

**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
November 28, 2000**

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter J. Kelly
Deputy Mayor Jerry Blumenthal
Councillors: Stephen Streach
Gary Hines
Keith Colwell
Ron Cooper
Harry McInroy
Brian Warshick
Condo Sarto
Bruce Hetherington
Jim Smith
John Cunningham
Dawn Sloane
Sue Uteck
Russell Walker
Diana Whalen
Linda Mosher
Stephen Adams
Brad Johns
Bob Harvey
Len Goucher
Reg Rankin
Gary Meade

ABSENT

WITH REGRETS:

Councillor Sheila Fougere

STAFF MEMBERS:

Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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1. **INVOCATION**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Invocation.

2. **PROCLAMATIONS**

Presentation by Mayor Peter Kelly to Mr. Steve Giles

Mayor Kelly presented Mr. Steve Giles with a plaque commemorating his winning of a Bronze medal in the C-11,000 Metre Paddling in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

Communities in Bloom Award - Mr. Stephen King

Mr. Stephen King presented the Mayor with the Communities in Bloom award received by the Halifax Regional Municipality advising, Halifax Regional Municipality has been invited to participate and represent Canada in 2001 in the International Challenge.

Acknowledgment of \$100,000 Contribution - Retired Rear Admiral Harry DeWolfe

Mayor Kelly acknowledged the contribution of \$100,000 from Retired Rear Admiral Harry DeWolfe.

MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that a letter of thanks be sent to the DeWolfe family. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 14, 2000**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that the minutes of November 14, 2000 be approved, as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Additions

12.1 Deputy Mayor Blumenthal - Election Signage on Public Parks and Municipal Property

- 12.2 Councillor Walker - Request to move Info Item #2 (Council Chamber Monitors) to the Regular Council agenda for discussion
- 12.3 Councillor Meade - Installation of Streets Lights, Indian Harbour
- 12.4 Councillor Warshick - St. Mary's Turf
- 12.5 Report - Commitment for Advance Purchase of Cell #3 Liner
- 12.6 Councillor Rankin - Resolution re: NS Department of Transportation and Public Works Agreement - Local Streets and Roads
- 12.7 Committee of the Whole Recommendation - Proposed High School Site - Mainland North Common
- 12.8 Property Matter - Proposed Purchase, Conrad Road, Grand Desert
- 12.9 Contract Negotiation - ATU Update

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

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 AND DELEGATIONS

9.1 Petitions

9.1.1 Councillor Cunningham

Councillor Cunningham submitted correspondence from Christine Webber-Holt regarding increasing vehicular and pedestrian traffic around schools. The Councillor requested the correspondence be forwarded to Traffic Services.

9.1.2 Councillor Hetherington

Councillor Hetherington presented a petition, containing 110 signatures, against the proposed location of the Dartmouth Sewage Treatment Plant. The Councillor requested a copy of the petition be forwarded to the Harbour Solutions Team and the Community Liaison Committee.

9.1.3 Councillor Sarto

Councillor Sarto presented a petition on behalf of the residents of John Cross Drive requesting an upgrading of a section of their street. The Councillor requested the petition be forwarded to Public Works and Transportation Services.

10. REPORTS

10.1 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10.1.1 Councillor Cunningham

(i) Letter of Congratulations

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that the Mayor send a letter of congratulations and thanks from Council to Mr. Harry Chapman on the publication of his book "In the Wake of the Alderney". MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(ii) Letter to CIAU

- A memorandum from Mr. Phil Currie, Executive Director, Athletic Directors, Atlantic University Sport, dated November 28, 2000, was circulated to Council.

Councillor Cunningham noted the CIAU has announced that it is considering moving the Atlantic Bowl football games out of Halifax for at least fifty percent of the time; and, therefore, placed the following motion.

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that the Mayor send a letter on behalf of all residents of Halifax Regional Municipality urging the CIAU to maintain the Atlantic Bowl in Halifax. Further, copies of the letter be sent to the MPs, MLAs and UNSM. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.2 Councillor Smith - NS Power, Tufts Cove

Councillor Smith advised there are concerns with emission and fallout from Nova Scotia Power in his District. The Councillor congratulated Nova Scotia Power for its partial use of natural gas, noting some of the benefits of this are reduced emissions, cleaner burning fuel, no sulfur by-product, reductions in carbon and sulfur dioxides, and greenhouse emissions can be reduced by 33 percent.

However, Councillor Smith noted Nova Scotia also burns oil. The Councillor noted there have been emission problems in the past with incomplete burning of bunker fuel oil, and this fall out happens quite often and over a wide area in his District. Councillor Smith

stated he has received complaints from people in his District regarding a tar like soot ending up on their vehicles. Nova Scotia Power has responded to these complaints on an incident basis.

With respect to the use of natural gas, the Councillor noted Nova Scotia Power decides on a daily basis whether to burn oil or natural gas using a nomination process. Factors that are taking into consideration are the coal market price, the overall energy dispatch plan, the unit burner availability, and market price. Councillor Smith noted there is no environmental factor and put for the following motion:

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Warshick, that the Mayor write a letter to Nova Scotia Power requesting “environmental impact of emissions” be added to the nomination criteria. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.3 Councillor Johns - Playground and Parkland

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that a staff report be provided on sports fields and playgrounds throughout Halifax Regional Municipality.

Councillor Johns expressed concern with the condition of playgrounds and sports fields in his District as well as any liability to HRM if a child is injured. The Councillor noted some of the maintenance problems are nails and spikes sticking out of equipment, signs broken with nails sticking out, exposed concrete around older equipment. He questioned whether there was proper maintenance of the equipment noting, the equipment being removed is not being replaced. The Councillor requested an information report be provided to Council addressing the maintenance and overall picture.

Councillor Sloane advised that at St. Pats Alexandra playground equipment was removed but not replaced. The Councillor advised there are burnt out timbers and pieces of metal sticking out of equipment and requested this playground be also included as part of the overall report.

In response to Councillor Goucher, Mr. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, advised the report on funding for playground equipment, through allocation of percentages of deed transfer tax, will be coming forward to Council at a future meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Johns requested that the Mayor acknowledge the contribution of playground equipment throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality by Saturn car manufacturer. Mayor Kelly stated it is his understanding that this is usually done, but agreed to follow up on this to ensure that it has been done.

10.2 PENINSULA & WESTERN REGION COMMUNITY COUNCIL

10.2.1 Substantial Alteration: 2085-2089 Maitland Street

- A report from Mr. Allan MacLellan, Vice Chair, Regional Heritage Advisory Committee, dated November 24, 2000, on the above noted, was before Council.
- A report and noted attachments from Councillor Reg Rankin, Chair, Peninsula and Western Region Community Council, dated November 23, 2000, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Sarto, that Regional Council approve any substantial alterations to the existing building and permit construction of a new building pursuant to the Heritage Property Act. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.3 MEMBERSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE

10.3.1 Board and Committee Councillor Appointments

- A report from Mayor Peter J. Kelly, Chair, Membership Selection Committee, dated November 23, 2000, on the above noted was before Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Walker, that:

- 1. All Councillor appointments be for a two-year term with the exception of those board/committees noted in Appendix B of the report dated November 23, 2000;**
- 2. Remuneration received by a Member of Council as a member nominated or appointed to an external board or committee, be paid to HRM rather than to the Member of Council;**
- 3. Councillor appointments to the Liaison Committee for Supplementary Education Funding be deferred to a later date;**
- 4. Regional Council approve the Councillor appointments to the Boards and Committees as outlined in Appendix A of the report dated November 23, 2000.**
- 5. Councillor Walker be appointed to the Community Monitoring Committee instead of Councillor Cunningham.**

- 6. The Membership Selection Committee re-examine the composition of the Tax Structure Working Group to include a rural Councillor representative.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Warshick, that Council ask the Regional Development Agency to allow Councillor appointees to have full voting status. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.4 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

10.4.1 Capital Project: Cell #2 Otter Lake Residual Disposal Facility

- A report prepared for Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, dated November 21, 2000, on the above noted, was before Council.

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

- 1. Council approve a revised total project cost for Cell 2, to include the net HST and bridge financing cost of \$910,000, for a total project approval of \$12,345,000 to enable the approval of a temporary borrowing resolution by the Department of Municipal and Housing Affairs;**
- 2. That the 00/01 Capital Budget be amended to reflect the total additional project costs approved by Council (June/99 - \$8,435,000; Nov/00 - \$910,000) of \$9,345,000 and not included in previous capital budgets;**
- 3. That a temporary borrowing resolution be sought from the Department of Municipal and Housing Affairs in the amount of \$4,845,000, representing the total project cost of \$12,345,000 less amounts financed to date.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.4.2 Halifax Metro Centre - Proposed Renovations

- A report prepared for Mr. K.R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, dated November 20, 2000, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal , that Council approve a temporary borrowing resolution for \$1 million, which will be used to finance the cost of the additional expenditures incurred to ensure safety

requirements are met, at no cost to HRM. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

10.4.3 Graham Creighton Junior High School Community School Enhancement

- A report prepared for Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, dated November 23, 2000, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that Council approve the commitment of \$400,000 in the capital budget as the HRM contribution to the enhancements of Graham Creighton Junior High School, to be used for community recreation, in partnership with The Province of Nova Scotia's share of 5.9 million dollars. Funds will be redirected from already approved list of capital budget projects.

In response to Councillor Walker, addressing concerns as to source of funding and naming of projects, Ms. Barb Nehiley, Special Projects Advisor, advised there is a list of special projects that is being reviewed stating she would bring a report forward to Council in two weeks identifying the source of funds.

Councillor Cooper stated this will allow HRM to serve the area of Lake Loon/Cherry Brook and the surrounding communities with the opportunity to access a facility on evenings and weekends.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.4.4 Transfer of North Preston Community Centre Property for Purpose of Demolition

- A report prepared for Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, dated November 15, 2000, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Colwell, seconded by Councillor Streach, that Council approve the transfer of ownership of the property and building owned by the North Preston Recreation Association for payment of one dollar. The land in question is described in Attachment 1: Lot NP1, Consolidated lots. In return, HRM will expedite the demolition of the building; and the property will become part of the lands available for the development of future recreation facilities in North Preston, most notably a new community recreation centre. The cost of demolition will be funded from within existing budgeted resources.

Councillor Colwell advised it is important for this community to have a recreation facility as it is not near any other community and it is very difficult for the children to travel to recreational facilities in other communities.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.4.5 Tender - Fleet Vehicles

- A report prepared for Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, dated November 3, 2000, on the above noted was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that Regional Council authorize the award of the following tenders:

- 1. Tender #00-100, Four (4) 2000/2001 Crew Cab Stake Dump Body Trucks, 11,000 G.V.W. to Forbes Chev Olds for \$159,236.00 plus HST for a total of \$169,473.28.**
- 2. Tender #00-104, Six (6) 2000/2001 Model Cargo Vans, 9,600 G.V.W. to Carroll Pontiac Buick for \$139,104.00 plus HST for a total of \$148,047.00.**
- 3. Tender #00-105, One (1) 2000/2001 Model Cargo Van, 9,600 G.V.W., with Van Mounted Aerial Lift to Forbes Chev for \$58,990.00 plus HST for a total of \$62,782.47.**
- 4. Tender #00-112, Two (2) 2000/2001 Model Giant Vac Leaf Loaders to Saunders Equipment Ltd. for \$66,944.00 plus HST for a total of \$71,247.83.**
- 5. Tender #00-099, Seven (7) New Model 2000/2001 One (1) Ton Pick-Up Truck Vehicles, 9, 200 G.V.W. one with a spacecap, to MacPhee Pontiac Buick for \$171,501.00 plus HST for a total of \$182,526.80.**
- 6. Tender #00-106, Two (2) 2000/2001 Model Stake/Dump Trucks, 11,000 G.V.W. to Carroll Pontiac Buick for \$73,672.00 plus HST for a total of \$78,408.37.**
- 7. Tender #00-108, One (1) 2000/2001 Model Vacuum Type Street Sweeper and Truck Chassis to Saunders Equipment Ltd. for \$207,546.00 plus HST for a total of \$220,889.13.**
- 8. Tender #00-110, One (1) 2000/2001 Model High-Cube Van, 14,000 G.V.W. with Mounted Aerial Lift to Wood Motors Limited for \$72,906.00 plus HST for a total**

of \$77,593.13.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.4.6 Funding Approval - Macdonald Bridge Approach Ramps

- A report prepared for Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, dated November 16, 2000, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor McInroy, that Council authorize funding in the amount of \$83,127.00 as per the budget implications section of the report dated November 16, 2000 for additional works carried out for the Halifax Regional Municipality as part of the Macdonald Bridge Approach Ramps project. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.4.7 RFP 00-061 Meter Conversion/Replacement Project

- A report prepared for Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, dated November 17, 2000, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Cooper, that:

- 1. RFP No. 00-061 Meter Conversion Project, be awarded to J.J. MacKay for 1800 units with the first phase in the amount of \$164,500 plus HST being the replacement of 700 units to be installed in fiscal 2000/2001; and,**
- 2. Subject to final Capital budget approval for fiscal 2001/2002, the final phase representing 1100 units in the amount of \$251,900 plus HST to be installed immediately upon approval of funding. Should approval not be granted, staff to negotiate the placement of 700 units only based upon pricing as submitted in RFP No. 00-061.**

Mr. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, advised this is for the replacement of the internal software, noting the meters themselves will not be replaced.

In response to Councillor Cunningham, Mr. Meech advised there is a sum set aside in the current budget to replace the 700 units. The additional units will be purchased only if that amount is approved in the Capital Budget for the next fiscal year.

Councillor Cunningham suggested Traffic Services meet with the Dartmouth Downtown Development Corporation to discuss the parking situation before proceeding with the purchase of these meters, and, therefore, placed the following motion:

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Smith, that the Dartmouth purchase be put on hold until such time as a meeting is held between HRM Traffic Services and the Dartmouth Downtown Development Corporation.

Councillor Sloane requested the time allocation be changed from one hour to two in the meters in Downtown Halifax.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

MAIN MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Prior to adjournment, Councillor Cunningham served a **Notice of Motion of Reconsideration** (see Page 19).

10.4.8 2001 Council Meeting Schedule

- A report prepared for Mr. K.R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, dated November 20, 2000, on the above noted, was before Council.

Councillor Hetherington noted the report identifies a Committee of the Whole Council Session twice a month and placed the following motion:

MOVED by Councillor- Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Sarto, that Committee of the Whole Council Sessions be held once a month as necessary. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The motion, as amended:

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Sarto, that Council adopt the 2001 Regional Meeting Schedule attached as Appendix A to the staff report dated November 20, 2000 with Committee of the Whole Council Sessions to be held once a month as necessary. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. MOTIONS

11.1 Councillor Mosher

- A notice of motion was served on November 21, 2000 by Councillor Mosher.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Adams, that Halifax Regional Council rescind the motion of Halifax Regional Council adopted on October 24, 2000 as follows:

- 1) **Instruct staff to initiate the process to amend the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy to redesignate 2750 Dutch Village Road from Residential Environments to Commercial; and,**
- 2) **Instruct staff to undertake public participation in accordance with the Public Participation Resolution adopted by Halifax Regional Council on February 25, 1997.**

And to instruct staff to cease all planning activity designated to change the designation of 2750 Dutch Village Road.

Councillor Walker stated that if Maritime Life is willing to work within the framework of the current structure then there is nothing wrong with what is in place currently and does not

see any reason why the motion could not be rescinded. The Councillor stated this does not stop the development and renovation of the building nor the sale.

Councillor Mosher advised Maritime Life has sent a letter to all the residents in the surrounding area stating their intention is to renovate the existing building. The Councillor noted the area is a well established neighbourhood and the land should be used in a way that is consistent with residential environments. The residents in the area have indicated they would be happy with Maritime Life moving in and renovating the existing building; however, they would not like the MPS amended. She advised the current zoning does not present any obstacle to the stated plans of Maritime Life; therefore, they can buy the property without an amendment to the MPS.

Councillor Adams expressed concern with the process as there was no requirement or opportunity for public input.

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, the motion be deferred and Council request a staff report addressing the implications.

Councillor Adams requested the report include the following information: (1) what is allowed under the existing zoning and designation, what is permissible; (2) what advantage is there to Maritime Life in changing the designation; and (3) if there are concerns with regards to changing the residential designation to commercial, are there any other methods in which the needs of Maritime Life could be accommodated without changing the Municipal Planning Strategy.

Councillor Sarto requested a copy of the letter circulated to the residents by Maritime Life be included with the report.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Deputy Mayor Blumenthal - Election Signage on Public Parks and Municipal Property

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that Council request a staff report regarding the erection of election signage on Municipal property and who has the responsibility to repair the resulting damage to the properties. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.2 Councillor Walker - Request to move Info Item #2 (Council Chamber Monitors)

Mr. Phil Townsend, Project Manager, Building Management Services, overviewed the staff report and provided an update on the Council Chamber monitor and audio system.

Councillor Walker stated that if the problems cannot be resolved some action has to be taken.

Mr. Townsend stated that the problem may be caused by some external interference and, once that is identified, necessary steps will be taken to rectify the problem. He advised the contractor has been putting in additional time and effort, at no extra cost, to try and identify the problem.

There was general consensus that the problems must be rectified to ensure there is a reliable efficient audio visual system in place.

12.3 Councillor Meade - Installation of Streets Lights, Indian Harbour

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Cooper, that staff contact Nova Scotia Power to determine when the installation of the remainder of the 20 street lights for Indian Harbour will be installed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.4 Councillor Warshick - Saint Mary's Turf

MOVED by Councillor Warshick, seconded by Councillor Sarto, that Council request Parks and Recreation staff contact Saint Mary's University and enquire as to how or what they intend to do with the disposal of their existing artificial turf and, if available, the Parks and Recreation staff study the feasibility of utilizing it in HRM, preferably Dartmouth.

Councillor Streach stated it is his understanding that there were some safety concerns with the existing artificial turf at Saint Mary's, and he cautioned Council with proceeding with using this without first obtaining all the necessary information, which he noted the staff report may provide.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.5 Report - Commitment for Advance Purchase of Cell #3 Liner

- A report prepared for Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, dated November 27, 2000, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded Councillor Meade, that HRM Council agree

to the purchase of the Cell #3 liner by the operators of the Otter Lake Waste Management Facilities, on the understanding that funding will not actually be provided until commencement of the project in 2001.

In response to Councillor Walker, Mr. Jim Bauld, Solid Waste Resources, advised this is committing to an advance booking of the order so that it will be on the books and the contractor will be reserving the cell. There will be no payment until the order is received, inspected, verified and installed in the summer of 2001 noting, this will be subject to the Capital Budget process.

Councillor Walker clarified this was approving the expenditure of \$1.4 million in order to save \$200,000.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.6 Councillor Rankin - Resolution re: NS Department of Transportation and Public Works Agreement - Local Streets and Roads

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Streach that:

WHEREAS as a result of the Provincial/Municipal Service Exchange Agreement, the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works entered into Agreement #HRM-01 to define the respective responsibilities of both levels of government for the maintenance of local and collector/arterial streets and roads in the former County of Halifax; and

WHEREAS the Service Exchange Agreement provided that the Halifax Regional Municipality would be responsible for the maintenance of local streets and roads, and the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works for the maintenance of collector/arterial roads; and

WHEREAS both the Province and the Halifax Regional Municipality agreed that the area defined as the Urban Corridor would best be served by HRM for accountability and future planning, excepting the 100 Series and to offset HRM assuming the additional costs, the Province would maintain subdivision streets in the rural community; and

WHEREAS the Service Exchange Agreement was to be cost-neutral so that each party could then meet its respective obligations as part of a Service Agreement; and

WHEREAS it is the opinion of Halifax Regional Municipality that the Nova Scotia

Department of Transportation and Public Works has not maintained the streets and roads for which it is responsible within the municipality to the standard contemplated by the Agreement, or to the same level as the municipality has maintained the streets and roads for which it is responsible, as a result of which the residents of the affected areas are not satisfied with the services they are receiving from the Department;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Halifax Regional Council request the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works to enter into a Service Agreement with the Halifax Regional Municipality to include the following:

- a) service levels/ standards to be provided by the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works on HRM roads maintained by them;**
- b) commitment to pave gravel roads within two years after they are successfully petitioned by the residents of the individual roads; and**
- c) allocate the amount of funds agreed to maintain the HRM roads as per the understanding of Agreement #HRM-01.**

Failing the above, HRM request the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works enter into negotiations to initiate the process to assume the responsibilities between the two parties before entering the Agreement #HRM-01.

Councillor Rankin stated the essence of this resolution is to follow through with what Council understood the Province agreed to do with respect to paving. Failing this, the Councillor stated the agreement should be terminated, as it is not fair to have roads not paved outside the urban line, as the taxpayers are paying for this service which they have not received in the last two years. If this resolution is adopted, Councillor Rankin requested that staff meet with the Minister and respective MLAs.

Councillor Streach spoke in support of the motion, and expressed frustration with the lack of commitment from the Minister of Transportation and Public Works to attend a meeting respecting this issue.

Councillor Walker, referencing the last paragraph, cautioned Council on what the results of such an action may be. In response, Mr. Meech advised this resolution is requesting the Province to provide adequate support to their part of the agreement. Mr. Meech advised the agreement was in addition to the service exchange.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.7 Committee of the Whole Recommendation - Proposed High School Site -

Mainland North Common

- This matter was discussed during the Committee of the Whole Session held prior to the Regular Session, and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Whalen, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Council:

- 1) **Approve in principle the provision of five acres in the area identified on Attachment "A" to the Province of Nova Scotia for purposes of building a new high school facility to replace the current facility at Halifax West on Dutch Village Road.**
- 2) **Authorize staff to continue negotiations with the Province and adjacent property owners to advance the provision of a serviced site on the Common.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.8 Property Matter - Proposed Purchase, Conrad Road, Grand Desert

- This matter was discussed during the In Camera Session held prior to the Regular Session, and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Colwell, seconded by Councillor Streach that:

- 1) **Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Mr. Felix Romo for Parcel PID#402241233, subject to terms and conditions set out in this staff report.**
- 2) **a maximum of \$11,000. be withdrawn from Q107 Parkland Reserve to fund the purchase plus include legal fees and HST.**
- 3) **this report be released to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.9 Contract Negotiation - ATU Update

- This matter was discussed during the In Camera Session held prior to the Regular Session, and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal that

Council adopt the recommendation of the negotiator related to the ATU negotiations which provides for the following:

- 3% year one; 2.5% year two and 2.5% year three of the agreement
- 50 cent/25 cent/25 cent adjustments
- adjustment to reduce clothing allowance by \$150,000

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 Councillor Cunningham

Councillor Cunningham serviced Notice of Reconsideration, seconded by Councillor Uteck, regarding Item 10.4.7 - RFP 00-061 Meter Conversion/Replacement Project for the December 5, 2000 Council Session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Meade, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vi Carmichael
Municipal Clerk