

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 15, 2008

PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

Councillors: Gloria McCluskey

STAFF:

Ms. Geri Kaiser, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Acting Municipal Clerk
Ms. Melody Campbell, 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 Snow.

2. **SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Councillor Rankin expressed condolences on the passing of Councillor Ken Fralick of Hacketts Cove. Councillor Ken, as he was known, served District 3 of the former Halifax County from 1985 to 1996.

Councillor Wile passed condolences on the passing of Mr. Lorne White. Mr. White was a well known cast member of Sing Along Jubilee. He was also a teacher, a husband and father. He was well respected in the community.

Council observed a moment of silence in respect for Mr. Fralick and Mr. White.

Councillor Snow on behalf of the Mayor and Council wish Councillor McCluskey a speedy recovery.

Councillor Sloane advised Mr. Mickey MacDonald opened Palooka's Boxing Club on Gottingen Street last Friday. Mr. Ricky Anderson and Mr. George Chualo were in attendance. It was a great event.

Councillor Murphy congratulated the Mulgrave Park Association on their event, *How Families can Support Each Other*. The event was held at the Bloomfield Centre.

Deputy Mayor Adams welcomed Dr. Adolfsson Jorby and her husband, Anders, to Council this evening. Dr. Jorby and Anders will be in HRM for four months as part of a sustainability initiative with Sweden. Dr. Jorby will be presenting at the Atlantic Canada Sustainability Summit. This will provide a great learning exchange between Sweden and HRM. Deputy Mayor Adams, on behalf of the Mayor and Council, welcomed them to Halifax Regional Municipality

Deputy Mayor advised that a clean up of White Head Road and Moody Park Drive will take place on Saturday, April 26th at 9:00 a.m. On Sunday, April 27th at 8:45 a.m., St. Paul's Church will hold its annual community clean up. The Chebucto Connections Group will be holding community café on Saturday, April 19th at 1:30 p.m. On Sunday, April 20th at 2:00 p.m. an auction will be held at Kokomos to raise money for the Harrietsfield/Williamswood playground. This is a great community initiative. The entry charge is \$5.00. Deputy Mayor

Adams expressed gratitude to Ms. Karen Hanna, and Ms. Susan Pryne in their efforts to make this project happen.

Councillor Harvey advised that Clean Nova Scotia in conjunction with the Sackville Rivers Association will be having their annual clean up on Saturday, April 19th. Everyone is requested to meet at the ball field on the Old Beaverbank Road at 10:00 a.m.

Councillor Hendsbee advised that the Lake Echo Lions Club is selling tickets to win tickets for the upcoming IIHF. You can contact Councillor Hendsbee to purchase them. The Preston and Area Trails Project will hold a public meeting on April 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the East Preston Recreation Centre.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 18, March 25 and April 1, 2008

Councillor Fougere advised that on the minutes of March 18th, Page 8, in the motion, it should be brownfield not brownfill.

Councillor Murphy advised that on the minutes of March 25th, The Halifax Dartmouth Bridge Commission presentation was provided by Mr. Steve Snider.

MOVED BY Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Wile, that the minutes of March 18, March 25 and April 1, 2008, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Added Items:

12.1 Five Year Transit Plan

12.2 Legal Matter - Settlement of Claim - Hammonds Plains Road Improvements

MOVED BY Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Snow, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. 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 - NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence - None

9.2 Petitions

Councillor Walker presented a petition containing 28 names from residents requesting that HRM repave or thin overlay Kingsmere Court in Halifax

Councillor Walker presented a petition containing 124 names from taxi drivers requesting that HRM increase limousine rates to and from the airport by 20% more than taxi fares set by Council

The Municipal Clerk presented a petition to Council that was sent to Mayor Kelly from residents urging Halifax Regional Council to modify the current HRM's staff proposal with respect to the Beaufort, Francklyn segment of the active transportation trail to provide for a recreational trail and not a 24/7 paved road. The petition also requests a crusher dust recreational trail be installed.

10. REPORTS

10.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

10.1.1 Request for Proposal 07-454 - Youth Advocate Program Evaluation 2007

- A staff report dated March 28, 2008 was before Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Snow, that Halifax Regional Council award RFP #07-454, Youth Advocate Program Evaluation 2007 to the highest scoring proponent, Dalhousie University Department of Social Work, for a total cost of \$186,172.20 including the net HST over 4 years as detailed in the Budget Implications section of the March 28, 2008 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.2 Tender 08-218 - Paving Renewal - Holland Road - Central Region

- A staff report dated April 1, 2008 was before Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 08-218, Paving Renewal - Holland Road - Central Region to Basin Contractors Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$314,941.31 (net HST included) with funding from Capital account NO. CYU01081 - Paving Renewal Program , as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the April 1, 2008 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.3 Tender 08-228 - Hammonds Plains Road Widening - Central Region

- A staff report dated April 4, 2008 was before Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve a withdrawal of Capital Cost Contributions received to date from Q133, Bedford South Interchange Reserve, in the amount of \$480,000, and increase Capital Account No. CTU01006, Hammonds Plains Road Improvements, by the same;**
2. **Approve payment of up to \$70,000, net HST included, to Nova Scotia Power Inc. for the relocation of high voltage utility wires;**
3. **Award Tender No. 08-228, Hammonds Plains Road Widening - Central Region to Brycon Construction Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$2,229,929.24, net HST included, from Capital Account No. CTU01006, Hammonds Plains Road Improvements, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications Section of the April 4, 2008 report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.4 Tender 08-236 - Paving Resurfacing, South Park Street (Inglis Street to Fenwick Street) - West Region

- A staff report dated April 4, 2008 was before Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 08-236, Paving Resurfacing, South Park Street (Inglis Street to Fenwick Street) - West Region to Ocean Contractors Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$568,859.50 (net HST including) with funding from Capital Account Nos.

CZU00782 - Resurfacing and CRU00683 - Curb Renewals, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the April 4, 2008 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.5 Tender 08-238 - Crack Sealing - Phase 1, Various Locations

- A staff report dated March 27, 2008 was before Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Snow, that Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 08-238, Crack Sealing - Various Locations to Road Savers Maritime Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$223,566.95 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CZU10182 - Resurfacing Program, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the March 27, 2008 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.6 Proposed By-Law P-1100, and Proposed Administrative Order 45, Respecting Charges for Private Road Maintenance - Area Rate for Petpeswick Drive Improvement Society

- A staff report dated March 28, 2008 was before Council.

Councillor Hendsbee excused himself indicating possible perceived conflict of interest.

Councillor Streach requested clarification that the cul-de-sac at the bottom is not part of the right of way. Staff advised that the cul-de-sac is private property and not part of the right of way.

MOVED BY Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Snow, that Halifax Regional Council approve:

- 1. An annual area rate of \$200.00 per property be approved to be applied against all properties abutting Petpeswick Drive which have residences as depicted in the map shown in Appendix A of this report effective with the 2008-09 fiscal year for the purpose of funding the road maintenance activities of the Petpeswick Drive Improvement Society.**
- 2. Approve in principle, and begin the formal process for the adoption of By-Law P-1100 Respecting Charges for Private Road Maintenance, and Administrative Order 45 and Schedule 1 thereto, respecting an area rate for the Petpeswick Drive Improvement Society, attached hereto as Appendix B.**
- 3. Subject to the approval of By-Law P-1100 and Administrative Order 45 and Schedule 1 thereto, authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of HRM, the Management and Operating Agreement between HRM and the Society included as Appendix C of this report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 HARBOUR EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

10.2.1 Canal Greenway Phase II - Coordinated Open Space Development Plan and Sullivans Pond Banook Master Plan

- A report from Harbour East Community Council dated April 9, 2008 and staff reports dated March 1, 2008 were before Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Halifax Regional Council consider the recommendations as outlined in the attached staff reports dated March 1, 2008 in the upcoming budget deliberations. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. MOTIONS - NONE

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Five Year Transit Plan

- This item was addressed at an earlier Committee of the Whole session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Adams, seconded by Councillor Johns that Halifax Regional Council:

- 2. Endorse the 5-Year Transit Plan, and that the Satellite Transit Garage be the number one priority in the 2008/09 capital budget.**
- 3. Endorse moving the Design and Planning aspect in regard to Rural Transit, as noted in the 5-Year Transit Plan, to 2010-11.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Streach clarified that Number 2 of the motion is not part of the Rural Rapid Transit that is currently moving forward.

12.2 Legal Matter - Settlement of Claim - Hammonds Plains Road Improvements

MOVED BY Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Wile that Halifax Regional Council:

- This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera session and was now before Council for ratification.
- 1. **Approve a payment of \$80,000, full HST included, to the plaintiff from Capital Account CTU01006, Hammonds Plains Road Improvements, as a settlement of claim pursuant to a Notice of Intended Action, dated December 4, 2007; and**
- 2. **It is further recommended that the April 9, 2008 private and confidential staff report remain confidential and not be released to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Streach:

Take notice that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April 2008, I propose to move First Reading of By-Law P-1100, Respecting Charges for Private Road Maintenance.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Acting Municipal Clerk

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Memorandum from Director, Infrastructure & Asset Management dated March 20, 2008
re: Intersection Improvements - Burnside Drive
2. Memorandum from Director, Infrastructure & Asset Management dated March 18, 2008
re: Petition - Chebucto Road Widening
3. Memorandum from Director, Transportation & Public Works dated March 10, 2008
re: Weekly Green Cart Service Options
4. Memorandum from the Acting Municipal Clerk dated March 28, 2008
re: Requests for Presentation to Council - Aubrey Fricker re: HRM By Design -
Downtown Strategy