HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

January 19, 2010

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Kelly

Councillors: Steve Streatch

Barry Dalrymple David Hendsbee Lorelei Nicoll Gloria McCluskey Darren Fisher Bill Karsten

Jackie Barkhouse

Jim Smith Mary Wile

Jerry Blumenthal Dawn Sloane Sue Uteck Jennifer Watts Russell Walker Debbie Hum Stephen Adams Robert Harvey Tim Outhit Peter Lund Reg Rankin

REGRETS: Councillors: Deputy Mayor Brad Johns

Linda Mosher

STAFF: Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Acting Municipal Clerk Ms. Cathy Mellett, Acting Municipal Clerk Ms. Krista Tidgwell, Legislative Assistant Ms. Melody Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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1. INVOCATION

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m with the Invocation being led by Councillor McCluskey.

A moment of silence was held for the citizens of Haiti and Sgt. Mark Gallagher, RCMP, who was killed during the Haiti earthquake.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Sloane announced that on January 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Halifax Hall, City Hall, HRM will be hosting an open house regarding the North Common Proposal and invited all residents to come. Councillor Sloane also advised that Halifax will be hosting a benefit for Haiti relief which is be held on February 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the Metro Centre. She expressed her appreciation to Brookes Diamonds Productions for putting on the benefit. She listed a number of great performers who are lending their talents in support of the benefit and noted that Brookes Diamonds has indicated that there is more entertainment to come. She advised that tickets can be purchased for \$20 at Ticket Atlantic with all proceeds going to help the citizens of Haiti.

Councillor Wile reminded all HRM residents, in particular the residents of Fairview, Clayton Park, Clayton Park West and Rockingham, that there will be a Public Meeting on January 25th at 7 p.m. at Halifax West High School regarding the relocation of the Lacewood Terminal. She noted that all are welcome to come and provide their input.

Councillor Dalrymple advised residents and in particular the residents of Oakfield, Grand Lake and Wellington, that their e-mails to himself and MLA Percy Paris, Department of Natural Resources regarding the rebuild/redesign of Laurie Park have been reviewed. He advised that he had met with MLA Mr. Paris on January 18th and confirmed that Provincial Natural Resources Minister John MacDonell has put the issue forward for review. Councillor Dalrymple thanked the Harbour East Community Council (HECC) Councillors for donating \$13,500 to assist in the rebuild of the Beaverbank Kinsac Community Centre. He noted that the Board and community have been raising funds. Councillor Dalrymple indicated that the Fall River Vision Committee will be hosting an open house for all local community and volunteer groups to put up displays and information. The open house will be held at the Fall River Recreation Centre on January 23rd and January 24th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. He invited all members of the community to come out and see what is available in their community. The Councillor also advised that he will be hosting an information meeting on January 25th at 7 p.m. regarding the 2010 HRM Grants Program and the 2010 HRM Volunteer Recognition Program. The meeting will be held at the LWF Community Hall at 843 Fall River Road. Information and application packages will be available. Councillor Dalrymple urged all volunteer and non-profit community sports groups to attend.

Councillor Streatch announced on behalf of the Middle Musquodoboit area and the Bicentennial Theatre, that January 23rd will be the 251st anniversary of Robbie Burns. The community will be hosting the 11th annual celebration on January 27th at 7 p.m. at the Bicentennial Theatre. Councillor Streatch listed a few of the menu items and encouraged HRM residents and Council to attend. He also noted that he will be the Master of Ceremonies (MC) for the evening and tickets are still available.

Councillor Watts noted that the Ardmore Community Rink is in operation. She thanked the volunteers and indicated that people are working on ice and anticipate a great weekend. Councillor Watts also noted that there will be a meeting on January 27th at 7 p.m. at the Oxford School, Community Room. The meeting is in regard to the Halifax Urban Greenway Trail and will be discussing potential locations for the trail through District 14. She advised that this will be a good opportunity for residents to find out more about the trail and how they can support the project. She encouraged those interested in active transportation within the urban area and residents of District 14 to attend the meeting.

Councillor Barkhouse announced that on January 21st there will be a Lynn Drive Neighbourhood Watch meeting at the Southend Baptist Church, 60 Hastings Drive at 7 p.m. She also advised that the initial meeting of a renewed South Woodside Neighbourhood Watch will be held on January 25th in the evening. All residents should receive an invitation to the meeting at their residence. She apologised if some residents were missed and noted that they could contact her to receive the information.

Councillor Hendsbee noted that January 18th was Martin Luther King Day. He advised that on January 23rd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the North Preston Community Centre, there will be a "Lets Talk" discussion meeting regarding the Justice Circle Dialogue, lunch will be provided. It is an opportunity for the community's organizations and individuals to share ideas and thoughts as to how the community can work more effectively together. Councillor Hendsbee also advised that Asia NuGruv will be playing at Big Leagues, Cole Harbour on January 23rd from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in support of the Haiti relief program and invited all to participate.

Councillor Smith announced that on January 21st at 6:30 p.m. there is an annual general meeting of the Farrell Benevolent Society. The meeting will be held in Farrell Hall at 276 Windmill Road. He noted that the meeting will consist of a financial report, committee reports, election of new Board members and a vote on proposed By-law amendments. He encouraged all District 9 residents to attend the meeting. He also indicated that District 9 residents that have an interest in a volunteer opportunity could contact him or attend the meeting.

Councillor Blumenthal congratulated Councillor Watts on her outdoor arena. He noted that Districts 11 and 12 have rinks which are open to all citizens.

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES None
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

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Additions:

- 13.1 Councillor Rankin
 - (i) Resolution re: Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) Vision 2040
 - (ii) Request for Report re: Pinedale Park Water Utility
- 13.2 Councillor Adams Taxi Roof Lights

Councillor Adams advised that item 13.2 Taxi Roof Lights has been addressed by staff and instructed that this item be removed from the agenda.

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

The Mayor advised that the two public hearings would commence at 6 p.m.

- 5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES
- 6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION NONE
- 7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION NONE
- 8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS NONE
- 9. PUBLIC HEARINGS
- 9.1 Case 01287 Amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning
 Strategy and the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law
 for Planning Districts 14 and 17 and Dartmouth

This item was addressed during the evening session of Regional Council. See page 10.

9.2 Joint Public Hearing with Chebucto Community Council - Case 01003
- Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use By-Law Amendments and
Development Agreement - Regatta Point, Halifax

This item was addressed during the evening session of Regional Council. See page 11.

- 10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS
- 10.1 Correspondence None
- 10.2 Petitions

This item was addressed following Notice of Motion. See page 10.

- 10.3 Presentations
- 10.3.1 Greater Halifax Partnership Update

This item was addressed during the evening session of Regional Council. See page 13.

10.3.2 Destination Halifax Update

This item was addressed during the evening session of Regional Council. See page 13.

- 11. REPORTS
- 11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
- 11.1.1 Canada Games Centre Funding (formerly Mainland Common Recreation Facility)
 - A staff report dated December 29, 2009 was before Council

MOVED BY Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Halifax Regional Council approve the following:

- 1. Transfer funding in the amount of \$1,540,000 from capital account CMU00975 Peninsula Transit Corridor to capital account CB100091 Mainland Common Recreation Facility;
- 2. Approve an increase to capital account CB100091 with funding from the current \$366,000 and future interest earned on funds received from the Province of Nova Scotia on March 28, 2008.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 11.1.2 Proposed Amendment to Administrative Order 45, Respecting
 Private Road Maintenance Road Maintenance Fee for South West
 Grand Lake Property Owners Association
 - A staff report dated December 15, 2009 was before Council

MOVED BY Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that Halifax Regional Council:

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- 1. Approve in principle the Schedule of Annual Uniform Charges as shown in Appendix A of the staff report dated December 15, 2009 to be applied against all properties which must be accessed via Kings Road, Wellington as depicted in the map shown in Appendix B effective with the 2010-11 fiscal year for the purpose of funding the road maintenance activities of the South West Grand Lake Property Owners Association.
- 2. Approve in principle amending Administrative Order 45, Respecting Private Road Maintenance, by adding Schedule 4, respecting uniform charges for the South West Grand Lake Property Owners Association, attached hereto as Appendix C.
- 3. Subject to the approval of Schedule 4 of Administrative Order 45, authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign on behalf of HRM, the Management and Operating Agreement between HRM and the Association included as Appendix D of the staff report dated December 15, 2009.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 11.2 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
- 11.2.1 Councillor Uteck Request for Letter of Support re: Funding of the EcoTrust Program

MOVED BY Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Halifax Regional Council request that the Mayor send a letter, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, to The Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Environment, and

The Honourable Keith Ashfield, Minister of ACOA, copied to our local Ministers of Parliament, urging their support during the creation of the upcoming budget for the Federal Government of Canada for funding of the Eco Trust program. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 12. MOTIONS
- 12.1 Councillor McCluskey

MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Smith, that Regional Council request a staff report outlining HRM sponsored events with a plan to eliminate sponsorship by alcohol advertising for HRM events. MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding the feasibility of holding two Give Away Weekends. At these weekends residents will put unwanted goods at the curb for residents who can use them.

Council raised concern regarding the retrieval of any remaining unwanted goods as well as the possibility of bedbugs. Council requested these issues be dealt with in the report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. ADDED ITEMS

13.1 Councillor Rankin

- (i) Resolution re: Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) Vision 2040
- (ii) Request for Report re: Pinedale Park Water Utility

MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Lund, that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Endorse Transit Vision 2040, as developed by the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA), including its 6 themes and 27 Strategic Directions.
- 2. Seek to align the future vision of public transit services with Transit Vision 2040 and endeavour to reach or exceed performance targets outlined in the Vision.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Lund, that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report outlining how the Municipality may assist Halifax Water in an effort to provide a solution to the water quality in Pinedale Park. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 Councillor Dalrymple

Take notice that at the next regular Regional Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, 26th day of January, 2010, I intend to move approval of an amendment to Administration Order 45, Respecting Private Road Maintenance, to add Schedule 4 to permit the

implementation of Private Road Maintenance Fees for Kings Road and the Private Roads accessed from Kings Road in Wellington.

14.2 Councillor Karsten

Take notice that at the next regular Council meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on January 26, 2010, I intend to introduce a motion to request Council to allow Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Public Health Officer, Province of Nova Scotia to offer a presentation to an upcoming meeting of Committee of the Whole entitled Alcohol: A Public Health and Safety Issue.

10.2 Petitions

10.2.1 Councillor Rankin

Councillor Rankin submitted a petition of 276 names requesting HRM and Council reconsider the decision of closing the Receiver General's Office at 200 IIsley Avenue and having it relocated to Ragged Lake.

Council recessed at 4:07 p.m. Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 9.1 Case 01287 Amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning
 Strategy and the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law
 for Planning Districts 14 and 17 and Dartmouth
 - An extract of the December 15, 2009 minutes was before Council.
 - A Harbour East Community Council & Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council report dated December 10, 2009 was before Council.
 - A staff report dated November 26, 2009 was before Council.

Mr. Mitch Dickey, Planner, provided a presentation of Case 01287 - Amendments to the Regional Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for Planning Districts 14 and 17 and Dartmouth.

After the presentation, the following points of clarification were provided to Council:

- zoning will be changed once the amendments are approved
- capital cost contributions will be used for the trunk sewer
- wetlands will be protected
- service extensions will be funded out of capital full cost recovery

Mayor Kelly reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings, and opened the hearing for those wishing to speak to the matter.

The Mayor called three times for speakers; there being none, it was MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the public hearing close. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED BY Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy as contained in Attachment D, and the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for Dartmouth as contained in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated November 26, 2009; and
- 2. Approve the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy as contained in Attachment D, and the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for Planning Districts 14 and 17 as contained in Attachment C of the staff report dated November 26, 2009.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 9.2 Joint Public Hearing with Chebucto Community Council Case 01003
 Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use By-Law Amendments and
 Development Agreement Regatta Point, Halifax
 - An extract of the December 15, 2009 minutes was before Council.
 - A Chebucto Community Council report dated December 2, 2009 was before Council.
 - A supplementary report dated November 27, 2009 was before Council.
 - A supplementary report dated July 22, 2009 was before Council.

Ms. MacKenzie Stonehocker, Planner, provided the presentation for Case 01003 - Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use By-Law Amendments and Development Agreement Regatta Point, Halifax to Council.

Following the presentation, no points of clarification were requested.

Correspondence regarding Case 01003 was received from the following: Sandra & David Quinn, Andrew Ritcey, Darrell Johnson, Paul F. Skerry, William Mosher, Anne Coughlan, Kendall Kempton, Verda Kempton, Bill Mosher, David Pace.

Mayor Kelly reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings, and opened the hearing for those wishing to speak to the matter.

Mr. Danny Chedrawe, Halifax, advised Council that he purchased the property in 1991. He noted that he developed lot RP2. He added that lot RP1, the current proposed site for the development agreement, was part of the original master plan but it was excluded at the time RP2 was developed. He stated that during the first two years of proposal, he met with the residents of the neighbourhood and received and took into consideration their ideas and concerns. He added that the last three years were spent working with the District Councillor and HRM staff. He noted that the lot is over thirty thousand square feet, with the proposed building being nine thousand square feet in diameter. The site will include a park, landscaping, wrought iron fence, gazebo and trees with an additional thirty five parking spaces. He stated that a traffic study has been done and it was determined that there would be no negative impact to traffic. He advised that this site will offer many amenities to its residents. Mr. Chedrawe added that this development has a personal interest to him, as the these properties are where he began his career as a developer in Halifax.

The Mayor called three times for further speakers; there being none, it was **MOVED** by Councillor Wile, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the public hearing close. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Walker submitted a petition signed by 107 residents indicating support to the proposed expansion of 16 Anchor Drive.

MOVED BY Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Regional Council approve the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-Law, as provided in Attachments A and B of the supplementary staff report dated November 27, 2009. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 Presentations

10.3.1 Greater Halifax Partnership Update

Mr. Paul Kent, President, and Mr. Fred Morley, Executive Vice President and Chief Economist, of the Greater Halifax Partnership provided a presentation to Council.

The following points were noted by the Greater Halifax Partnership:

- working with Halifax Gateway and HRM's business parks
- working on immigration issues, for example, connections, hiring and sustainable models

surveying investors, meeting with business chambers and the three levels of government

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- using the right connections to accelerate growth
- promoting the region and advocating for the environment
- promoting growth throughout HRM
- working with investors
- working for the promotion of small to medium business
- HRM fared well during the recession
- HRM had the highest level of growth in Canada
- HRM has the strongest economy in Canada
- Nova Scotia numbers show second highest level for business confidence, second only to British Columbia
- the Greater Halifax Partnership continues to set high goals
- the population of HRM has increased fifteen thousand over the past four years
- eighteen thousand new jobs have been created in four years
- confidence is high with a number of new projects moving forward

Mayor Kelly expressed his appreciation to the Greater Halifax Partnership for their great work and continued cooperation.

10.3.2 Destination Halifax Update

Mr. Stuart Jolliffe, Chair, and Ms. Pat Lyall, President and CEO, of Destination Halifax provided a presentation to Council.

The following points were noted by Destination Halifax encompassing their role in HRM:

- dealing with the changing face of the visitor economy
- distribution of hotel room revenues
- working to stay true to the role of sales and marketing
- ranked as the #1 sales channel by HRM tourism operators
- extending the reach through partnerships and strategic alliances
- working on all things web
- creating priority opportunities, such as meetings, conventions, cruise ships, and major events
- targeting audiences in business and leisure

Mayor Kelly expressed his appreciation to Destination Halifax for the presentation and their continuing work in promoting HRM as a destination.

Following the presentations by the Greater Halifax Partnership and Destination Halifax, the following discussion ensued among Council:

Councillor McCluskey questioned the satisfaction of the hotels throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality. She reminded Council that Dartmouth has many hotels and attractions and that Dartmouth needs to be considered and promoted as a destination.

Councillor Streatch expressed his appreciation to the Greater Halifax Partnership and Destination Halifax. He added that these organizations work on activities to benefit all areas of HRM.

Councillor Karsten expressed his appreciation for the continuing work of both organizations. He advised that Council, the Greater Halifax Partnership and Destination Halifax have to work as a team in order to accomplish their goals.

In response to questions by Councillor Hendsbee, Ms. Lyall advised that a report will be forwarded to Council regarding Events Halifax as there is continuing discussion with the Special Events Advisory Committee on how to best manage events in both the short and long term. It was noted that, technically, Events Halifax has been converted to Events Nova Scotia with funding added from the Province and ACOA. Ms. Lyall stated that there has been considerable work done on the Visitor Information Centre Strategy. In response to a question by the Councillor, Ms. Lyall advised that the current extent of a town crier is around the cruise area. She noted that Destination Halifax has not utilized the Town Crier.

Councillor Lund questioned whether Destination Halifax has considered branding for areas outside of Halifax. He suggested that a promotion such as; *While in Halifax, travel ten minutes for canoeing, thirty minutes to fishing,* be considered.

Councillor McCluskey expressed the need for the Greater Halifax Partnership to continue to work and connect with small business.

Councillor Nicoll noted that diversity, in all aspects, be considered when promoting HRM.

Councillor Outhit expressed his appreciation to the organizations adding that the increase in population and the increase in jobs over the past four years is great news. The Councillor noted that the Greater Halifax Partnership is continuing to receive the same funding as each of the regional development authorities even though GPH has a much larger mandate. He added that branding of HRM is an issue. He suggested that HRM be referred to as Greater Halifax for the purpose of marketing and economic development.

Councillor Dalrymple stated that the re-establishment of the Town Crier be considered for downtown Halifax.

Councillor Sloane suggested that an open day be scheduled where Councillors and the public get a chance to explore their own city. She suggested a passport book be created for those taking part in the event. She added that a day such as this would promote civic pride.

Councillor Blumenthal noted the decrease in the amount of work at the Port of Halifax. Mr. Kent advised the work at the Port is down twenty to twenty-five percent in container traffic. He added that the Greater Halifax Partnership, through the Gateway Council, is working with the Port to expand activities, assist with planning and explore efficiencies.

Councillor Lund stated that 2011 is the 200th Anniversary of Peggy's Cove. He suggested that consideration be given to planning and promoting events to commemorate the anniversary.

Councillor Harvey expressed his appreciation to the Greater Halifax Partnership and Destination Halifax. He noted that these organizations, with the support Council, can continue to speak with a united voice. He added that he is from and proud of the community of Sackville, but as for branding, the brand is Halifax.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Cathy Mellett Acting Municipal Clerk

INFORMATION ITEMS January 19, 2010

- 1. Memorandum from Director, Infrastructure & Asset Management dated January 4, 2010 re: Status of Funding for the Woodside Ferry
- 2. Memorandum from Director, Legal Services dated January 6, 2010 re: Motions to Amend
- 3. Memorandum from Director, Community Development dated December 12, 2009 re: Case 01338 Burnside Functional Plan Implementation Process
- 4. Memorandum from the Acting Clerk Manager dated January 15, 2010 re: Requests for Presentation to Council None