

**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 14, 1996**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Walter Fitzgerald  
Councillor Gordon Snow  
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)  
Councillor Bill Dooks  
Councillor David Hendsbee

**ALSO PRESENT:** K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer  
Wayne Anstey, Solicitor  
Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk  
Julia Horncastle, Recording Secretary

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1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with an invocation.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Added Items:**

- (1) Proposed Administrative Order Number One Respecting the Procedures of Council, added as Item 7.
- (2) Councillor Cooper: Design Contest: Coat-Of-Arms for the Halifax Regional Municipality, added as Item 8.

**MOVED by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that Council give approval of the Order of Business as presented.**

**Motion carried.**

**3. SECOND READING, BY-LAW P-100 RESPECTING THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

A report dated February 12, 1996 was submitted by Mr. Wayne Anstey, Q.C., Director of Administrative and Legal Services.

**MOVED by Councillor Greenough, seconded by Councillor Mitchell that Council give second reading to By-law P-100 Respecting the Board of Police Commissioners.**

Mr. Anstey stated that the Second Reading had been duly advertised and should Second Reading be given at this meeting, the By-law could be forwarded for Ministerial consent subsequent to the next meeting.

Councillor Kelly was provided with clarification on several issues he wished to see addressed in the By-law.

Responding to a question from Councillor Kelly, Mr. Meech advised that there would be a representative of the RCMP assigned to participate in the Police Commission meetings.

Mayor Fitzgerald called for speakers in favour of or opposition to the proposed By-law. There were no speakers in the public gallery wishing to speak on this matter.

**Motion carried.**

## 5. REPORTS

### 5.1 Chief Administrative Officer - Social Services Delivery and Funding

A report entitled "Social Services Delivery and Funding" and dated February 8, 1996 was submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer.

Mr. Meech suggested that representation be made to the Provincial Government on behalf of the Halifax Regional Municipality, agreeing to proceed with the implementation of the single tier delivery system but, at the same time, emphasizing the Region's unwillingness to accept the recommended financial terms.

Councillor Blumenthal asked what input the Municipality would have with regard to welfare issues if this becomes a one tier system.

Mr. Meech indicated that the Province intends to include the Municipality and Council members in the process.

Mayor Fitzgerald indicated that a suggestion would be put forward; namely that a meeting be held with the Province in order to clarify for Council who they would contact concerning issues that need to be addressed in individual districts.

**MOVED by Councillor Greenough, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the Halifax Regional Municipality write the Province of Nova Scotia indicating their agreement to proceed to a one tier system for the delivery of social services, but indicating as well that the Halifax Regional Municipality does not agree to the funding arrangements proposed. Further, it continues to be the Halifax Regional Municipality's position that the Province of Nova Scotia should assume the full cost of social services.**

Councillor Stone said the Regional Municipality should not accept any responsibility until more details are forthcoming from the Province on how this arrangement was going to work. He was informed by the Chief Administrative Officer that those details are presently being formulated.

Councillor Greenough suggested that a request be made to the Province that a phasing out of the \$22 million be looked at to be undertaken over the next three to five years.

Mr. Meech said it is his understanding that the Province intends to leave the Municipal Policy in place, with some minor blending, for the first year.

**MOVED in amendment by Councillor Greenough, seconded by Councillor Schofield that the Regional Municipality continue to negotiate for an improved funding arrangement. Motion carried.**

**Main motion, as amended, carried.**

**4. PRESENTATION - GREATER HALIFAX  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

Correspondence was submitted dated February 5, 1996 and forwarded to Mr. Michael J. MacDonald, Interim Chair, GHEDP, by Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer.

Dr. Michael MacDonald, Interim Chair, Greater Halifax Economic Development Partnership, made a presentation to Council.

At the conclusion of the presentation and after a question and answer period, the following motion was put:

**MOVED by Councillor Greenough, seconded by Councillor Cunningham that, with the adoption of the recommendations contained in the report from the Chief Administrative Officer, an amount of \$900,000.00 is to included in the Operating Budget for 1996/97 to fund the Partnership with the understanding that when budgets are reviewed for this year, consideration will be given to additional funding in the amount of \$250,000.00. Motion carried.**

**5.2.1 Commissioner of Regional Operations -  
Solid Waste/Resource Management Strategy**

A report dated February 12, 1996 and entitled "Proposed Work Plan for Halifax Regional Municipality Solid Waste/Resource Management Strategy" was submitted by Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations.

Mr. McLellan provided Council with a brief overview of his February 12 report, and subsequently responded to questions from various members of Council. During the discussion, **it was agreed that** the schematic attached to the February 12 report would be entitled "Appendix A" and the Beliefs would be "Appendix B". The following motion was put:

**MOVED by Councillor Stone, seconded by Councillor Barnet that Council adopt the proposed Work Plan as recommended on the schematic**

presented February 13, 1996 and the attached Appendices A and B in full accordance with the resolutions passed by Halifax Regional Municipality on February 1, 1996. Motion carried.

**5.2.2 Commissioner of Regional Operations -  
Unsolicited Proposal: Nova Scotia Research Foundation  
Corporation on Environmental Concerns**

A report entitled "Unsolicited Proposal - Nova Scotia Research Foundation Corporation on Environmental Concerns Out of Site "A" and dated February 12, 1996 was submitted.

Councillors discussed the option of putting out a tender call for proposals but concern was expressed with regard to whether or not this would provide a workable time frame.

**MOVED by Councillor Sarto, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Council approve the unsolicited proposal from the Nova Scotia Research Foundation Corporation to conduct an independent review of the public safety concerns that have arisen out of Site "A" near Otter Lake, at an estimated cost of \$25,000.00. This review will determine if there is any public and/or environmental concerns, and will seek expert opinion from outside the Atlantic Region. The study will be completed within three (3) weeks of project approval.**

**A recorded vote was requested and taken with the following results:**

**FOR:** Mayor Fitzgerald; and Councillors Snow, Cooper, McInroy, Greenough, Sarto, Schofield, Cunningham, Walker, Stone, Hanson, Barnet, Harvey, Rankin, and Mitchell **(15)**

**AGAINST:** Councillors Blumenthal, Downey, Uteck, Epstein, Adams and Kelly **(6)**

**ABSENT:** Councillors Dooks, Hendsbee, and Hetherington **(3)**

**The motion was declared to be carried.**

**5.2.3 Commissioner of Regional Operations -  
Halifax Regional Water Commission**

A report dated February 12, 1996 and entitled "Halifax Regional Water Commission," was submitted by the Commissioner of Regional Operations.

**MOVED by Councillor Hanson, seconded by Councillor Kelly that Council instruct staff to draft amendments to Chapter 55 of the Acts of 1963, the "Halifax Water Commission Act," to change the composition of the existing membership of the Halifax Regional Water Commission Board from five (5) members to eight (8) members. Specifically the Board structure will provide for the following members:**

- **the Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality in an ex officio position;**
- **three (3) residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality;**
- **three (3) Council members of the Halifax Regional Municipality; and**
- **one (1) member of the Halifax Regional Municipality staff, appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality.**

Concerns were expressed with regard to the employees of Cole Harbour and Dartmouth Water Commission relating to protection of seniority rights and benefits, and whether the Utility would be an independent entity run as a business. Questions were raised concerning the disbursement of any surplus funds that may be generated by individual utilities.

**Motion carried.**

### **5.3 Commissioner of Community Services - Regional Library Board**

A report dated February 9, 1996 and entitled "Regional Library Board" was submitted by Mr. Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services.

**MOVED by Councillor Stone, seconded by Councillor Schofield that Halifax Regional Council:**

- (1) agree to the establishment of a Regional Library Board, rather than Council itself assuming this role;**
- (2) direct staff, with the assistance of the Joint Amalgamation Committee of the region's library boards, to negotiate an agreement with the Department of Education for providing regional library services; and**
- (3) request staff to report back to Council with a proposed agreement and recommended appointments to the Regional Library Board.**

The motion was put and passed.

**6. NOTICE OF MOTION RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLID WASTE/  
RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COUNCILLOR RANKIN)**

A Notice of Motion was given by Councillor Rankin that, at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 1996, he proposes to recommend the establishment of a Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee.

**7. PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER ONE  
RESPECTING THE PROCEDURES OF COUNCIL**

**It was agreed that** the Proposed Administrative Order Number One Respecting the Procedures of Council would continue to be included on all agendas of Halifax Regional Council for discussion purposes until April 1, 1996.

**8. DESIGN CONTEST - COAT OF ARMS**

A report dated February 14, 1996 and entitled "Design Contest" was submitted to Council.

**It was moved by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that a committee of Council, staff and members of the public be struck to formulate guidelines and design criteria with a view to choosing a winning design by April 1, 1996. Motion carried.**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

The following information items were circulated to Council with their meeting packages:

1. Motion dated January 5, 1996 approved by Halifax City Council Re: Solid Waste (Correspondence dated January 30, 1996)
2. Funding of Community Service Agencies - Information Item from the Commissioner of Community Services (Memorandum dated February 5, 1996)

3. Provincial Seminar for Commission/Committee Members of Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission (Correspondence dated January 9, 1996)
  
4. Nova Scotia Herpetoculture Society Re: Reenactment of the Halifax Reptile By-law (Correspondence dated February 5, 1996)
  
5. Recommendation Re: Appointment of General Manager for the Halifax Regional Water Commission (Memorandum dated February 12, 1996)

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:20 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Mitchell that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

**WALTER FITZGERALD  
MAYOR**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:  
VI CARMICHAEL, MUNICIPAL CLERK**

