

**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 1996**

PRESENT:

Mayor Walter Fitzgerald
Councillor Bill Dooks
Councillor Gordon Snow
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Ron Cooper
Councillor Harry McInroy
Councillor Jack Greenough
Councillor Condo Sarto
Councillor Clint Schofield
Councillor John Cunningham
Councillor Jerry Blumenthal
Councillor Graham L. Downey
Councillor Larry Uteck
Councillor Howard Epstein
Councillor Russell Walker
Councillor Bill Stone
Councillor Ron Hanson
Councillor Steve Adams
Councillor Barry Barnet
Councillor Bob Harvey
Councillor Peter Kelly
Councillor Reg Rankin
Councillor Jack Mitchell

REGRETS:

Councillor Bruce Hetherington
(For Health Reasons)

ALSO PRESENT:

K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Wayne Anstey, Solicitor
L. Corrigan, Interim Municipal Clerk
Julia Horncastle, Recording Secretary

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with an invocation. The absence of Councillor Bruce Hetherington was duly noted with sincere wishes for a full and swift recovery being expressed to the Councillor by Mayor Fitzgerald on behalf of all members of Council.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Added Items:

1. Proposed Social Services Costs (April 1996) - Mr. Ken Meech, CAO
2. Transitional Reports - Councillor Kelly
3. Compensation - Outgoing Councillors/Aldermen - Councillor Schofield

It was moved by Councillor Epstein, seconded by Councillor Greenough that matters on the agenda be discussed by Councillors convening as Committee of the Whole, reconvening immediately thereafter as Council. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 10:45 p.m. with the same members being present.

Ratification of Recommendations - Committee of the Whole (January 10, 1996):

It was moved by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Snow that the following recommendations, approved at a meeting of Committee of the Whole held earlier in the evening, be ratified by Halifax Regional Council:

1. COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

THAT the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council be scheduled for Monday, January 15, 1996, and that staff be requested to revise the proposed schedule (as contained in their January 5 report) to allow for evening meetings whenever possible; and further, that Council establish a one-week recess in March 1996 to coincide with the March Break observed by the public school system.

2. PROCEDURE OF COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

THAT:

- (a) Council approve in principle Administrative Order Number One as attached to the January 5, 1996 staff report (subject to correction of typographical errors);

- (b) this matter be included as a standing item on future agendas so as to allow for further comments and suggestions; and that
- (c) the matter of the form of invocation to be used by Halifax Regional Council be deferred.

3. INTERIM APPOINTMENT - MUNICIPAL CLERK

THAT Mr. Lawrence T. Corrigan, Commissioner of Corporate Services, be appointed interim clerk until such time as a permanent appointment to this position can be made.

4. ELECTION - DEPUTY MAYOR

THAT the appropriate section of Administrative Order Number One be set aside to allow for the deferral of the election of a Deputy Mayor until Council's first regular meeting in April, 1996.

5. TOURS OF THE MUNICIPALITY

THAT familiarization tours of the municipality be arranged for late May/early June.

6. WORKSHOPS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

THAT Council invite proposals to design and facilitate a strategic planning workshop for elected officials.

7. BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

That Council give approve in principle to the proposed Bylaw Respecting the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality; and further, that membership of the Board be set at six, those being two members of Council and four members of the public.

8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

THAT Council immediately establish an Audit Committee by appointing at least three Councillors for a term of one year.

9. BACKGROUND REPORT - COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

That Council direct a full reporting, including alternatives and recommendations, on a structure(s) of advisory and management boards, council, committees,

and commissions (the recommendations shall include full consideration of any presentation made to Council by existing groups).

10. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

THAT Council express its interest in pursuing the concept of an economic development “partnership” with the private sector and request the CAO to negotiate a proposed arrangement with the interim board of the “Partnership,” to be presented for Council deliberation in the near future.

11. PROPOSED SOCIAL SERVICES COSTS - APRIL 1996

THAT Halifax Regional Council instruct its Chief Administrative Officer to inform the Province that the proposed agreement with regard to the delivery of social services is unacceptable.

12. MUNICIPAL SERVICE CENTRES

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve:

- (a) maintaining the existing facilities relative to customer service centres until such time as further direction is given by Council;
- (b) proceeding with rationalization and recommendation for the future location of municipal service centres.

13. OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

THAT a special meeting of Halifax Regional Council be scheduled at an appropriate time to address the matter of the 1996/97 Operating and Capital Budgets.

14. TAX STRUCTURES AND RATES

THAT a municipal tax structure conference be held at the World Trade and Convention Centre on Friday evening, January 26, and Saturday morning, January 27, 1996.

15. ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE AND HIRING

THAT a briefing session be scheduled to provide members of Council with detailed information on HRM’s organization structure and the hiring process.

16. POLICE MOBILE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

THAT the contract with Motorola Canada to supply and install the Police Radio communications equipment required for the Halifax Regional Police Service at a total cost of \$991,329.60 plus GST be approved by the Halifax Regional Council.

17. SOLID WASTE STRATEGY - CONTRACT SUMMARY

That a special meeting of Committee of the Whole be scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 1996 to receive a presentation from the Mirror Group regarding the proposed contract.

18. TRANSITIONAL REPORTS (COUNCILLOR KELLY)

THAT this matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council scheduled for Monday, January 15, 1996.

**19. COMPENSATION FOR OUTGOING COUNCILLORS
AND ALDERMEN (COUNCILLOR SCHOFIELD)**

THAT Council ask the Stipends Committee (or an independent group appointed by Council) to consider this matter and to make recommendations as to how it might be resolved.

Motion passed.

NOTICES OF MOTION

**Notice of Motion Re: Proposed
Bylaw Respecting the Board of Police
Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality**

Councillor Stone gave Notice of Motion that at a meeting of Halifax Regional Council scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 1996, he proposes to introduce for First Reading a bylaw respecting the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:55 p.m.

**MAYOR WALTER FITZGERALD
CHAIRMAN**

**SUBMITTED BY:
LARRY CORRIGAN
INTERIM MUNICIPAL CLERK**