

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES  
MAY 5, 1997

PRESENT:

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

STAFF MEMBERS:

Mr. Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor  
Mr. Larry Corrigan, Commissioner, Corporate Services  
Ms. Jane Nauss, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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Mayor Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Although the meeting was initially scheduled as a Regular Council Session, various Members of Council requested that discussions on the Capital Budget continue in Committee of the Whole.

**MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Mitchell to move into Committee of the Whole. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, introduced Mr. Larry Corrigan, Commissioner, Corporate Services, who would review Capital Budget adjustments to date.

A document entitled "List of Proposed Budget Modifications" was distributed to Council. Further, Mr. Corrigan suggested that Motions for each item listed were in order.

**#s 1 - 5**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Cunningham to adopt the adjustments to the following list of deferrals:**

- **Albro-Hrbv - Roads - Regional Ops - Adj. deferral list - #95484 Victoria Rd overlay - \$128,000 - Debt.**
- **Clayton Prk - Sewers - Regional Ops - Adj. deferral list - #83028 trunk sanitary - \$200,000 - Debt.**
- **HRM - Sewers - Regional Ops - Adj. deferral list - #80024 oversize sewers - \$150,000 - Debt.**
- **HRM - Streets - Regional Ops - Adj. deferral list - #80025 oversize streets - \$141,000 - Debt.**
- **Timberlea - Traffic - Regional Ops - Adj. deferral list - #97920 turning lane - \$150,000 - Debt.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**#s 6 - 11**

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Schofield to adopt the adjustments to the following area rated projects:**

- **Sheet Hbr - Buildings - Fire Services - H4 - delete new fire station - (\$145,000) - Area rate.**
- **Ostrea Lake - Buildings - Fire Services - H6 - delete wheel chair ramp - (\$10,000) - Area rate.**
- **Harr'field - Buildings - Fire Services - H7 - delete Sambro fire station improvements - (\$50,000) - Area rate.**
- **Ostrea Lake - Vehicles - Fire Services - H13 - delete tanker - (\$150,000) - Area rate.**
- **Middle Musq. - Vehicles - Fire Services - H15 - delete pumper/tanker - (\$185,000) - Area rate.**
- **M. Grant - Vehicles - Fire Services - H18 - reduce pumper - (\$65,000) - Area rate.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**#s 12 - 15**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Snow to adopt the following:

- **Waverley - Property - Community Services - G15 - report pending Jefferson property - (\$300,000) - Sale of Land Account.**
- **Hfx. North - Property - Community Services - G18 - report pending Peninsula north trail - (\$600,000) - Sale of Land Account.**
- **Hfx. North - Property - Community Services - G19 - report pending lot for playground - (\$650,000) - Sale of Land Account.** Councillor Blumenthal suggested "Conn-Quinp" on the document circulated was incorrect and that it should read "Hfx.North".
- **Bedford - Property - Community Services - G20 - awaiting facility report - Recreation Centre - (\$350,000) - Sale of Land Account.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**#16**

**MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Hetherington to delete the following:**

- **HRM - Buildings - Regional Ops - D21 - Delete MacIntosh Depot project - (\$40,000) - Debt.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**#17**

**MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Barnet to delete the following:**

- **Clayton Park - Buildings - Regional Ops - D22 - Delete Bldg. Project - 232 Bedford Highway - (\$20,000) - Debt.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**#s 18 and 19**

**MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Sarto to include the following:**

- **HRM - Solid Waste - Regional Ops - Add Materials recovery equipment - \$100,000 - Debt.**
- **HRM - Solid Waste - Regional Ops - Add Recycling forklift - \$30,000 - Debt.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**#20 and 21**

**MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Hetherington to delete the following:**

- **Lr. Sackville - Buildings - Community Services - G4 - Delete Sackville Sports Stadium boardroom project - (\$10,000) - Debt.**

**And to reallocate the following:**

- **Fairview -Clayton - Buildings - Community Services - Add pg 30 #29 - Centennial Arena entry - \$12,000 - Debt.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**#22**

**MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Hetherington to defer the following for one year:**

- **Burnside - Industrial Park - Chief Administrative Officer - A2 - defer Transfer Station Demolition - (\$235,000) - Debt.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**#23**

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Kelly to adopt the following:**

- **HRM - Grant - General - Provincial Grant; - budget - \$5,000,000 - actual - \$4,917,000 - \$83,000 - Debt.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**#24**

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Stone to adopt the following:**

- **HRM - Equipment - Police - Pg 27 - #3 - add Personal body armour - \$170,000 - Debt.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**#25**

**MOVED by Councillors Uteck and Downey to adopt the following:**

- **HRM - Property - Regional Ops - Pg 4 #50 add City Hall clock tower repairs - \$300,000 - Debt.**

Prior to proceeding with the work, Council requested that staff prepare a comprehensive report on the condition of the clock tower and a firm estimate of the costs to restore the tower, including the re-introduction of a clock. In addition, it was recommended that staff approach the Halifax Foundation and other similar organizations to see if they would be prepared to spearhead a community-based fund raising drive to help pay for the restoration of the clock tower.

Councillor Rankin requested that the staff report include a review of the consultant's analysis of the three alternative Council Chamber locations, which recommended Halifax City Hall as the most cost effective solution, to determine whether it had adequately considered the condition of the tower.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**#26**

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Barnet to adopt the following:**

**HRM - Buildings - Regional Ops - D1/2/3/4/6/7 reduce block fund to \$500,000 - (\$315,000) - Debt.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**#27**

**MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and McInroy to adopt the following:**

- **HRM - Buildings - Regional Ops - D10 - delete relocation of furniture/equipment - (\$20,000) - Debt.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**#28**

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Blumenthal to adopt the following:**

- **HRM - Buildings - Regional Ops - D25 - Delete Mayor's Office interior finishes - (\$20,000) - Sale of Land Account (staff agreed that funding account would be corrected).**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**#29**

**MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Rankin to adopt the following:**

- **HRM - Streets - Regional Ops - Add gravel roads, to be determined by staff, inside core area - \$500,000 - Debt.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**#30**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Blumenthal to adopt the following:**

- **HRM - Library - Community Services - G38 - Central Library from \$76,000 to \$393,000 (net) - \$317,000 - Debt.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**2.           ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED by Councilors Uteck and Adams to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.;  
further that Capital Budget discussions would continue at 3:00 p.m. - May 6, 1997.  
MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Jane Nauss  
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL CLERK