

# **HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

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## **HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES April 17, 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.

2. **PROCLAMATIONS**

2.1 **Car Free Day - April 19**

April 19, 2001 was proclaimed to be Car Free Day in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

2.2 **Volunteer Week - April 22 - 28**

April 22 - 28, 2001 was proclaimed to be Volunteer Week in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

2.3 **International Day of the Lebanese Emigrant**

April 21, 2001 was proclaimed to be International Day of the Lebanese Emigrant in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

**2001 Ford Curling Championship - Colleen Jones**

On behalf of Regional Council, Mayor Kelly presented plaques to Colleen Jones' curling team in recognition of their recent victory at the 2001 Ford World Curling Championships. Ms. Jones expressed appreciation to Council and the residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality for their support.

**Recognition - HRM Volunteers**

Mayor Kelly presented Louise Logan, Sylvia Anthony, Helen Holland, Alma Dunbar & Gordon Morgan with plaques in recognition their volunteer contributions. On behalf of Council, Mayor Kelly expressed thanks and appreciation to these, and all HRM, volunteers, for their work.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 27, 2001**

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the minutes of March 27, 2001, 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:

- 13.1 Councillor Fougere - Bikeways Task Force
- 13.2 Councillor Whalen
  - i) Traffic Improvements to the Intersection of the #102 Highway and Lacewood Drive
  - ii) Letter of Congratulations - Elizabeth Ann Seton Awards
- 13.3 Property Matter - Proposed Land Acquisition, Sheet Harbour Road, Pleasant Valley

The following Information Item was added to the Information Agenda:

- C Memorandum from the Director of Community Projects re: Community Projects Budget 01/02 Clarification

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

**5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

**6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

**7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE**

**8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**9.1 Case 00197 Amendment to Section IX of the Halifax MPS (Spring Garden Road Commercial Area Plan) and the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-Law (prev circ Mar. 6)**

C A report from the Peninsula and Western Region Community Council, dated March 1, 2001, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

C Correspondence from Malcolm Boyle, McInnes Cooper, dated April 11, 2001 regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

C Correspondence from Michael Grice, dated April 17, 2001, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

Mr. Gary Porter, Planner, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Kelly called for members of the public wishing to speak either in favour of or against the by-law amendments.

**Mr. Robert Calnen**

Mr. Robert Calnen, the applicant, spoke in support of the by-law amendments.

Mayor Kelly called three times for additional speakers either in favour of or against the by-law amendments. Hearing none, the following motion was put on the floor:

**MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, that the Public Hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, that Regional Council approve the amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-Law (text and map) as contained in Appendix A of the staff report dated February 15, 2001, namely:**

- a) Re-designate 1469 Birmingham Street from RC (Residential-Commercial Mix) to C (Commercial);
- b) Re-zone 1469 Birmingham Street from RC-2-V (Residential/Minor Commercial within a view plane) to C-2D-V (General Business Zone - Spring Garden Road area within a view plane)
- c) Amend the parking requirements for small residential developments within the C-2D zone.

Councillor Uteck encouraged more dialogue between the Spring Garden Road BIDC and staff as further development projects arise in that area.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9.2 Case 00316 Application to Amend the Former Halifax County Subdivision By-Law to Add a Right of Way (Patriquin Lane) to the List of Schedule "A" Roads in Fletcher Lake (prev circ Mar. 27)**

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

With the use of overheads, Mr. Kurt Pyle, Planner, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Kelly called three times for members of the public wishing to speak either in favour of or against the by-law amendment. Hearing none, the following motion was put on the floor:

**MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the Public Hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOVED by Councillor Hines, seconded by Councillor Streach, that Council approve the amendment to the Subdivision By-Law for the former Halifax County, as per Attachment 1 of the staff report dated February 16, 2001, to list Patriquin Lane, Fletchers Lake, as a Schedule "A" road, thereby enabling the applicant to create three additional lots. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

### **10.1 Petitions**

#### **10.1.1 Deputy Mayor Blumenthal - Glendale Road**

The Deputy Mayor submitted a petition from residents of Glendale Road requesting that this street be removed from the list of chipsealed streets.

#### **10.1.2 Councillor Sarto - Tree Planting**

Councillor Sarto submitted correspondence from a resident expressing concerns regarding tree planting and asked that the letter be forwarded to the appropriate staff.

### **10.2 Presentation**

#### **10.2.1 Mr. Mohammed Al-katib - Taxi Owner Licenses**

Mr. Mohammed Al-katib made a presentation to Council with respect to taxi owner licenses. A copy of his presentation was submitted for the record.

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. Al-katib for his presentation.

## **11. REPORTS**

### **11.1 PROGRAM & SERVICE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

#### **11.1.1 Program & Service Review - May & June 2001 (to be circ)**

- C An Information Report from the Program and Service Review Committee, regarding the above, was circulated to Council.

With the use of overheads, Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, made a presentation to Council regarding the Program and Service Review Committee's Performance Measurement Initiative 2001/02. A copy of the overheads was submitted for the record. The goals of the initiative were presented as follows:

- C Provide accountability for results
- C Council identifies customer needs and expectations, and satisfaction levels
- C Enable Council, EMT and SMT to evaluate progress towards intended results
- C Allow accurate assessment of resources needed to support activities

Some Councillors expressed concern with the training schedule for Council, and it was noted if a Councillor cannot attend one of the scheduled training sessions, a session specific to the Councillor can be arranged prior to the end of April. Councillor Fougere noted it is important that Council has interest and confidence in this process and plays a lead role in making it happen. Mr. McLellan stated staff is willing to work with Council with respect to the training dates.

**MOVED by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Council concur with the goals and objectives as set out in the Program and Service Review Committee's Information Report dated April 12, 2001. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **11.2 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

### **11.2.1 Approval of the 2001-2002 Operating and Capital Budgets**

#### **i) Committee of the Whole Recommendation**

- C Recommendations from the April 11, 2001 Committee of the Whole meeting were before Council for ratification.

#### **ii) Resolution to Set Tax Rate (to be circ)**

- C A draft resolution to set the tax rate was circulated to Council.
- C A summary of changes to the Operating Budget since originally tabled on February 27, 2001, was circulated to Council.

**MOVED** by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, that Council accept the proposed Operating, Capital and Reserve Budgets, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and as contained within the following resolution, except for section (e) and (f) of the resolution respecting area rates and supplementary education, which will be brought back at a later date:

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:**

- a) the Operating Budget in the amount of \$490,128,622 gross expenditures, \$371,731,970 non-departmental revenues, and \$118,396,652 departmental revenues be approved, which reflects all adjustments approved by Council to the Budget tabled on February 27, 2001, and further;**
- b) that the general rates of taxation on commercial, machinery and equipment, and business occupancy be set at**
  - (i) \$3.395 for the urban area;**
  - (ii) \$3.395 for the suburban area; and**
  - (iii) \$2.820 for the rural area**

**applied to the full assessed value of the property.**

- c) that the general rates of taxation be applied to the assessed value on residential and resource property be set at**
  - (i) \$1.331 for the urban rate**
  - (ii) \$1.222 for the suburban area rate; and**
  - (iii) \$1.016 for the rural area**
- d) That the boundary of the urban, suburban and rural areas is as delineated in the "Tax Structure Map" attached to the resolution dated April 17, 2001.**

**(Sections (e) and (f) not included at this time.)**

- g) That Fire Protection rates shall be set at \$.096 for all commercial assessable property, including business occupancy; and resulting in a rate applied at \$.038 for all residential and resource property;**
- h) That the final tax bills will become due on Friday, September 28, 2001.**

- i) that the interest rate on the Special Reserve Funds, designated as requiring interest under Section 100(2) of the Municipal Government Act, be set at 5.5% for the period April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002.
- j) that the interest rate on the Pollution Control Reserves be set at 5.5% for the period April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002.
- k) that the interest rate on all reserves, except for those identified in i) and j) will be set at 5.5% for the period April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.2.2 Tender # 01-017 - Pavement Markings West/Central Regions**

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

**MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Sarto, that Council authorize the award of Tender #01-017 to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Provincial Pavement Markings at a cost of \$83,425.00 plus HST with funding outlined in the budget implications section of the staff report dated April 9, 2001.**

Mr. Phil Cochrane, Manager, Streets and Roads, responded to questions of Councillors Cooper and Hetherington.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.2.3 Tender Awards - Grass Mowing & Landscape Maintenance - Various Locations**

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

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Sarto, that:**

- 1. Council authorize the award of each tender to the lowest bidder meeting specifications for each of the ten (10) tenders listed in the background section of the staff report dated April 9, 2001, with a total award of \$699,939.12 plus HST for the period May 1, 2001 to November 15, 2001 with funding outlined in the budget implications section of the staff report dated April 9, 2001.

2. Council authorize staff to award the second and third year of each tender at a total cost of \$699,939.12 per year plus HST for the periods May 1st to November 15th of each year. The second and third year awards would be contingent upon an annual performance review and budget allocation.

Responding to a question of Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, Mr. Peter Ross, Manager, Procurement, stated there will be a performance bond, and the Municipality can also withhold money if the work is not done properly.

In response to a question of Mayor Kelly, Mr. Brian Phelan, Senior Supervisor, Parks and Open Spaces, provided comparison information with respect to last year's prices.

Councillor Sarto requested that staff provide a list of sites included in the Areas listed in the report.

Mr. Ross responded to questions of Councillor Warshick regarding the wide discrepancy in the tender bids.

In response to a question of Councillor Whalen regarding performance measurement, Mr. Peter Bigelow, General Manager, Parks and Open Spaces, stated weekly work status reports are required, and HRM also has inspectors that visit the sites to ensure the work is being properly carried out.

Responding to a question of Councillor Hetherington, Mr. Bigelow stated there is the ability to add or subtract areas to a net difference of 15 percent.

#### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **11.2.4 Administrative Order Ten: Respecting Partial Exemption for Residential Taxation - Revisions**

- C A report from the Grant Committee, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Sarto, that Council approve, in principle, an amendment to Administrative Order Ten, as recommended by the Grants Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Later in the meeting, a Notice of Motion was served regarding this item.

#### **11.2.5 By-Law T-301, An Amendment to By-Law T-300 Respecting Tax Deferrals**

- C A report from the Grant Committee, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that Council approve, in principle, By-Law T-301, an amendment to By-Law T-300 Respecting Tax Deferrals. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Later in the meeting, a Notice of Motion was served regarding this item.

**11.2.6 By-Law T-206, An Amendment to By-Law T-200 Respecting Tax Exemptions for Non Profit Organizations (2000-2001)**

- C A report from the Grant Committee, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Uteck, that Council approve, in principle, By-Law T-206, an Amendment to By-Law T-200 Respecting Tax Exemptions for Non-Profit Organizations.**

Councillor Harvey asked that staff provide clarification with respect to the tax status of the Columbus Club of Sackville. Ms. Peta-Jane Temple, Coordinator, Grant Program, agreed to follow up on this.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.2.7 First Reading By-Law L-103 Respecting Local Improvement Charges**  
**Motion - Councillor Rankin - Move First Reading**

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

Councillor Rankin stated at the time he gave Notice of Motion for First Reading, he requested that consideration of the staff report dealing with the possibility of having some further assistance being applied to the proposed local improvement charges in the current proposal, be given at First Reading. The Councillor noted an Information Report was received last week on this issue, and it was to be before Council at First Reading, for possible adjustment, depending on Council's consideration of the report. Councillor Rankin noted a \$95,000 amount has been identified as an additional amount that has to be cost-recovered, and \$25,000 was intended to be recovered by a federal grant through HRDC.

Councillor Hetherington noted that since Council did not have the Information Report being referred to by the Councillor before it at this time, the matter should be deferred for one week.

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that First Reading be deferred for one week to allow for the matter to be referred to staff for a supplementary report and recommendation and possible adjustment to proposed By-Law L-103 to consider further assistance in the amount of one-third of the cost over-run, such cost over-run being \$70,847, and one-third being subject to the consideration of the Halifax Regional Water Commission, and the remaining one-third being absorbed by the community. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **11.2.8 Temporary Borrowing Resolution**

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

**MOVED by Councillor Sarto, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that Council approve Temporary Borrowing Resolution 00/01-08 in the amount of \$53,527,619. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **11.2.9 Alderney Landing**

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

**MOVED by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that:**

- 1. Regional Council approve a \$120,000 increase in the 2000-2001 subsidy for Alderney Landing Society to operate the HRM owned facility known as Alderney Landing.**
- 2. Regional Council approve an Operational Review to assess why Alderney Landing Society had an increase in costs and reduction in revenues for fiscal year 2000-2001, to determine if there is an opportunity to reduce costs or increase revenues in future years.**
- 3. Staff report back to Regional Council at the conclusion of the review, and no later than June 30, 2001 to ensure that the subsidy included in the budget in 2001-2002 is sufficient to operate the facility in an economical and effective way.**

Responding to a question of Councillor Sloane, Mr. Lew Rogers, Director, Tourism, Culture and Heritage, stated a number of options are being examined for Alderney Landing, including the possibility of relocating the Dartmouth Museum to this site.

In response to a question of Councillor Harvey, Mr. Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, stated the Alderney Society is established as a separate society and HRM'S perception of this is that they are a cultural society. However, that does not preclude them from having other opportunities, such as the P3 schools in the Valley, and it does not affect HRM's management agreement. Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, added that the issue was reviewed, at the time the first school came up, to satisfy the Municipality that they had the authority under their own incorporation documents to enter into that activity, and because the Society is not the owner of Alderney Landing, there was no financial risk to HRM by them being involved in these other activities. Mr. English noted there is a separate report forthcoming to Council regarding the relationship between the Alderney Landing Society and the P3 project.

Councillor Harvey expressed concern that this request does not meet the Multi-Year Financial Strategy's principles.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.2.10 HRM Pension Plan - Pension Increases - Change in Amalgamation Surplus Policy**

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 Rankin, that:**

**a) The following Item #4 of the Amalgamation Surplus Policy be rescinded:**

- 4. The Plan's total surplus would be allowed to build until such time as the surplus would exceed the total of the Amalgamation Surplus amounts by 10 percent of Plan liabilities. It should be noted that future experience losses could cause the Plan's total surplus to be less than the total Amalgamation Surplus amounts.**

**If Revenue Canada surplus limits require reductions in contributions (or enhancements of benefits) prior to achieving the above noted 10 percent goal, then surplus may be used as described in #5, but only to**

the extent necessary to cause the Plan's surplus to be reduced to within the Revenue Canada limits.

b) The following Item #4 of the Amalgamation Surplus Policy be approved:

4. The Plan's total surplus would be allowed to build until such time as the total surplus determined on a going-concern basis is at least equal to 10 percent of Plan liabilities, likewise determined on a going-concern basis. It should be noted that future experience losses could cause the Plan's total surplus to be less than the total Amalgamation Surplus amounts. At such time as the 10 percent total surplus level is reached, some or all of the Amalgamation Surplus may be allocated, as described in section 5 below, at the discretion of the Committee, provided that any such allocation does not cause the Plan's total surplus to be less than the minimum 10 percent of going-concern liabilities as calculated by the Plan's actuary on the date the allocation is to be made and that any allocation not result in a solvency deficiency.

In response to a question of Councillor Uteck, Mr. Reg Ridgley, Manager, Revenue and Process Audit, explained how this policy change would affect the average pensioner.

Responding to a question of Councillor Walker, Mr. Ridgley stated the Pension Committee will now be able to grant pension increases to all pensioners, regardless of what former plan they belonged to.

Several Councillors expressed thanks to staff for this report.

#### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

##### **11.2.11 Federal Infrastructure Program**

- C A staff report prepared for Ken R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.
- C A revised single prioritized list of projects for the Federal Infrastructure Program was circulated to Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Uteck, that Council approve the revised priority list of Proposed HRM Infrastructure Projects, circulated to Council on April 17, 2001.**

Councillor Streach proposed an amendment to the list to add community sewer and water for Musquodoboit Harbour.

**MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Hines that sewer and water for the community of Musquodoboit Harbour, at a total cost of \$2.5 million, be added to the list of Proposed HRM Infrastructure Projects. MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.**

Responding to a question of Councillor Johns, Mr. Meech stated Council can continue to add to the list if it wishes. However, he noted the additions of Greenvale School and the Miller Lake Water Project were made as these projects were identified as part of the original list. Councillor Johns expressed concern with adding projects at this time, and stated he would not support the list with the Miller Lake Water Project on it. In response, Councillor Hines stated the Miller Lake project was based on an emergency situation, and he expressed thanks to staff for bringing it forward.

Councillor Goucher expressed concern with the need for an ice surface replacement for Bedford, and suggested that this project should be on the list. Mr. Bruce Fisher, Senior Financial Consultant, stated it is his understanding that this was not an HRM project. Councillor Goucher noted this project is in the Burke Oliver report, as are other projects on the list.

**MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Rankin, that the Bedford ice surface project, at a total cost of \$2 million, be added to the list of Proposed HRM Infrastructure Projects. MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.**

Councillor Adams expressed concern with the low priority placed on the MacIntosh Run Sanitary Sewer Upgrade, and suggested that it be moved up on the list.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that the MacIntosh Run Sanitary Sewer Upgrade project be moved from Priority #10 to Priority #7. MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.**

Councillor Harvey noted the priority given to any particular project will depend on where it stands on the Federal and Provincial governments' list.

Councillor Sarto inquired if the Anderson Street Sewage Pump Station Upgrade will help to alleviate storm and sanitary sewer problems in the Ellenvale/Wanda Lane area. It was agreed that staff would check into this and report back to the Councillor.

Councillor Whalen stated it was her understanding that the Prince's Lodge water and sewer project would be on list this year. The Councillor requested that staff provide clarification as to the status of this project.

Responding to a question of Councillor Streach, Mayor Kelly stated if there is a project that either the Provincial or Federal government has identified that is not on HRM's list, the Municipality would be asked if it was willing to consider it. The Councillor inquired if it will be possible to add projects next year. Mr. Meech responded that the proposed list before Council is to cover the first two years. However, he noted the list would come back to Council on an annual basis to determine if there is a need for revisions.

In response to a question of Councillor Rankin, Mr. Fisher stated there the Memorandum of Understanding outlined the criteria for the prioritization of projects.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12. MOTIONS**

**12.1 Councillor Walker**

"To have the cost of a plumber and cost of a video analysis paid for by HRM if they are held responsible for the blockage. The funds are to be acquired from the waste water portion of the water bill."

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Johns, that the cost of a plumber and cost of a video analysis paid for by HRM if they are held responsible for the blockage. The funds are to be acquired from the waste water portion of the water bill.**

Deputy Mayor Blumenthal suggested there should be a maximum amount permitted for the costs incurred with respect to the plumber. The Deputy Mayor suggested the matter should be referred to staff for a report.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that this matter be referred to staff for a report.**

Councillor Walker noted a staff report has already been received on this matter, and that is the reason for his motion.

Councillor Sarto suggested staff should address the possibility of HRM purchasing its own video camera and the homeowner paying the costs for the plumber.

Speaking against the referral, Councillor Streach stated the amount charged should be consistent with current government rates.

Mr. Meech stated if this practice is adopted, it is the other users of the waste water system that will pay the costs. He suggested the Municipality should consider paying up to a certain ceiling amount, rather than leaving the amount open-ended.

Speaking against the referral, Councillor Walker noted the matter would still need to come back to Council for the formal by-law amendment process.

Councillor Hetherington stated there will need to be guidelines and rules put in place, and these can be developed between now and when the matter comes back for formal approval.

The vote was then taken on the motion to refer the matter to staff for a report.

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.**

The vote was then taken on the main motion.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13. ADDED ITEMS**

**13.1 Councillor Fougere - Bikeways Task Force**

Councillor Fougere asked that Council extend the mandate of the Bikeways Task Force indefinitely until a body is put in place that would replace it. The Councillor cited the following reasons for the request:

- C The cycling master plan is not yet complete.
- C Under the budget just passed by Council, there is funding for a Trails Co-ordinator for Peninsula Halifax to carry out some initiatives.
- C In January 2000, Councillor Fougere asked Council that a Transportation and Transit Advisory Committee be struck. This request was deferred to be part of the regional planning exercise.

**MOVED by Councillor Fougere, seconded by Councillor Uteck, that the mandate of the Bikeways Task Force be extended indefinitely until a body is in place to replace it. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.2 Councillor Whalen**

- i) Traffic Improvements to the Intersection of the #102 Highway and Lacewood Drive

Councillor Whalen request a staff report to include updated cost estimates for the work that would be required to improve the intersection at Highway 102 and Lacewood Drive for the short term. The Councillor stated the situation will become more critical in the next six months as the new library opens and the work is undertaken for the new high school. Councillor Whalen stated there is increasing demand for action from the residents of HRM and the business owners in the area. Traffic is impeding business for those currently in the park, and it is becoming more difficult for HRM to sell land and expand in that area. There is also a concern for access for emergency vehicles. Councillor Whalen asked that the report also include costing for sidewalks and bike lanes, as well as possible sources of funding.

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

**ii) Letter of Congratulations - Elizabeth Ann Seton Awards**

Councillor Whalen asked that the Mayor write letters of congratulations to this year's recipients of the Elizabeth Ann Seton Awards, Mr. Jack MacNeil and Sister Anges Burrows.

**MOVED by Councillor Whalen, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that the Mayor write letters of congratulations to this year's recipients of the Elizabeth Ann Seton Awards, Mr. Jack MacNeil and Sister Anges Burrows. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13.3 Property Matter - Proposed Land Acquisition, Sheet Harbour Road, Pleasant Valley**

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

**MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that:**

- 1. Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Kimberly-Clarke Worldwide Inc. for a portion of Parcel PID#00596668, subject to terms and conditions set out in this staff report;**
- 2. A maximum of \$1,000 be withdrawn from Parkland Reserve account Q107 to fund the closing fees. Further, that Council authorize staff to issue a tax receipt to Kimberly-Clarke for the appraised amount of \$15,000;**

3. This report be released to the public. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

14.1 **Councillor Smith - Administrative Order Number Ten**

**TAKE NOTICE** that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 24th day of April 2001, I propose to introduce for approval an amendment to Administrative Order Number Ten, the purpose of which is to better define the term "homeowner," and to extend the application deadline to December 31st of each year.

14.2 **Councillor Smith - By-Law T-301**

**TAKE NOTICE** that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 24th day of April 2001, I propose to introduce for First Reading By-Law T-301, An Amendment to By-Law T-300, Tax Deferrals, the purpose of which is to (a) better define the term "homeowner," (b) remove any discriminatory reference to age of applicant, and (c) remove the short-term deferral option.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, that the meeting adjourn at 8:45 p.m. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vi Carmichael  
Municipal Clerk