

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

TAX REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 4, 2007

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Sue Uteck
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Brad Johns
Councillor Linda Mosher
Councillor Reg Rankin
Councillor Andrew Younger
Mr. Randy Anstey
Mr. Mark Gilbert
Mr. David John Grace
Mr. Robert Grace
Ms. Giselle Kakamousias
Ms. Janice Malay
Mr. Andrew Murphy

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Geri Kaiser, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Cathie O'Toole, Acting Director, Finance Services
Mr. Bruce Fisher, Manager, Fiscal & Tax Policy, Finance Services
Mr. Andre MacNeil, Financial Consultant, Finance Services
Ms. Shannon Bennett, Research, Fiscal & Tax Policy
Ms. Kim Hominchuk, Consulting Partner, Integrated People Solutions
Ms. Carolyn Wiper, Administrative Assistant, Fiscal & Tax Policy

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Geri Kaiser called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. in the Media Room, City Hall.

2. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Geri Kaiser welcomed the new members to the Committee. Introductions were made.

The Committee briefly discussed issues related to Scope and Committee's Role immediately following introductions.

3. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Committee proceeded with Group Discussion, item 4.1.

4. GROUP DISCUSSION

4.1 Group Building Activity - *Kim Hominchuk, Facilitator*

The Committee moved to the Halifax Room for the remainder of the meeting.

The Meeting Facilitator, Kim Hominchuk, Consulting Partner, Integrated People Solutions, led the Committee in two group building activities. The first activity focussed on municipal government and the role it plays. The Committee had a facilitated discussion on municipal government, municipal taxation, and public participation. The second activity allowed the members to get to know one another and how personalities can differ and how these differences will be useful while serving on this Committee.

4.2 Discussion of Tax Reform

4.2.1 Scope

This item was touched on following the Introduction of Members and will be brought forward and discussions will continue at the next meeting.

4.2.2 Committee's Role

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forward and discussions will continue at the next meeting.

5. SUPPORT & ADMINISTRATION

This item was **deferred** until the next meeting.

6. ADDED ITEMS - None

7. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

This item was **deferred** until the next meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE - Thursday, January 18, 2007, Halifax Hall, City Hall at 11:00 a.m.

The Committee agreed that the meetings should be tentatively scheduled for every second Thursday, starting January 18, 2007 and should be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Halifax Hall, City Hall. Staff will follow up with booking of the meeting room.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Carolyn Wiper
Administrative Assistant Support