

**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 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 Barry Barnet
Councillor Bob Harvey
Councillor Peter Kelly
Councillor Reg Rankin
Councillor Jack Mitchell

REGRETS:

Councillor Bruce Hetherington
(For Health Reasons)
Councillor Steve Adams

ALSO PRESENT:

K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Wayne Anstey, Solicitor
Karen F. Swim, A/ 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.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

At the request of the Acting Clerk, **it was agreed that** the following matters would be added to the meeting's agenda:

- Item 6(b): Proposed Meeting Date - Continuation of Council Briefing Sessions
- Item 7(b): Appointment of Municipal Clerk
- Item 7(c): Shearwater Air Show (Councillor Blumenthal)
- Item 8(b): Notice of Recommendation Re: Solid Waste Management Strategy (Councillor Rankin)

At the request of the Acting Clerk, **it was agreed that** Item 6(a), "Municipal Social Services Program - Delivery and Financing," be deleted from the agenda. Council was advised that the January 17, 1996 report had been intended for information purposes only, rather than as a matter for discussion.

At the request of Councillor Cooper, **it was agreed that** Item 8(b), "Request from Councillor Cooper Re: Joint Meeting," be deleted from the agenda.

Following a brief discussion concerning Item 8, "Waste Management Strategy," **it was agreed that** a vote on the acceptance of motions concerning this matter would be deferred until after all the public presentations listed under Item 8(a) had been heard.

MOVED by Councillor Greenough seconded by Councillor Downey that the agenda, as amended, be approved. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Barnet, seconded by Councillor Dooks that the Minutes of two regular meetings of Halifax Regional Council, held on January 10 and January 15, 1996 respectively, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Format - Minutes

A report dated January 17, 1996 from Larry Corrigan, Commissioner of Corporate Services, entitled "Format - Minutes," was submitted.

MOVED by Councillor Greenough, seconded by Councillor Stone that the format used for the Minutes of January 10 and 15, 1996 be approved in principle as that which will be followed for future Minutes of Halifax Regional Council. Motion carried.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - COUNCILLOR BRUCE HETHERINGTON

A report dated January 19, 1996 from Larry Corrigan, Commissioner of Corporate Services, entitled "Leave of Absence - Councillor Bruce Hetherington," was submitted.

MOVED by Councillor Sarto, seconded by Councillor Greenough that Halifax Regional Council approve a leave of absence for Councillor Bruce Hetherington, given the circumstances of his current illness. Motion carried.

STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Proposed Administrative Order Number One
Respecting the Procedures of Council**

A report dated January 22, 1996 and entitled "Administrative Order Number One" was submitted by Mr. Wayne Anstey, Q.C., Director of Administrative and Legal Services.

MOVED by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Cooper that the amendments to Administrative Order Number One as put forward in the January 22, 1996 report be adopted.

While concurring with the motion put forward by Councillor Kelly, Councillor Epstein asked that the Administrative Order be carried on future agendas of Council until April 1, 1996 for discussion purposes.

Motion carried.

REPORT - CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Municipal Social Services Program -
Delivery and Financing**

This matter had been deleted during the setting of the agenda.

**Proposed Meeting Date -
Continuation of Council Briefing Session**

Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that arrangements had been made to continue the Council Briefing Session on Monday, January 29 in Halifax Hall, Halifax City Hall commencing at 3:00 p.m.

Councillor Hanson expressed concern regarding the length of the proposed agenda, noting that it was important that sufficient time be allotted for questions and discussion. The Councillor therefore recommended (**and it was so agreed**) that a further briefing sessions be scheduled for Monday, February 5, with both meetings being restricted to a maximum of 2 ½ hours.

REPORT - COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATE SERVICES

**Call for Proposals -
Risk Management/Insurance Consultant**

A report dated January 22, 1996 and entitled "Call for Proposals - Risk Management/Insurance Consultant" was submitted by Larry Corrigan, Commissioner of Corporate Services.

Councillor Kelly asked for information as to the matrix used by staff in selecting the firm recommended in the January 22 and **MOVED, seconded by Councillor Downey that the matter be deferred until this information is provided. The motion to defer was put and defeated.**

MOVED by Councillor Greenough, seconded by Councillor Walker that the firm of Melanber Inc. be contracted to provide risk management/ insurance consultant services to Halifax Regional Municipality for a term of one year for a bid price of \$21,000 (this funding is included in the HRM transition budget). Motion carried.

Appointment of Municipal Clerk

A report dated January 24, 1996 and entitled "Appointment of Municipal Clerk," was submitted by Larry Corrigan, Commissioner of Corporate Services.

MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Sarto that Ms. Vi Carmichael, presently Assistant City Clerk for the City of Dartmouth, be

designated Clerk of the Halifax Regional Municipality pursuant to Section 42(1) of the Halifax Regional Municipality Act. Motion carried.

ADDED ITEMS

Shearwater Air Show

This matter had been added to the agenda at the request of Councillor Blumenthal who made reference to a motion recently passed by Halifax City Council; namely, to refuse an application by the organizers of the Shearwater Air Show for funding. The Councillor went on to emphasize the benefits of this event to the Halifax Region as a whole, and proposed that Halifax Regional Council approve a grant of \$30,000 for the 1996 Shearwater Air Show.

While concurring with the intent of the motion, Councillor Greenough pointed out that because organizers require these funds before January 31, 1996, monies must be identified in the current year's budget. He expressed concern that the proposal put forward by Councillor Blumenthal may not be appropriate, given the fact that Halifax Regional Municipality is technically without a budget until April 1, 1996.

Asked to comment, the Solicitor, Mr. Wayne Anstey, agreed with Councillor Greenough's comments, adding that, from his interpretation of the HRM Act, Council does not have the authority to agree to overspend at this point in time.

Following a brief discussion, **it was moved by Councillor Greenough, seconded by Councillor McInroy that Halifax City Council be asked to reconsider its earlier resolution with regard to a contribution toward the funding of the 1996 Shearwater Air Show. The motion was put and passed.**

WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

This matter had last been discussed during a meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on Wednesday, January 17, 1996, at which time it had been agreed that an opportunity would be afforded to interested members of the public to submit their views on the proposed agreement with the MIRROR Group.

Written submissions were received from the following individuals:

- Mr. Vince Marsh, President, Metropolitan Halifax Chamber of Commerce (January 18, 1996)
- Ms. Anna McCarron, Community Stakeholder Committee Member, 19 Thompson Drive, Wellington, NS B2T 1J4 (January 22, 1996)

- Information Package from Mr. Robert Orr, Engineering Assistant, Halifax County Municipality containing written submissions on the Master Agreement between HCM and MIRROR (January 23, 1996)
- Mr. Vince Marsh, President, Metropolitan Halifax Chamber of Commerce (January 23, 1996)
- Mr. Paul Falvo, 6060 Coburg Road, Halifax, NS B3H 1Z2 (January 24, 1996)
- Ms. Anne Murray, Box 705, RR1, Tantallon, NS B0J 3J0 (January 24, 1996)

Oral presentations were made by the following individuals:

- Mr. Stephen Taylor, speaking both as a private citizen and as a representative of the Metro Independent Waste Haulers and Recyclers Association
- Mr. David Wimberly, representing the Legal Working Group of the Community Stakeholder Committee (**NOTE:** Mr. Wimberly read from a prepared text, dated January 24, 1996, which has been included as a component of the official meeting file)
- Mr. Peter Kidd (**NOTE:** Mr. Kidd read from a prepared text, dated January 25, 1996, which has been included as a component of the official meeting file)
- Mr. Terry Deleon, representing the Beechville community
- Mr. Reg MacAusland, Monitoring Committee
- Ms. Anna McCarron, Community Stakeholder Committee
- Mr. Donald Mosher
- Ms. Mary Lyn Saturley
- Mr. Ronald H. Loucks
- Mr. Donald Wright
- Mr. Vince Marsh, President, Metropolitan Halifax Chamber of Commerce
- Mr. Duncan MacAdams

Owing to the lateness of the hour, **it was moved by Councillor Greenough, seconded by Councillor Snow that at the January 31 meeting of Halifax Regional Council anyone wishing to make a presentation on this matter be afforded an**

opportunity to do so with flexibility being applied with respect to the time limits imposed for each presentation; and further, that **PROBE** be allotted a one-hour time frame in which to present their comments. **Motion carried.**

Councillor Rankin distributed a resolution which he asked to have considered during the January 31, 1996 Council meeting. In putting this proposal forward, however, the Councillor made reference to two revisions which he asked to have inserted; namely,

- (a) Section 2 of the proposed resolution be amended to read, "This Council approves **of the principles** of the draft Master Agreement on the basis that:"
- (b) Section 2 of the resolution pertaining to the establishment of a special committee be amended to read, "The special committee will be comprised of the Mayor and **seven (7)** members of the Council
..."

There being no further business to be discussed, **it was moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Barnet that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.**

MAYOR WALTER FITZGERALD
CHAIRMAN

SUBMITTED BY:
KAREN F. SWIM
A/INTERIM MUNICIPAL CLERK