

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

February 27, 2001

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter J. Kelly
Deputy Mayor Jerry Blumenthal
Councillors: Stephen Streach
Gary Hines
Keith Colwell
Ron Cooper
Harry McInroy
Brian Warshick
Condo Sarto
Bruce Hetherington
Jim Smith
John Cunningham
Dawn Sloane
Sue Uteck
Sheila Fougere
Russell Walker
Diana Whalen
Linda Mosher
Stephen D. Adams
Brad Johns
Bob Harvey
Len Goucher
Reg Rankin
Gary Meade

STAFF MEMBERS:

Mr. Ken Meech, 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**

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

At a later point in the meeting, Councillor Warshick acknowledged the presence in the gallery of members of the 2nd Westphal Cub Pack from St. Luke's Church, Dartmouth.

2. **PROCLAMATIONS**

2.1 **Epilepsy Month - March**

March 2000 was proclaimed to be Epilepsy Month in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

2.2 **Landmine Awareness Week - February 26 - March 3, 2001**

The week of February 26 - March 3, 2001 was proclaimed to be Landmine Awareness Week.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 13, 2001**

Councillor Sloane noted a misspelling of her name in the February 13, 2001. The letter "e" was inadvertently left off her last name.

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, that the minutes of February 13, 2001, be approved, as amended. 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:

12.1 Councillor Goucher - CN Train Whistle Elimination - Shore Drive Area

12.2 Councillor Mosher - Sale of CA Beckett School

12.3 Councillor Warshick - Letter of Congratulations

12.4 Property Matter - Lease Agreement Renewal - Province of Nova Scotia Halifax Family Court, 3380 Devonshire Avenue

12.5 Property Matter - High School - Mainland Common

12.6 Contract - AT&T Municipal Access Agreement Renewal

Councillor Warshick requested that Item 12.3 Councillor Warshick - Letter of Congratulations be moved up on the agenda to follow Item 9 - Correspondence, Petitions and Delegations. Council agreed to this request.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Uteck, that the Order of Business be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

On a **Point of Privilege**, Councillor Adams noted an issue was brought forward during a presentation made at the February 13th Council meeting when disparaging remarks were made about a staff member. Councillor Adams spoke in support of this staff person and read from a letter from the Herring Cove Ratepayers Association also in support of the individual.

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

As agreed to during the Approval of the Order of Business, Council dealt with Item 12.3 Councillor Warshick - Letter of Congratulations, at this time.

12.3 Councillor Warshick - Letter of Congratulations

Councillor Warshick requested that a letter be sent on behalf of the Mayor and Council to each member of the Colleen Jones curling rink congratulating them on winning the National Curling title for women, the Scott Tournament of Hearts. Councillor Warshick noted the team started the week, 3 and 0, then fell to 3 and 4, only to come back and win the next 6 games in a row showing a true gritty spirit of determination. In the final game, the Jones team played the defending Canadian Champions, taking them to the final rock in an extra end. The Nova Scotia team won the game in a measurement by only a couple of centimeters, making for the most dramatic victory in the history of the Scott Tournament of Hearts.

In closing, the Councillor extended congratulations to skip Colleen Jones, mate Kim Kelly, second, Mary Anne Waye, lead Nancy Delahunt, as well as coach Ken Bagnall and alternate Laine Peters, and wished them the best of luck in the upcoming World Championships in Switzerland.

Council agreed to the request for a congratulatory letter to be sent. Mayor Kelly noted it is intended to invite the team to Council for a formal recognition of their achievement.

9.1 Petitions

9.1.1 Councillor Uteck - Practice of Stone Chipping Streets in HRM

Councillor Uteck served a petition from residents expressing concerns with respect to the stone chipping of streets in HRM. The Councillor asked that the petition be forwarded to staff for a report.

9.1.2 Councillor Whalen - City Water and Sewer Services for Prince's Lodge area

Councillor Whalen served a petition from the Greater Prince's Lodge Residents Association requesting city water and sewer services. The Councillor asked that the petition be forwarded to staff for a report.

9.2 Presentations

9.2.1 Establishment of Quinpool Road Mainstreet Association

- i) Kate Carmichael**
- ii) Rob McKelvie**

Mr. Rob McKelvie addressed Council seeking approval to establish a business association for the over 120 businesses along Quinpool Road. Mr. McKelvie stated the association needs long term funding to be in a position to hire a part-time person, or to be affiliated with a similar group to reduce costs. Mr. McKelvie noted that Quinpool Road is a unique street that is easily identifiable with its exposed storefronts and many residential neighbours. Mr. McKelvie noted an association was established previously, but it fell apart due to lack of funding and a person in place to administer it. Mr. McKelvie stated the association would like to be pro-active in areas such as traffic, parking, garbage, noise, etc. He noted that similar mainstreet programs operate throughout North America and symbolize community and economic health. These associations also protect property values and help prevent urban sprawl.

In closing, Mr. McKelvie stated the mandate of the association would be to have

comprehensive and effective representation on all HRM issues, as well as to give an opportunity to create favourable marketing and business opportunities for the street. Mr. McKelvie expressed thanks to Ms. Kate Carmichael, Executive Director, Downtown Halifax Business Commission, and her staff, for their assistance and support in this regard.

Ms. Kate Carmichael, Executive Director, Downtown Halifax Business Commission, addressed Council stating if this association were to go forward, it would like to have the same levy as the Downtown Halifax Business Commission, which would realize \$36,000 annually. Ms. Carmichael noted the Quinpool Road Mainstreet Association and the Downtown Halifax Business Commission would share administrative services. The Quinpool Road Mainstreet Association would have a board of five and will direct policy. The Downtown Halifax Business Commission would carry out the directives of this board. Ms. Carmichael noted two public meetings were held in June 2000, both had good attendance and strong support for this Association. A copy of the plebiscite letter that was sent to the business owners was provided for Council. Ms. Carmichael noted there was a clear majority positive vote from the business owners.

In closing, Ms. Carmichael asked Council for its support to approve the formation of the Quinpool Road Mainstreet Association.

Responding to a question of Councillor Cunningham regarding a possible conflict of interest between the two associations, Ms. Carmichael stated this issue was discussed very carefully, and the Downtown Halifax Business Commission has hired a second-in-command person who will be in charge of Quinpool Road, so there will be clear differentiation.

As the normal practice would be to refer this matter to staff for a report before making a decision, Council Fougere asked for Council's support to suspend the rules and move forward on this matter at this time.

MOVED by Councillor Fougere, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that Council suspend the rules and make a decision on this matter without first sending it to staff for a report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Fougere, seconded by Councillor Uteck that Council support the formation of a Quinpool Road Mainstreet Association. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2.2 Status Update on Regional Trails System

- i) Don Ambler**
- ii) Sue Mathieu**

Mr. Don Ambler and Ms. Sue Mathieu made a presentation to Council regarding the status update on the Regional Trails System. A copy of their presentation was circulated to Council. The presentation requested the following support from HRM:

- C \$400,000 from the Capital Budget
- C \$100,000 in Operational Funding
- C \$100,000 from Community Grants
- C the opportunity to present to Committee of the Whole

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Streach, that this matter be referred to staff for a report.

The following questions and concerns of Council were also requested to be addressed in the staff report:

- C Winter maintenance of trails (Councillor Cunningham)
- C What trails received what amounts? (Councillor Adams)
- C What process was used to prioritize? (Councillor Adams)
- C What criteria was used to allocate funds? (Councillor Adams)
- C Where has trail funding money been spent to show the best return for HRM? (Councillor Colwell)
- C What is the status with respect to a commitment from CN? (Councillor Uteck)
- C What is the criteria that needs to be fulfilled to have a trail classified as a multi-use trail? (Councillor Streach)
- C Ways and means to find the \$100,000 and how the necessary community commitment can be achieved (Councillor Rankin)

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. REPORTS

10.1 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10.1.1 Councillor Hetherington - Municipal Mandatory Contributions to Education

Councillor Hetherington requested that a letter be sent by the Mayor to the Minister of Education urging the Province to freeze the mandatory contributions to education at \$131 million and requesting that no increase take place this year or in the future. The Councillor asked that a copy of the letter be sent to the Executive of the UNSM.

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that a letter be sent by the Mayor to the Minister of Education regarding municipal mandatory

contributions to education. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.1.2 Councillor Goucher

i) School Land Dedication

Councillor Goucher noted that under the Municipal Government Act (MGA) the Municipality has no legal right to demand school sites as part of the planning process. Currently, the MGA allows HRM to demand up to 10% parkland dedication, but provides no ability to deal with school sites and future growth. Councillor Goucher stated one of the most demanding aspects of current development is education, and although it is the Province's responsibility to build the schools, HRM inherits the problem. By asking for enabling legislation under the MGA to plan for growth in our schools, the Councillor suggested HRM will be able to better address the education issue via the planning process.

MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that Council request a staff report regarding possible amendments to Section 271 of the Municipal Government Act, and other relevant sections, with respect to school land dedication.

Councillor Hetherington spoke in support of a staff report, but stated he wanted to be sure the land is identified as provincial and that it does not take away from any current parkland requirements.

Speaking in support of the motion, Councillor Rankin stated he would like the report to incorporate costs ensuring that they are not transferred to the homeowners.

Closing the debate, Councillor Goucher stated the Municipality needs to be more pro-active, particularly with regional planning.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ii) #7 Highway Street Lighting

MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Warshick, that a letter be sent, under the signature of the Mayor, to the Minister of Transportation with respect to having street lights installed on the #7 Highway from the Burnside Industrial Park to the Bedford exit.

Councillor Hetherington noted a representative from Nova Scotia Power will be attending the March 1, 2001 meeting of the Harbour East Community Council to discuss street lighting in HRM, and he invited any interested Councillors to attend this meeting.

Councillor Sarto asked that the letter reiterate concerns previously expressed regarding the poor lighting on the approach to the MacKay Bridge.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.3 Councillor Warshick - Conduits

MOVED by Councillor Warshick, seconded by Councillor Sarto, that Council request a staff report, or EMT recommendation, regarding the feasibility of forming a steering committee designed to investigate the use of wider trenches for new developments, either residential or commercial, which would allow for the installation of gas, cable, fibre optics and power conduits.

Councillor Cooper requested the report also consider the possibility of using concrete conduits in the street.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2 PROGRAM & SERVICE REVIEW COMMITTEE

10.2.1 Budget Review Process

C A report from the Program and Service Review Committee regarding the budget review process, was before Council for its consideration.

MOVED by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Sarto, that:

- 1. After the proposed 2001/2002 Capital, Operating and Reserve Budget is tabled at the regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council on February 27, 2001, Council review and debate the proposed budget at a series of afternoon sessions during the week of March 5 - 9, 2001 in Council Chamber from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
- 2. Copies of the draft Budget be made available to the public for viewing at all HRM Storefronts, all branches of the Halifax Regional Library and on the HRM website.**
- 3. Public input on the 2001/2002 Budget be sought through written submissions from the public.**
- 4. Public input will be sought earlier in the budget process for the 2002/2003**

Budget, preferably in advance of budget preparation.

With respect to public input on the 2001/2002 Budget, Councillor Walker put forth the following amendment:

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Whalen, that two sessions be held on March 21, 2001, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., to hear from the public regarding the 2001/2002 Budget.

Responding to a question of Councillor Cunningham, Councillor Walker suggested five minute appointments could be set for those members of the public wishing to address Council. Mayor Kelly suggested additional sessions could be scheduled, if necessary.

Councillor Warshick expressed concern with the possibility of a few groups dominating the public sessions. Councillor Walker responded that this concern could be addressed through the appointment process.

Councillor Goucher noted that public input was discussed at the last Program and Service Review Committee meeting, and it was the general feeling that the process was too far along at this time to deal with public input, and it was agreed to take written submissions instead. The Councillor suggested it was too late to change the process this year.

The vote was taken on the amendment.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

The vote was then taken on the Main Motion.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.3 REGIONAL TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMITTEE

10.3.1 Amendments to By-Law T-108

- i) Eliminate the Minimum Wheelbase Size for Taxi Vehicles**
- ii) Permit Accessible Taxis to Operate without Roof lights**

C A report from the Taxi and Limousine Committee, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Sarto, that Council give First Reading to By-Law T-116, an amendment to By-Law T-108, to eliminate the minimum

wheelbase size for taxi vehicles, and to permit accessible taxis to operate without roof lights.

Councillor Adams noted both sides and the rear of accessible taxis will have appropriate markings identifying the vehicle.

Councillor Cooper stated he would not support either amendment.

Responding to a question of Councillor Cunningham, Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, stated the actual wheelbase limitation was passed in July 2000. The amendment recently passed by Council was only to grandfather existing vehicles.

Councillor Adams noted the proposed amendment regarding the wheelbase size is a result of a recent Taxi and Limousine Committee meeting. The Councillor noted two individuals raised concerns regarding the wheelbase limitation, but, in actuality, to date no one has been affected by the limitation. Councillor Adams stated he does not support the proposed amendment regarding the wheelbase measurement, but does support the amendment to permit accessible taxis to operate without roof lights. The Councillor suggested separate votes be taken on each amendment. Council agreed.

Responding to a question of Councillor Uteck, Councillor Adams stated with the current wheelbase measurement requirement, compact vehicles, other than those already in existence, will not be permitted to operate as taxis. However, some of the smaller fuel efficient vehicles would still be eligible.

Councillor Hetherington suggested the issue of wheelbase measurement be referred back to the Committee for further discussion and a recommendation on a more appropriate measurement, rather than an elimination.

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Sarto, that the proposed amendment regarding wheelbase measurement be referred back to the Taxi and Limousine Committee. MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

As agreed to by Council, the motion for First Reading was split to allow separate votes on each amendment.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Sarto, that Council give First Reading to By-Law T-116, an amendment to By-Law T-108, to eliminate the minimum wheelbase size for taxi vehicles. MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that Council

give First Reading to By-Law T-116, an amendment to By-Law T-108, to permit accessible taxis to operate without roof lights.

Speaking against the motion, Councillor Walker stated accessible taxis can pick up regular passengers and, therefore, must have roof lights.

Mr. Anstey noted the rationale for the Committee's recommendation was that most accessible taxis are special vans which have to be built higher than regular vans to accommodate wheelchairs. Due to this increased height and the taxi roof light, these vehicles often experience difficulty entering underground parking garages.

Deputy Mayor Blumenthal and Councillor Uteck spoke in support of the motion.

Responding to a question of Councillor Walker regarding the removed roof lights, Mr. Anstey stated they cannot be used on any other vehicle.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.4 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

10.4.1 Tabling of 2001/2002 Budgets

C A Capital Project Supplementary Report was circulated to Council.
A presentation of the 2001/2002 Plan including Service Plans, Operating Budget, Capital Budget and Reserve Budget was made to Council by staff. A copy of the presentation was circulated. The summary of the presentation was as follows:

- C Budget balanced
- C Multi-year Financial Strategy met
- C Operating Budget \$490.6 million
- C Capital Budget \$101.5 million
- C Tax Rate cut 1.3%
- C Debt declines 2.5%

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, that the 2001-02 Capital, Operating and Reserve Budgets be tabled until March 5, 2001 at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Kelly expressed thanks to staff for their work on the proposed budgets.

In response to a concern expressed about the budget meeting schedule, Mayor Kelly

indicated the schedule can be adjusted if necessary.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECESS

A ten minute recess was taken at 8:00 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

10.4.2 RFP 01-001 Leased Office Accommodation - Customer Service Centre and Planning & Development Offices

- C An Information Report prepared for Mike Lebrecque, General Manager, Building Management Services, regarding the above, was before Council.

As a result of speaking with staff, Councillor Adams stated his concerns were resolved, and, therefore, asked that this item be withdrawn from the agenda. Council agreed.

10.4.3 Late Payment Charges on Pollution Control Billings

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

MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Sarto, that Council give First Reading to By-Law S-102, an amendment to By-Law S-100, reducing the late payment charge from 10% to 3.9% of the unpaid bill for outstanding Pollution Control Charges that are not paid within the 30 day due date to comply with the Supreme Court of Canada Ruling of Garland v. Consumers Gas Co., [1998] 3.S.C.R. 112. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.4.4 Case #00331 - Request to Amend the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to permit Multiple Unit Dwelling Uses at 25, 27 & 35 Dartmouth Road, Bedford

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

Councillor Goucher expressed concern with piecemeal amendments to the MPS with respect to zoning requests. The Councillor stated that given the MPS review process has not occurred, there will be more and more of these zoning requests in the future. Councillor Goucher stated the Bedford MPS CP9 should also be included in the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that Council:

- (a) **Request staff to initiate the process to consider amending the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to permit multiple unit dwelling uses at 25, 27 and 35 Dartmouth Road, and;**
- (b) **Public participation be undertaken in accordance with the public participation resolution adopted by Halifax Regional Council on February 25, 1997, in and accordance with Bedford MPS CP9. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

11. MOTIONS

11.1 Councillor Whalen

"To move First Reading of By-Law S-302, a By-law to amend By-Law S-300, the Streets By-Law. The purpose of the said amendments to be:

- 1) To change the wording of clause 4 (1) (a), which relates to snow removal, to read "any sidewalk abutting the front and sideyard for the civic number of the property."
- 2) To extend the time during which property owners are required to remove snow and ice from their sidewalks, when the snow stops falling during the night, from six hours after daylight to twelve hours after daylight."

MOVED by Councillor Whalen, seconded by Councillor Walker, that this motion be deferred to March 6, 2001. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Councillor Goucher - CN Train Whistle Elimination - Shore Drive Area

Councillor Goucher stated for years the elimination of the CN Train whistle has been sought by the rest of the Shore Drive area. The Councillor noted it was believed that with the permanent closure of Aisleview Lane to vehicular traffic that the stoppage of the whistle would take place. Councillor Goucher requested a staff report regarding this issue to include what additional steps must be taken to resolve this matter.

MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that this matter be referred to staff for a report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.2 Councillor Mosher - Sale of CA Beckett School

Councillor Mosher noted many concerns have been raised by the community regarding the sale of CA Beckett School. The Councillor noted if this facility is lost, there will be no recreation facilities for District 17 in this area. Councillor Mosher stated she would like Parks and Recreation to identify existing facilities and possible deficiencies in this area if the school is closed.

With respect to possible oil contamination on this site, Councillor Mosher questioned how a non-profit group could afford to clean it up if it still exists. With regards to street size and snow plowing, the Councillor suggested it would be best for staff to do a thorough analysis of these issues before the building is sold.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Adams, that this matter be referred to staff for a report for the March 20th Council meeting regarding putting a hold on the sale of the CA Beckett School until such time that the community, Parks and Recreation and Engineering can assess their respective issues of this property.

In response to a question of Councillor Cunningham, Mayor Kelly indicated this property is one of six properties currently being advertised with a closing date of March 2.

Councillor Mosher stated that staff have agreed that it would be best to examine these issues before the building is sold.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.3 Councillor Warshick - Letter of Congratulations

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting (see Page 5).

12.4 Property Matter - Lease Agreement Renewal - Province of Nova Scotia Halifax Family Court, 3380 Devonshire Avenue

C This item was addressed during an In Camera session held prior to the Regular Session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that:

- 1. Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia for the premises located at 3380 Devonshire Avenue for the continued use as the Halifax Family Court Building based on the key terms and conditions outlined in staff's report dated February 19, 2001; and**

2. Council approve the withdrawal from Capital Building Reserve Account Q116 in the amount of \$8,115.00 (\$3,000 approved in the 2001-02 Capital Budget) to be applied against the total project costs; and,
3. That Council further approve a temporary borrowing resolution up to \$1,191.885, the amount to be financed, upon completion, through long term debt. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.5 Property Matter - High School - Mainland Common

- C This item was addressed during an In Camera session held prior to the Regular Session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Whalen, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to approve the execution of an agreement of purchase and sale re Mainland Common land; further, that the report not be released until agreement of purchase and sale has been executed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.6 Contract - AT&T Municipal Access Agreement Renewal

- C This item was addressed during an In Camera session held prior to the Regular Session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a letter of renewal of AT&T's existing MAA under the same terms and conditions as the previous agreement for a term expiring March 1, 2002. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 Councillor Hetherington - Amendments to Administrative Order One

TAKE NOTICE that at the next regular Regional Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, the 6th day of March 2001, I propose to introduce for adoption by Council as a policy pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, amendments to Administrative Order One, the purpose of which are to:

- (1) Change the Order of Proceedings to provide for the items involving the public and members of staff being heard earlier in the meeting;

- (2) Change the deadline for Council members adding late items to the agenda to noon on the Monday preceding the meeting rather than Tuesday; and
- (3) Provide that where a member of Council has an issue concerning staff, either individually or collectively, that the Council member discuss the issue with the Chief Administrative Officer and have the matter discussed at an In Camera Session of Council before adding the matter to the agenda of an open Council session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that the meeting adjourn at 8:50 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vi Carmichael
Municipal Clerk