

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 14, 2006

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Kelly
Deputy Mayor Russell Walker
Councillors: Steve Streach
Krista Snow
David Hendsbee
Harry McInroy
Gloria McCluskey
Andrew Younger
Jim Smith
Mary Wile
Patrick Murphy
Dawn Sloane
Sue Uteck
Sheila Fougere
Debbie Hum
Linda Mosher
Stephen Adams
Brad Johns
Robert Harvey
Len Goucher
Reg Rankin
Gary Meade

REGRETS:

Councillors: Bill Karsten
Becky Kent

STAFF:

Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Jan Gibson, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Streach.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 31, 2006

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that the minutes of January 31, 2006, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Additions

- 11.1 Personnel Matter - Councillor and Citizen Appointments to Boards and Committees
- 11.2 Property Matter - Lot 90-4, PID #40560963, Oldham Road, Oldham
- 11.3 Contractual Matter - Guaranty of Halifax Forum Community Association Lease
- 11.4 Contractual Matter - Guaranty of Dartmouth Sportsplex Community Centre Lease

Councillor Younger requested Mayor Kelly write a letter of congratulations to Sara Conrad on her placing 15th in her Olympic event.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence - None

8.2 Petitions

Councillor Snow served a petition on behalf of residents of District 2 requesting the installation

of a sidewalk between Holland Road and Laurie Park in the communities of Fletcher's Lake and Wellington. The petition will be forwarded to staff for a response.

8.3 Presentations

8.3.1 Water Commission 2004/05 Annual Report

- The Halifax Regional Water Commission 2004/05 Annual Report was before Council.

Mr. Donald Mason, Chair, Halifax Regional Water Commission, introduced the report, noting:

- Preparation of a five year plan has been a key element of the Board,
- An element of success is the fact that there is a requirement for less water due to leak reductions,
- There is a reduction in household consumption,
- An application has been made for a rate increase based on a five year approach,
- Their commitment to improvement is well known,
- The Water Commission is well managed and provides a dividend to HRM which will soon reach the four million dollar mark.

Mr. Carl Yates, General Manager, presented the annual report to Council.

Following the presentation, Mr. Yates responded to questions from Council advising:

- Wood fibre with regard to Hurricane Juan is an ongoing issue but they have contracted a harvester who is certified to move wood within the quarantined zone established by CFIA and the work is underway,
- Mitigation for fire risks and future harvesting has been addressed by the laying out of a series of roads and cutting back on some of the brush that was close to neighbouring properties,
- At the present time an RFP has been awarded to a consultant to review policy within HRM with respect to wind turbines and the Water Commission has made a decision to stand down until that policy has been developed,
- Since the adoption of the International Best Practices, thirty four million litres per day have been carved off leakages,
- Water breakage was down overall from last year, noting there were 266 breaks but that number is down from previous years,
- It costs approximately \$40,000 per year to keep the pipe across the Macdonald bridge operational,
- Rates are lower than other utilities,
- Aging infrastructure is a concern,
- HRWC is in the lower quartile for rates and the higher quartile for the quality of the

system.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Adams, that Council accept and table the Halifax Regional Water Commission Annual Report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. REPORTS

9.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

9.1.1 Tender 05-172, Police Training Facility/Community Office (Northbrook School Renovations)

- A report dated January 26, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Younger, that Regional Council approve the award of Tender No. 05-172 Northbrook School Renovations to Gaudet Building Contractors Ltd. for a total tender price of \$390,497.22 (including net HST). Funding is available as per the Budget Implications section of the January 26, 2006 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.2 Tender 06-204, Resurfacing, South Park Street and Windsor Street - West Region

- A report dated January 27, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Fougere, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Council award Tender No. 06-204, Resurfacing, South Park Street and Windsor Street - West Region to Lafarge Canada Incorporated for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$399,133 including net HST from Capital Account No. CZU00782, Resurfacing, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications Section of the January 27, 2006 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.3 CN Overpass Repairs - Young Avenue - West Region

- A report dated January 23, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Halifax Regional Council approve the expenditure of \$254,181 including net HST as HRM's share of the costs of upgrading the sidewalks and bridge railings on the CN overpass

structure located on Young Avenue, Halifax. Funding from account CYR00991 Paving Renewal 2001 is authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the January 23, 2006 report.

Councillor Mosher noted Council has approved money out of CRESPOOL for this project and the report before Council indicates that the money would be coming out of another account. In response, Ms. Dale MacLennan, Director of Finance, advised she would check the specific account balance in CRESPOOL, noting that CRESPOOL only has a balance when projects are closed. She advised she would respond to the Councillor and would copy Council on the answer.

Councillor Mosher requested that staff also indicate where the half million dollars from Springvale went.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.4 Administrative Order SC-41, Respecting Closure of Surplus Right of Way - Cole Harbour Road, Dartmouth

- A report dated January 31, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that Council approve in principle the closure of a surplus portion of the Cole Harbour Road Right of Way, Dartmouth, pursuant to HRM Administrative Order SC-41, and as shown on Attachment "A" of the January 31, 2006 staff report, to facilitate the sale of the subject lands. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.5 Proposed Advanced Funding Approval for the 2006/2007 Capital Budget

- A report dated February 10, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that Halifax Regional Council provide advanced funding approval of the proposed 2006/2007 Capital Budget in the amount of \$5,411,600 as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the February 10, 2006 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.6 Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Service Delivery Levels - Standard of Response

- A report dated February 6, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Meade, that:

- 1. Council accept the document “Service Delivery Standards for Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Service” attached to the February 6, 2006 report as the desired level of service to be implemented over a multi-year period for the delivery of fire and emergency services to the citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality by Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Service.**
- 2. Staff develop a multi-year response strategy for implementation as outlined in the February 6, 2006 Council report and in accordance with the Business Planning and Budget cycles.**
- 3. Council establish the actual service standard for the delivery of fire and emergency services to the citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality by Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Service during the balance of the fiscal year 2005-06 at 70% of the desired standard set out in the document “Service Delivery Standards for Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Service” attached to the February 6, 2006 report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. MOTIONS

10.1 Councillor Hendsbee - Amendment to Administrative Order 38, Respecting the Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that Halifax Regional Council adopt an amendment to Administrative Order 38, the purpose of which is to appoint a member of Council to the Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee and further that the Councillor serve as Chair. MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 8 against)

Those voting **in favour** were Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Walker and Councillors Hendsbee, McCluskey, Wile, Murphy, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Goucher, Rankin and Meade.

Those voting **against** were Councillors Streach, Snow, McInroy, Younger, Sloane, Uteck, Fougere and Harvey.

Councillors Karsten, Kent and Smith were absent.

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.1 Personnel Matter - Councillor and Citizen Appointments to Boards and

Committees

- This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera meeting held prior to the regular session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve the Citizen appointments to Boards/Committees/Commissions as outlined in Attachment "I" of the February 10, 2006 Private and Confidential staff report.**
2. **Approve in principle the incorporation of the 10th Anniversary of Amalgamation into the Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Celebrations and community activities throughout the municipality, subject to a detailed breakdown of expenditures.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2 Property Matter - Lot 90-4, PID #40560963, Oldham Road, Oldham

- This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera meeting held prior to the regular session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve the withdrawal from Account Q107, Parkland Reserve, to facilitate the purchase of the subject lands as per the Key Terms and Conditions and the Budget Implications outlined in the January 31, 2006 Private and Confidential staff report.**
2. **The January 31, 2006 Private and Confidential Report not be released to the public until the transaction has concluded.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.3 Contractual Matter - Guaranty of Halifax Forum Community Association Lease

- This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera meeting held prior to the regular

session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Fougere, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker, that Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Agree to guaranty to the Royal Bank of Canada the lease payment to be made by the Halifax Forum Community Association to the Royal Bank of Canada further to an agreement for the rental of a patented cash and paper control system from Touch-Star Technologies Inc.**
2. **Not release the January 30, 2006 report to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.4 Contractual Matter - Guaranty of Dartmouth Sportsplex Community Centre Lease

- This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera meeting held prior to the regular session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Agree to guaranty to the Royal Bank of Canada the lease payment to be made by the Dartmouth Sportsplex Community Centre to the Royal Bank of Canada further to an agreement for the rental of a patented cash and paper control system from Touch-Star Technologies Inc.**
2. **Not release the January 30, 2006 report to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Municipal Clerk

The following information items were circulated to Council.

1. Proclamation - National Flag of Canada Day - February 15, 2006
2. Memorandum from Acting Director, Real Property & Asset Management dated February 6, 2006 re: First Lake Trail Development
3. Memorandum from Director, Planning & Development Services dated February 8, 2006 re: Timberlea, Lakeside and Beechville Service Boundary and Bedford West Master Plan
4. Memorandum from Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer dated February 9, 2006 re: Capital Projects Implementation
5. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk, dated February 10, 2006 re: Requests for Presentations to Council

Date of Request(s)	Name of Delegation(s)	Disposition of Request(s)
February 6-10, 2006	Mr. Adam Conrod re: Property Taxes	Mr. Conrod was advised that there will be an opportunity for the public to make their views known to Regional Council on the subject of the annual budget in late April / early May. Mr. Conrod was further advised that a written submission could be circulated to Regional Council at the present time.