

# **HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

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## **HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES April 11, 2000**

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor John Cunningham  
Councillors: Stephen Streach  
Gordon R. Snow  
Keith Colwell  
Ron Cooper  
Harry McInroy  
Jack Greenough  
Condo Sarto  
Bruce Hetherington  
Clint Schofield  
Jerry Blumenthal  
Graham L. Downey  
Sue Uteck  
Sheila Fougere  
Russell Walker  
Bill Stone  
Graham Read  
Stephen D. Adams  
David Merrigan  
Bob Harvey  
Peter Kelly  
Reg Rankin  
Jack Mitchell

**REGRETS:** Mayor Walter Fitzgerald

**STAFF MEMBERS:** Mr. Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Patti Halliday, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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1. **INVOCATION**

Deputy Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Invocation.

2. **PROCLAMATIONS**

**Recognition - HRM Volunteers**

The following HRM Volunteers were recognized by Council: Sandra Romans, Mary & Donald MacMillan, Mary Theresa Hale, The Parent Volunteer Organization of Fairview Heights School & Bill Hatcher. On behalf of Mayor Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Cunningham presented a plaque of appreciation to each of the volunteers. As the plaques were presented, a representative from the respective Community Council area detailed the individual's volunteer work in the Municipality, and, on behalf of Council, expressed thanks and appreciation for their contributions.

Deputy Mayor Cunningham also expressed thanks and appreciation of the thousands of other volunteers throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 28 & April 4, 2000**

With respect to the minutes of March 28, 2000, the following amendment was noted:

Item 13.2 (ii) - Councillor Fougere stated that she did not second the motion regarding the restriction of bikes in Point Pleasant Park, and requested that the audio tape be reviewed so the appropriate correction can be made. Councillor Uteck clarified, for the record, that she was requesting a seasonal restriction on bikes in the park and not a ban.

**MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Hetherington that the minutes of March 28, 2000 be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOVED by Councillors Downey and Stone that the minutes of April 4, 2000, be approved, as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7A Negotiations with Sempra Atlantic for Municipal Access Agreement
- 12.1 Councillor Uteck - Billing Practices - Halifax Regional Water Commission

- 12.2 Councillor Kelly - False Alarm By-Law - Grace Period for Seniors
- 12.3 Councillor Sarto - Vandalism in Municipally Owned Cemeteries
- 12.4 Property Matter - Sale of Parcel A - Hammonds Plains Road
- 12.5 HRM - MacCulloch & Company Limited Land Exchange Lake Micmac
- 12.6 Appointments - Boards and Committees

**MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Blumenthal that the Order of Business and Additions and Deletions be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

**7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE**

**7A. Negotiations with Sempra Atlantic for Municipal Access Agreement**

- This item was discussed at an In Camera meeting held prior to the Regular Session, and was now before Council for ratification.

Mr. Brian Smith, Director, Business Operations, advised Council that the access agreement has been finalized.

**MOVED by Councillors Adams and Blumenthal that HRM Council agree to enter into an agreement with Sempra Atlantic for the installation and operation of gas distribution infrastructure, on the terms outlined in the staff report dated April 6, 2000, and subject to completion of a detailed Municipal Access Agreement.**

Councillor Adams expressed thanks to the following people for their work in the process of reaching this agreement: Duart MacAulay, President, UNSM; Mr. Ken Simpson, Executive Director, UNSM; the other municipalities in Nova Scotia; Councillors Blumenthal, Schofield, Rankin, Uteck, Kelly, Cooper, Hetherington, Read and Fougere; Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Brian Smith, Director, Business Operations; Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Legal Services; and Mr. Phil Francis, Engineering and Transportation Services. Councillor Adams also expressed thanks to Council for its support.

Deputy Mayor Cunningham thanked Councillor Adams for his work in chairing the Committee.

As Secretary/Treasurer of UNSM, Councillor Blumenthal expressed thanks to the members of UNSM, and all those who worked collectively on this matter to reach an agreement.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

**8.1 Case 00061 Stage II Development Agreement for Phases 1A and 2, Royale Hemlocks**

- A report from the Chebucto Community Council dated March 24, 2000, regarding the above, was previously circulated to Council. The matter was deferred at the March 28, 2000 meeting of Council, and was now before Council for its consideration.
- Correspondence from F. D. Medjuck, Q.C., Medjuck and Medjuck Barristers and Solicitors, dated March 17<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>, regarding this matter, was before Council for its consideration.

Mr. Paul Morgan, Planner, presented the staff report, stating Regional Council is being requested to approve a cost sharing commitment made under a development agreement previously approved by the Chebucto Community Council.

Mr. Morgan noted that under the original development agreement approved by the Chebucto Community Council, there was a provision for the Municipality to agree to pay the interest on the debt incurred by the developer, until such time the Municipality paid the outstanding cost-sharing amounts. Subsequent to the Community Council approval, Mr. Morgan advised Council that the developer has agreed to waive interest payments.

Mr. Morgan stated staff is recommending approval of the cost sharing agreement.

Councillor Stone noted that Council is only considering Phase 1A and 2 at this time, and there will be more phases of this proposal coming forward in the future. Responding to a question of the Councillor, Mr. Morgan stated that once final subdivision approval is received for the first phase, ownership of the sanitary sewer will immediately transfer over to the Municipality.

Responding to a question of Councillor Stone regarding the roadway, Mr. Morgan stated that the agreement states that once construction commences through subdivision approval, the applicant has two years to complete all aspects of Phases 1A and 2. Failing this, there are a number of measures that can be taken, such as the Community Council discharging the agreement. Councillor Stone stated, whether or not Phase 1A and 2 are

completed, the road must be completed to the boundary line to allow for future development phasing.

**MOVED by Councillors Stone and Walker that Council:**

- 1. Approve municipal cost sharing with the applicant for over sizing municipal streets and storm sewers within Phases 1A and 2 of Royale Hemlocks in an amount not exceeding \$710,818**
- 2. The Stage II development agreement be amended to eliminate the requirement for the Municipality to pay interest on outstanding cost-sharing amounts**

Responding to a question of Councillor Kelly regarding the resurfacing of the Bedford Highway, Mr. Kulvinder Dhillon, Director, Engineering and Traffic Services, confirmed that the agreement approved by Council calls for the entire road surface of the Bedford Highway to be re-paved when the sewer line has been installed.

**MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Read that the motion be amended to include the following: That Council instruct staff to ensure that the cost sharing associated with over sizing the Royale Hemlock streets and sewers be recovered, within the applicable legislation, from all benefiting lands within the Master Plan Area (Prince's Lodge).**

Councillor Kelly stated the purpose of the amendment is to ensure that the developer pays the appropriate share of the infrastructure costs.

Responding to concerns of members of Council as to whether or not the amendment was appropriate at this time, Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, stated it is relevant as it has to do with how much money the Municipality will ultimately spend on this matter. Mr. Anstey stated it is his understanding that it is staff's intent to attempt to eventually recover all of the money through development charges. Whether or not staff can guarantee the entire amount is a difficult issue because the appropriate legislation first needs to be put in place. Following that, recovery will depend on the success of the development.

Mr. Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, stated regardless of whether or not the amendment is approved, it is staff's intention to explore every avenue to recoup all or most of the \$710,000 through infrastructure charges. However, as indicated by Mr. Morgan, there is a lot of work yet to be done, particularly as it relates to demonstrating accrued benefits to the lots on which development charges will be implemented.

Speaking against the amendment, Councillor Stone stated it deals with future development and Council is only addressing cost sharing for the over sized streets and sewers at this time.

In support of the amendment, Councillor Read stated the purpose is to ensure it is in writing that the developer will be responsible for extra charges for the oversizing from which Royale Hemlock will receive benefit.

Speaking in favour of the amendment, Councillor McInroy stressed the importance, for the future, of having a formal record of all intentions and reservations. Also speaking for the amendment, Councillors Greenough and Blumenthal stated it will reaffirm staff's intentions with respect to the recovery from the developer of the \$710,000.

The vote was taken on the amendment.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The amended motion now read as follows:

**MOVED by Councillors Stone and Walker that Council:**

- 3. Approve municipal cost sharing with the applicant for over sizing municipal streets and storm sewers within Phases 1A and 2 of Royale Hemlocks in an amount not exceeding \$710,818**
- 4. The Stage II development agreement be amended to eliminate the requirement for the Municipality to pay interest on outstanding cost-sharing amounts**
- 5. Instruct staff to ensure that the cost sharing associated with over sizing the Royale Hemlock streets and sewers be recovered, within the applicable legislation, from all benefiting lands within the Master Plan Area (Prince's Lodge).**

Councillor Uteck stated that she is looking forward to the traffic study as it will directly impact the Peninsula.

As it was agreed upon at the Committee of the Whole meeting held earlier in the day, Mr. Franklyn Medjuck, of Medjuck & Medjuck Barristers and Solicitors, addressed Council regarding the matter.

Mr. Medjuck, representing Emscote Limited, the adjacent landowners to Royale Hemlock Estates, spoke in support of the development and the growth in the area. Mr. Medjuck referred to the concerns expressed in his correspondence and noted that staff are resolving most of them. However, Mr. Medjuck inquired how the connection from Royale

Hemlocks to the Emscote lands will be handled. He suggested that a clause could be inserted in the agreement that would give the Municipality the right to go onto the land of Royale Hemlocks to complete the connection.

In response to Mr. Medjuck's comments, Mr. English reiterated that the development agreement requires that the street be connected within two years. If it is not, there are remedies in place to deal with that. Mr. English stated he did not see the need for any additional mechanisms.

Responding to a question of Mr. Anstey, Mr. Morgan stated that is common when subdivisions are approved that not all services are immediately constructed. However, the developer enters into a subdivider's agreement at the time of final subdivision approval which obligates them to complete services within a specified time frame.

The vote was then taken on the main motion, as amended.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELETIONS**

**9.1 Request for Permission for Fly Overs - Rodger Sorsdahl, Executive Director, Nova Scotia International Air Show**

- Correspondence from the Rodger Sorsdahl, Executive Director, Nova Scotia International Air Show dated March 7, 2000, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.
- Correspondence from Wendy Lill, MP Dartmouth, dated April 3, 2000, expressing safety concerns regarding the above, was before Council for its considerations

Councillor Hetherington noted this is an annual request from the Nova Scotia International Air Show, and suggested that the fly over permission be granted as long as all transportation regulations are followed. The Councillor noted there were some problems last year, and the transportation regulations should resolve these concerns.

Responding to concerns expressed by Councillor Sarto, Deputy Mayor Cunningham noted the noise level of the Blue Angels last year was substantially higher than the usual aircraft participating in the show, and they will not be participating in the show this year.

Councillor Schofield noted that he received a lot of calls from concerned residents last year, but stated he was satisfied that this motion will resolve those concerns.

With respect to the correspondence from Ms. Wendy Lill, MP Dartmouth, Councillor McInroy stated he believes the Municipality would be adequately prepared to respond in the case of any emergency that may occur.

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Greenough that Council grant permission to the Canadian Forces Snowbirds and Swift Magic Aerobatic teams and other participants of the Nova Scotia International Air Show air display to fly over populated areas on September 8 - 10, 2000 as long as all transportation regulations are followed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9.2 Petitions**

**9.2.1 Councillor Kelly - Subdivision of Lands - Blue Mountain Drive & Kearney Lake Rd.**

Councillor Kelly served a petition signed by approximately 21 residents stating that the lands on the corner of Blue Mountain Drive and Kearney Lake Rd., Block B-2 (8.5 acres) are ready for subdividing into 3 single R-1 lots to match existing lots in the subdivision.

**9.2.2 Councillor Walker - Additional Crosswalk Guard - Corner of Lacewood, Bayview and Clayton Park Dr.**

Councillor Walker submitted approximately 173 letters from residents requesting an additional crosswalk guard at the corner of Lacewood, Bayview and Clayton Park Dr., due to the escalating number of cars travelling through Clayton Park and safety concerns for the students of Duc d'Anville School.

**10. REPORTS**

**10.1 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**10.1.1 Councillor Rankin - Utility Review Board Decision Relative to District Boundaries**

- An Information Report from Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, dated April 5, 2000 re: URB Decision - District Boundaries, was before Council for its information.

Councillor Rankin expressed concern that the Utility Review Board decision tolerates a higher than 25 percent variance in eligible voters, and, therefore, has not adopted boundaries to accommodate the concerned communities. The Councillor suggested Council should request a legal opinion from HRM Legal Services on, at least, this

particular aspect of the Utility Review Board decision to determine if in the context of the Supreme Court guideline there is a good case for an appeal by Council to the Supreme Court.

**MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Read that Council request a staff report from Legal Services to determine if there is a good case for the Municipality to appeal the Utility Review Board's decision.**

With respect to boundaries, Councillors Mitchell and Streach stated many residents were disappointed with recent comments in the media made by Mayor Fitzgerald. Deputy Mayor Cunningham suggested it would be more appropriate for Councillor Mitchell to address the Mayor directly with his concerns upon his return. Councillor Streach noted Mayor Fitzgerald will be attending a public meeting in his District on April 26<sup>th</sup>, at which time these concerns can be addressed.

Speaking in support of the motion, Councillors Cooper, Harvey and Merrigan made the following points:

- The variance in the number of eligible voters is not acceptable
- A number of Districts already have too many eligible voters per Councillor, while others do not have enough.
- The suburbs will grow unequally over the next five years, creating Districts that are too small and others that are too large.
- Municipal government is a "hands-on" service, and not a Board making decisions isolated from the people it represents. This is the type of service that the residents want and pay for.
- The Boundary Review Committee should report directly to the Utility Review Board, and Council should not be involved in the process.
- There were 60 elected representatives four years ago prior to amalgamation, and now there are now only 24.
- The makeup of Council should be a decision of the residents through their elected representatives, and not an unelected body.
- The Utility Review Board process may not have been correct, as there is some opinion that the boundaries were not fairly examined.
- The report can be used for the future to ensure equal Districts.

Councillor Read spoke in support of the motion stating the Utility Review Board may have overstepped its mandate with respect to its statements regarding the size of Council.

Speaking against the motion, Councillors Stone, Streach, Blumenthal, Greenough made the following points:

- The matter has followed due process and Council should accept the decision.
- Councillors' own interests should not override the interests of the residents.
- Changing district boundaries at this point would be difficult for the residents.
- Generally speaking, the public did not support an expanded Council.
- From a practical point of view, there is no time for a report as the 2000 municipal election process is already underway.

Closing the debate, Councillor Rankin asked Council to make a decision on the motion based solely on the best interest of the public.

Councillor Rankin requested a **Recorded Vote**.

Members of Council voting in favour of the motion: Councillors Colwell, Cooper, Hetherington, Walker, Read, Merrigan, Harvey, Kelly, Rankin and Mitchell.

Members of Council voting against the motion: Deputy Mayor Cunningham, Councillors: Streach, Snow, McInroy, Greenough, Sarto, Schofield, Blumenthal, Downey, Uteck, Fougere, Stone and Adams.

**MOTION DEFEATED. (10 For, 13 Against)**

## **10.2 MARINE DRIVE, VALLEY AND CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **10.2.1 Case 00152 - Amendments to the MPS for former Halifax County Planning Districts 14 and 17 (Shubenacadie Lakes) (First Reading and setting date for Public Hearing)**

#### **i) Community Council Report**

- A report from the Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council regarding the above was before Council for its consideration.

#### **ii) Staff Report**

- A staff report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration. The report recommended that Council reject the amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy for Planning Districts 14 & 17 and/or the Subdivision By-Law for the former Halifax County Municipality, as per Attachments IV to VII inclusive, to permit an increase in the number of lots that can be created on the lands situated to the south of the Windsor Junction Community Centre.

**MOVED** by Councillors Snow and Streach that Regional Council give First Reading and set a Public Hearing date for May 2, 2000 to consider the options outlined in the staff report dated February 4, 2000. The two options are (1) amend the "Area of Land Date" under the Subdivision By-Law and (2) amend the criteria for listing private right-of-way as a "Schedule A" road under the Subdivision By-Law. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.3 REGIONAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**10.3.1 Heritage Case H00014 - Deregistration of Parcel A and Registration of Parcel X - Harrison House, Middle Musquodoboit**

- A report from the Regional Heritage Advisory Committee dated April 5, 2000, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

**MOVED** by Councillors Harvey and Sarto that Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the subdivision of lands outlined in the staff report dated March 13, 2000, for the registered heritage property at the Musquodoboit Exhibition Grounds, known as the Harrison House.**
- 2. Set the date of May 16, 2000 to consider the registration of Parcel X as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated March 13, 2000, as per the requirements of the Heritage Property Act.**
- 3. Set a Public Hearing date of May 16, 2000, to consider the de-registration of Parcel A, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated March 13, 2000, as per the requirements of the Heritage Property Act. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.3.2 Heritage Case H00005 - Application by Jim & Elizabeth Trites for Heritage Registration of 2688 Dutch Village Road, Halifax**

- A report from the Regional Heritage Advisory Committee dated April 5, 2000, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

**MOVED** by Councillors Read and Adams that Regional Council set the date of May 16, 2000 to consider the heritage registration of 2688 Dutch Village Road as per the requirements of the Heritage Property Act. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.4 COMMUTER RAIL COMMITTEE**

**10.4.1 Commuter Rail Feasibility Study - CANAC Inc. Proposal**

- A report from the Commuter Rail Committee regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.
- Correspondence from the Hon. David Anderson, Minister of the Environment, dated April 4, 2000, regarding the HRM Commuter Rail Committee, was before Council for its consideration.

**MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Read that Regional Council authorize staff to:**

- 1. Enter into negotiations with CANAC Inc., subject to reference checks and compliance with HRM Procurement Policy, to carry out Phase One (1) of a technical study at a cost of \$75,000 (gross) on the feasibility of a commuter rail service between Beaver Bank and downtown Halifax;**
- 2. Seek funding from the Federal Government's Green Municipal Enabling Fund and/or other external funding sources to contribute toward one or more phases of the technical feasibility study as appropriate;**
- 3. Reallocate any further funds required to complete Phase One of this study from the HRM Regional Planning Project Budget.**

Councillor Kelly stated the Federal Government has indicated there will be funds applicable to this purpose, including \$25 million for the Green Municipal Enabling Fund, as well as the allocation of a \$100 million Revolving Green Municipal Investment Fund, which may be able to be accessed as well. The Councillor noted Ottawa has recently entered into a purchase and sale of two light rail diesel which he requested staff to consider.

Councillor Kelly also noted that CN has confirmed it will retain the track bed pending the completion of the phasing studies.

Councillor Uteck questioned the need for another study which will not address the issues that staff could not identify. The Councillor questioned why the Committee did not come back with a recommendation that HRM enter into a negotiation with CN to secure the line.

Councillor Blumenthal stated he would prefer that the matter first go to staff for a report.

**MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Schofield that the matter be referred to staff for a report.**

Speaking in support of the referral, Councillor Hetherington expressed concern with what the public will have to pay to subsidize a commuter rail system.

Councillor Kelly stated the purpose of the phased approach is to ensure the Municipality has the correct and updated information to make an informed decision. The Councillor stated he did not have a problem with the matter being referred to staff for a report, but noted that timing is imperative.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.5 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**10.5.1 Award of Tender #00-009 - Hot Dense Graded Asphaltic Material, F.O.B. Plant**

- A staff report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

**MOVED by Councillors Stone and Sarto that Regional award Tender #00-009 to the two (2) lowest evaluated bidders meeting HRM Streets and Roads Division requirements:**

Dexter Construction	\$56.50/tonne (HST extra)
Ocean Contractors Ltd.	\$58.50/tonne (HST extra)

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.5.2 Adjustments to Lot Prices - Business Park Lots**

- A staff report prepared for George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

**MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Schofield that Council approve the adjusted schedule of prices for lots in the Burnside Park and Bayers Lake Business Park as set out in Attachment "A" of the staff report dated March 23, 2000. The prices would take effect on April 14, 2000 for all transactions on which the Municipality has not received a 10 percent deposit.**

Mr. Peter Stickings, Real Estate Services, clarified points raised by members of Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.5.3 Amendment to Administrative Order Number 10 Respecting Partial Exemption for Residential Taxes**

- A staff report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

**MOVED by Councillors Walker and Stone that Administrative Order Number 10, Respecting Partial Exemptions, be amended as presented in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated March 31, 2000.**

Councillor Blumenthal stated he would prefer the maximum income level be increased to \$26,000 as it was two years ago. In response, Councillors Walker and Schofield stated the Grant Committee considers this a phase in approach, and it is anticipated that the level will be increased from \$23,000 to \$26,000 next year.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (For the record, Councillor Blumenthal requested that it be indicated that he voted against the motion.)

**11. MOTIONS**

**12. ADDED ITEMS**

**12.1 Councillor Uteck - Billing Practices - Halifax Regional Water Commission**

Councillor Uteck expressed concerns with charges implemented on the recent water bills. The Councillor requested a staff report to examine what can be done for those residents who were charged the new water rate (effective April 1/00) for water usage from December 1999-March 2000. Affected Districts that were identified were Districts 6, 13, and 22. It was noted that this issue needs to be examined by HRM staff as the Water Commission only sends the bills out on behalf of the Municipality. Councillor Greenough noted he has already raised the issue with Mr. Reg Ridgley, Treasury, and he is looking into the matter. Councillor Uteck suggested an insert should have been included with the water bills to examine the new charges.

**MOVED by Councillors Uteck and Rankin that the matter be referred to staff for a report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12.2 Councillor Kelly - False Alarm By-Law - Grace Period for Seniors**

Councillor Kelly requested a staff report to determine whether or not a phase-in period can be implemented for seniors so they can become familiar with their new alarm systems and not be charged for any errors that may occur during this phase-in period. Councillor Walker also requested that the staff report include information as to whether or not all former City of Halifax registered alarm systems have been automatically registered with HRM. Councillor Schofield requested that the staff report include clarification as to whether or not alarm systems registered with the supplier have to also be registered with the Municipality. The Councillor asked that the report also comment on how alarm testing is addressed.

**MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Blumenthal that the matter be referred to staff for a report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **12.3 Councillor Sarto - Vandalism in Municipally Owned Cemeteries**

Councillor Sarto expressed concern with the recent incidents of vandalism in cemeteries and requested a staff report to examine the pros and cons of installing lights in strategic locations within municipally owned cemeteries which may act as a deterrent to vandalism.

Council agreed to the request for a staff report.

### **12.4 Property Matter - Sale of Parcel A - Hammonds Plains Road**

- This matter was discussed during the In Camera meeting held prior to the Regular Session, and was now before Council for consideration.

**MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Mitchell that:**

- (1) **Council declare Parcel A surplus to the requirements of HRM.**
- (2) **Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale whereby Parcel A, as shown on the Attachment A of the March 29, 2000 staff report, be conveyed to Kynock Resources for the amount of \$8,063.00, as settlement in full, plus any additional taxes and adjustments that may be applicable at Closing. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **12.5 HRM - MacCulloch & Company Limited Land Exchange Lake Micmac**

- This matter was discussed during the In Camera meeting held prior to the Regular Session, and was now before Council for consideration.

**MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Schofield that:**

- (1) Council declare Lot 1 surplus to the requirements of HRM.**
- (2) Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale whereby the land portion of Lot 1, comprising approximately 0.5 acres be conveyed to MacCulloch and Company Limited, and whereby MacCulloch and Company Limited conveys proposed Parcel P-1, comprising approximately 3.2 acres to HRM as shown on Attachment "A" to the March 24th staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12.6 Appointments - Boards and Committees**

- This matter was discussed during the In Camera meeting held prior to the Regular Session, and was now before Council for consideration.

**MOVED by Councillors Stone and Cooper that Council:**

- (1) Approve the appointment of Councillors Adams, Cooper, Walker, Hetherington and Blumenthal to the Appeals Committee.**
- (2) Approve the appointment of Councillors Harvey, Mitchell and Streach to the Summerfest Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**13.1 Councillor Adams - Supplementary Education Funding**

**TAKE NOTICE** that at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2000, I intend to introduce a motion to allow supplementary funding dollars to follow children to a school in an area where supplementary funding is not collected.

Councillor Adams stated this is the same motion that was defeated on April 4th, and noted that he will be distributing pertinent materials to members of Council prior to the April 18th meeting.

Deputy Mayor Cunningham noted a vote will be taken at the April 18th meeting, which will require a 2/3 majority vote of Council to have this motion placed on the floor.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Greenough that the meeting adjourn at 8:10 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vi Carmichael  
Municipal Clerk