.4.1 Request for Enabling Legislation – Transferability of Taxi Owner Licenses**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated December 16, 2013 from the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee; attached was a staff information report dated September 9, 2013.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to request enabling legislation from the Province for the transferability of taxi owner licenses.**

Councillor Adams requested clarification on the logistics of the transferability of taxi owner license from an administrative perspective. Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor suggested that this would be addressed in the staff report if approval is granted. Mr. Randolph Kinghorne, Senior Solicitor, Legal Services added that staff is not supportive of this and that Council would be cancelling old licenses and issuing new licenses which would impact those on the current waiting list to receive taxi owner licenses. Additionally, the motion does not reflect the Taxi Industry's request for the Medallion system.

Councillor Adams spoke to the rationale of the Medallion system, which replaces older, sick and retiring drivers with a new driver. He questioned the accuracy of the information based on the initial Medallion Agency's reports, highlighting that there have already been out of town requests respecting roof light costs. Councillor Adams expressed concern with moving in this direction.

Mr. Kinghorne highlighted that there is no restriction on the number of accessible taxi owner's licenses. Part of the push from the Industry to obtain this transferability was the potential for a retirement fund when the license is sold. However, the value has changed with unlimited accessible taxi licenses.

In response to a question raised regarding the implementation of a Deed Transfer Tax, if transferability is approved, as a revenue source for the Municipality, Mr. Kinghorne noted that this would require an additional component to the amendment as there is no authorization currently in the legislation to impose such a tax.

Councillor McCluskey noted her support for the motion but suggested consultation from taxi drivers to determine who is in support of the legislation.

Mr. Kinghorne responded to questions regarding the intent of the motion. The intent is to allow for a mechanism or tool should Council choose to move in this direction.

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (6 in favour, 8 against)**

In favour: Deputy Mayor Fisher, Councillors Hendsbee, McCluskey, Mason, Watts and Walker.

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Dalrymple, Nicoll, Mosher, Adams, Whitman, Craig and Outhit.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Rankin and Johns.

**11.5 GRANTS COMMITTEE**

**11.5.1 North End Business Association Grant Appeal**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated December 16, 2013 from the Chair of the HRM Grants Committee; attached was a staff recommendation report dated October 15, 2013.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that Halifax Regional Council uphold the application of policy and decline discretionary matching funding to the North End Business Association in 2013-14. MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 2 against)**

In favour: Deputy Mayor Fisher, Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Whitman and Craig.

Against: Mayor Savage and Councillor Outhit.

Not Present: Councillors Karsten, Rankin and Johns.

**11.5.2 Proposed Less than Market Value Lease of a Portion of PID#40619561, 22835 Highway #7, Sheet Harbour, to the Sheet Harbour & Area Ground Search and Rescue**

The following was before Council:

- A report dated December 16, 2013 from the Chair of the HRM Grants Committee; attached was a staff recommendation report dated October 11, 2013.

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Outhit that Halifax Regional Council approve the recommendation to enter into a less than market value lease agreement with the Sheet Harbour & Area Ground Search and Rescue as per the terms and conditions set out in the Discussion section of the October 11, 2013 staff report.**

Councillor Hendsbee spoke in support of the motion.

A two-third majority vote was required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Rankin and Johns.

Councillor Mosher exited the meeting at this time.

**11.6 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**11.6.1 Case H00379 – Substantial Alteration to 1124 Robie Street, Halifax – Oakland Lodge, a Registered Municipal Heritage Property**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated December 12, 2013 from the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee; attached was a staff recommendation report dated December 2, 2013.

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed substantial alteration to the Oakland Lodge as identified in Attachment A of the December 2, 2013 staff report.**

Councillor Hendsbee spoke in support of the motion as a nice addition to the neighbourhood.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Mosher, Rankin and Johns.

Councillor Mosher entered the meeting at this time.

Councillor Nicoll exited the meeting at this time.

**11.6.2 Case H00381 – Substantial Alteration to 1877 Hollis Street, Halifax – a Registered Municipal Heritage Property**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated December 12, 2013 from the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee; attached was a staff recommendation report dated October 1, 2013.
- Correspondence from Leslie Pezzack, D. Morrison and Aurora Feletti.

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed substantial alteration to 1877 Hollis Street, Halifax, as outlined in Attachment A of the October 1, 2013 staff report with the condition that, instead of ‘Jerusalem Warehouse’ the painted sign say ‘Morse’s Tea’ on one panel.**

Councillor Hendsbee noted that this was a contentious discussion at the Heritage Advisory Committee; highlighting the discussion that took place leading to the Committee’s recommendation to Council.

Councillor McCluskey spoke against the motion, questioning the heritage value of the Morse’s Tea signage when the Jerusalem Warehouse signage pre-dated the Morse’s Tea sign.

Councillor Mason referenced the Heritage Property Act, which allows owners to de-register a heritage building with three years notice. He expressed concern regarding inconsistencies in the

Act that does not give Council the tools to respond before changes are made; putting the Municipality in a difficult position. He cautiously supported the motion but felt that Council needed to add this to its list of discussions with the Province to review the Heritage Property Act.

Council continued its debate on whether the Morse's Tea signage is a character defining element of the heritage building.

In response to question raised, Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner clarified that staff's recommendation, as proposed by the Developer, to the Heritage Advisory Committee was to approve tenant signage on two sides of the building (Hollis Street and Cogswell Street). The third side (Lower Water Street) was intended for the Jerusalem Warehouse sign. She noted that all three signs would have been painted using the same font/appearance. The Heritage Advisory Committee amended staff's recommendation to allow two tenant signs and one sign to read Morse's Tea rather than Jerusalem Warehouse, but did not specify which side of the build the Morse's Tea sign should be placed.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (9 in favour, 4 against)**

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Fisher, Councillors Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Whitman and Outhit.

Against: Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, McCluskey and Craig.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, Rankin and Johns.

**11.6.3 Case H00392 – Application to Consider 5518 North Street, Halifax as a Registered Municipal Heritage Property**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated December 12, 2013 from the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee; attached was a staff report dated October 29, 2013.

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Watts that Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the application to consider designation of 5518 North Street, Halifax as a Registered Heritage Property. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, Rankin and Johns.

**11.6.4 Case H00393- Substantial Alteration to 1101 South Park Street, Halifax – Dumaresq House, a Registered Municipal Heritage Property**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated December 12, 2013 from the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee; attached was a staff recommendation report dated November 7, 2013.

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed substantial alteration to the Dumaresq House as outlined in Attachments A through C of the November 7, 2013 staff recommendation report.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, Whitman and Johns.

## **11.7 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

### **11.7.1 Councillor Mason – Review of Peninsula Halifax Sidewalk Snow Removal**

The following was before Council:

- A 'Request for Regional Council's Consideration' form from Councillor Mason.
- A MacLean's article dated March 17, 2011 from Councillor Mosher entitled: Down shovels: the city should clear the sidewalk.
- Submission from Councillor Mosher entitled: Sidewalk snow clearing response to arguments against this service with attached statistics of sidewalk snow removal service by city and snow complaints by District (December 11, 2013 – January 14, 2014).
- Correspondence from Leslie Reinhart; Susanne Brown; Paul Meagher; Tim Trask; Wendy MacDonald; and Leo McKenna

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to prepare an end-of-season report for Regional Council on sidewalk snow removal on the Peninsula that will include the challenges; options and opportunities for improving service – specifically reporting on operational challenges and cost of enhancing service levels and times; and implications of canceling the program.**

Councillor Mason advised that following last week's Committee of the Whole he spoke with the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and while there is typically an end-of-season report for winter work, that report is more compliance based and does not identify options, opportunities and cost for enhanced service or the potential cost implications for cancelling a service. Given the volume of discussion in the news, social media and emails received, he wanted to ensure that Council receives this information when the report comes forward in April.

Councillor Mosher referenced the MacLean's article and provided an overview of her question and answer submission, with attached statistics sheet for sidewalk snow removal in HRM. She expressed her disappointment with the performance of snow removal but did cite extreme weather conditions. Through discussions, she has encouraged staff to continue to work with the contractors to levy punitive measure to meet HRM's standards. Councillor Mosher noted residents' concerns with the conditions of the sidewalks but commented that she had received more complaints regarding the condition of the streets. She pointed out that over the past several years HRM has cleared main arterial and collector roads, bus routes/stops and intersections and this was the first year for complaints along the Peninsula. She reiterated the importance of working with staff, contractors and HRM residents and suggested marrying the sidewalk snow



removal time frames to the streets (e.g. priority two sidewalks being cleared within twenty-four hours).

Councillor Watts spoke in support of having full commentary from staff on the different challenges. She highlighted a variety of responses received from her residents to the sidewalk clearing both in favor and against and also a desire for improved service. She asked that the report identify whether there could be changes in equipment, potential changes in service standards and the cost implications, and an identification of alternatives.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Watts, Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer advised that staff will respond in the form of an information report but if staff identified improvement areas without impacting the budget, recommendations would be brought forward.

Councillor Hendsbee asked that report include an investigation of any possible illegal easements onto HRM sidewalks in regard to potential damage done to private property (e.g. stairs or gardens).

Councillor Mosher requested that the end-of-season report include the entire Municipality and focus on streets, sidewalks, bus stops and bike lanes snow removal, to which Council agreed.

The motion before Council now reads:

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to prepare an end-of-season report for Regional Council on streets, sidewalks, bus stops and bike lanes snow removal in the entire HRM that will include the challenges; options and opportunities for improving service – specifically reporting on operational challenges and cost of enhancing service levels and times; and implications of cancelling the program.**

Councillor Mosher provided closing comments on the motion before Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, Rankin and Johns.

**12. MOTIONS - None**

Council agreed at this time to address the added items and come back to the In Camera section following any Notices of Motion.

**13. IN CAMERA**

**13.1 In Camera Minutes – December 10, 2013**

This matter was addressed later in the meeting. See page 22.

**13.2 Property Matter**

**13.2.1 1672 Terrence Bay Road, Terence Bay**

This matter was addressed later in the meeting. See page 22.

**14. ADDED ITEMS**

**14.1 Committee of the Whole Motion - Metro Transit Five Year Service Plan – Moving Forward Together Update**

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Endorse the four (4) Moving Forward principles; and**
- 2. Endorse the change in scope of the “Moving Forward Together Plan” from a five year plan to an overall system review, as outlined in the January 8, 2014 report to Committee of the Whole.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, Rankin and Johns.

**14.2 Solid Waste Strategy Resources Review – Final Report (Committee of the Whole – January 14, 2014)**

**MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Confirm the objectives of the Community Stakeholders Committee Integrated Resource Management Strategy 1995:
  - a. Maximize reduction, reuse and recycling of waste resources;**
  - b. Maximize environmental and fiscal sustainability of the waste program;**
  - c. Foster public stewardship and conservation.****
- 2. Direct staff to initiate development of a business case for the source separated organics program to introduce an Anaerobic Digestion processing capability and other program changes to improve system cost performance and compost quality and return to Regional Council with a revised plan by 30 June, 2014;**
- 3. Initiate By-law amendments to improve organics collection, processing and finished compost product quality for residential source separated organics by:
  - a. removing boxboard as a mandated green bin product (while still permitted as a kitchen scrap material catcher);**
  - b. mandating use of kraft paper bags for separate collection of leaf and yard waste;**and
  - c. banning grass clippings from collection;****

- 4. Direct staff to site a second household special handling waste depot and introduce annual district mobile household special handling waste events;**
- 5. Initiate By-law amendments, including a public hearing; to:  
a. mandate clear bags (with one nested opaque bag per clear bag) for residential collections; and,  
b. reduce garbage bag limits from 6 to 4;**
- 6. Direct staff to increase:  
a. curb-side education and monitoring;  
b. apartment tenant education and monitoring; and,  
c. ICI load monitoring and inspections at the landfill;**

Councillor Mosher requested the motions be split.

The motions were split and votes taken:

**MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Confirm the objectives of the Community Stakeholders Committee Integrated Resource Management Strategy 1995:  
a. Maximize reduction, reuse and recycling of waste resources;  
b. Maximize environmental and fiscal sustainability of the waste program;  
c. Foster public stewardship and conservation.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, Rankin and Johns.

- 2. Direct staff to initiate development of a business case for the source separated organics program to introduce an Anaerobic Digestion processing capability and other program changes to improve system cost performance and compost quality and return to Regional Council with a revised plan by 30 June, 2014;**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, Rankin and Johns.

- 3. Initiate By-law amendments to improve organics collection, processing and finished compost product quality for residential source separated organics by:  
a. removing boxboard as a mandated green bin product (while still permitted as a kitchen scrap material catcher);  
b. mandating use of kraft paper bags for separate collection of leaf and yard waste;  
and**

**c. banning grass clippings from collection;**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (11 in favour, 2 against)**

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Fisher, Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Adams, Whitman and Craig.

Against: Councillors Walker and Outhit.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, Rankin and Johns.

**4. Direct staff to site a second household special handling waste depot and introduce annual district mobile household special handling waste events;**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 1 against)**

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Fisher, Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Craig and Outhit.

Against: Councillor Whitman.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, Rankin and Johns.

**5. Initiate By-law amendments, including a public hearing; to:**  
**a. mandate clear bags (with one nested opaque bag per clear bag) for residential collections; and,**  
**b. reduce garbage bag limits from 6 to 4;**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (10 in favour, 3 against)**

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Fisher, Councillors Dalrymple, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Walker, Whitman, Craig and Outhit.

Against: Councillors Hendsbee, Mosher and Adams.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, Rankin and Johns.

**6. Direct staff to increase:**  
**a. curb-side education and monitoring;**  
**b. apartment tenant education and monitoring; and,**  
**c. ICI load monitoring and inspections at the landfill;**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Karsten, Nicoll, Rankin and Johns.

In response to questions raised, it was noted that the Mayor would consult with the CAO to determine an appropriate timeframe for recommendations 7, 8 and 9 of the January 8, 2014 staff report to come back to Council for consideration.

**14.3 Memorandum from the Director of Planning and Infrastructure dated August 29, 2013 re: Rural Road Standard – Non-substantive Amendment to Development Agreement for Multi-Purpose Trail – Seven Lakes, Porters Lake**

Councillor Hendsbee expressing concern that the August 29, 2013 information report does not identify an alternative material use for the trail such as crusher dust, rather than an asphalt or concrete pathway.

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason that Halifax Regional Council request that Information Items 1 of the January 14, 2014 Halifax Regional Council agenda be referred to the Transportation Standing Committee.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 1 against)**

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Fisher, Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Adams, Whitman, Craig and Outhit.

Against: Councillor Walker.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, Rankin and Johns.

**14.4 Memorandum from the Director of Metro Transit dated December 19, 2013 re: Integration of Transit Routes 401 & 370**

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Council request that Information Items 4 of the January 14, 2014 Halifax Regional Council agenda be referred to the Transportation Standing Committee.**

Councillor Hendsbee clarified that the December 19, 2013 information report identifies the current configuration of the Route 401 service but does not address alternatives such as road changes or integration with the Route 370 Metro Link service, which he would like to review with staff.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 1 against)**

In favour: Deputy Mayor Fisher, Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Craig and Outhit.

Against: Mayor Savage.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, Rankin and Johns.

**15. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**15.1 Deputy Mayor Fisher**

Take notice that, at the next regular Halifax Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014, I proposed to introduce Administrative Order Number 54, the purpose of which is to outline procedures for developing Administrative Orders.

**15.2 Councillor Hendsbee**

Take notice that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council meeting, to be held Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014, I intend to proposed Administrative Order 58, the *Delegation of Certain Authorities Administrative Order*, to delegate to staff the authority to approve and sign Non-Disclosure Agreements and Facility Rental Agreements.

**15.3 Councillor Watts**

Take notice that, at the next regular Halifax Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014, I proposed to introduce a Policy pursuant to Section 325 of the Halifax Municipal Charter, Administrative Order SC-76, the purpose of which is to close a portion of the Claremont Street right-of-way, and set a public hearing date.

The In Camera items were addressed at this time.

**13. IN CAMERA**

**13.1 In Camera Minutes – December 10, 2013**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Whitman that the December 10, 2013 In Camera minutes be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.2 Property Matter**

**13.2.1 1672 Terrence Bay Road, Terence Bay**

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee to move to In Camera to address a property matter. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Council moved into In Camera at this time.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett  
Municipal Clerk