

# **HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

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## **HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES March 26, 2001**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Peter J. Kelly  
Deputy Mayor Jerry Blumenthal  
Councillors: Stephen Streach  
Gary Hines  
Ron Cooper  
Harry McInroy  
Brian Warshick  
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

**ABSENT:**

Councillors: Keith Colwell (Regrets)  
Condo Sarto (Regrets)  
Bruce Hetherington  
Jim Smith  
John Cunningham

**STAFF MEMBERS:**

Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. Patti Halliday, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

1. **CAPITAL BUDGET**

1.1 **Public Works and Transportation Services**

Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided opening remarks, and Mr. Kulvinder Dhillon, Director, Public Works and Transportation Services, gave an overview of the budget. Mr. Dhillon noted that the new sidewalk for Cole Harbour Road has been deleted and a new sidewalk for Poplar Drive has been added at the same cost. Mr. Dhillon noted that staff is also recommending, as suggested by Councillor Cooper, that asphalt curbs be replaced with concrete curbs without notification to the residents, in order to speed up the process.

Councillor Adams requested that a few items be added to the parking lot, and put forth the following motionS:

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker, that \$81,000 be added to the parking lot for a sidewalk from the lights at Purcell's Cove Road to Braeburn Drive on the west side. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Streach, that \$20,000 be added to the parking lot for community identification signage throughout District 18.**

Mr. McLellan noted this type of signage is not traffic related, and suggested it may be more appropriate in another part of the budget, such as Parks or Community Development. Councillor Adams noted he would still like it added to the parking lot at this time.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Johns expressed concern with District 19 only receiving \$500,000 in the Capital Budget, and requested the following item be added to the parking lot:

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey, that \$390,000 (one-half to be cost shared with the residents) be added to the parking lot for paving of Wilson Lake Road. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Goucher expressed concern with the lack of a sidewalk on Wilson Landing Boulevard in the Millview Subdivision, and put forth the following motion:

**MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Rankin, that \$540,000 (one-half to be cost shared with the residents) be added to the parking lot for a sidewalk on Wilson Landing Boulevard. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Deputy Mayor Blumenthal requested that funding for a partial sidewalk on Devonshire Avenue be added to the parking lot.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Streach, that \$20,000 (\$10,000 to be provided through District Capital Funding) be added to the parking lot for a partial sidewalk on Devonshire Avenue. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Deputy Mayor Blumenthal noted he would like to have catch basins provided on the west side of Novalea Drive sometime in the future before 2004. Mr. Dhillon advised he did not have a cost estimate for this project at this time.

Deputy Mayor Blumenthal also noted he had a list of sidewalks, that are not currently on the list for the future, that he would like to see done in the next four years. The Deputy Mayor stated he would provide the list to staff for deficiency ratings.

Councillor Walker requested that funding be provided for the resurfacing of Frederick Avenue.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that \$70,000 for repaving of Frederick Avenue (from Willett to Gesner) be added to the parking lot. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Walker inquired if it would be possible to have a list of locations of the main artery patching. Mr. Dhillon responded in the affirmative, noting they are small areas of approximately 5 - 20 feet.

Responding to a question of Councillor Streach, Mr. Dhillon stated Public Works and Transportation did put up some directional signage last year. He noted there is some funding in the Capital Budget for new signs as well as some money in the Operating Budget for replacement signs.

Councillor Sloane expressed concern with the constant puddle formation in front of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. Mr. Dhillon responded that staff could look into this matter.

Councillor Whalen raised concerns with the Bayers Lake Business Park exit going up the Hwy 102 intersection, in particular, the turning lane for traffic exiting the ramp heading into Halifax. The Councillor noted vehicles are driving on the shoulder, creating a third lane, making for a very dangerous situation. Mr. Dhillon responded this part of the road is owned by the Department of Transportation, and there are plans to widen it to three lanes. However, he

agreed to pass on the Councillor's concerns. Councillor Whalen stated she would still like to see HRM provide some assistance to resolve this safety concern, and put forth the following motion:

**MOVED by Councillor Whalen, seconded by Councillor Walker, that staff come back with an estimate for funding for a third lane exiting the Bayers Lake Business Park. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Warshick expressed concerns regarding the delay of the widening of Main Street by Lake Loon. Mr. Dhillon responded he could give the Councillor an update on this situation.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Whalen, that \$120,000 be added to the parking lot for repaving of Coronation Avenue (Hillcrest to Willett). MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Cooper requested that more detailed information be provided by all departments for the Capital Budget debate.

With regard to asphalt curbs being replaced with concrete curbs without notification to the residents, the following motion was put on the floor:

**MOVED by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, that it be recommended to Council that it be standard practice in the future that replacement of asphalt curb with concrete be done without petitioning.**

Several Councillors expressed concern with this procedure, suggesting another approach needs to be examined.

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.**

Councillor Rankin expressed concern with the lack of sidewalks on the St. Margaret's Bay Road and put forth the following motion:

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, that \$600,000 (\$300,000 of which to be recovered by LIC) be put in the parking lot for a sidewalk on St. Margaret's Bay Road. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

As there were no further questions, the following motion was put on the floor:

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, that it be recommended to Council that:**

- a) the Public Works and Transportation Capital Budget for Roads & Streets, Sewers, Sidewalks and Traffic Improvements, as follows, be approved.

Capital Program	2001-02 Gross Budget	LIC	Reserves	2001-02 Debt Recommended
Roads & Streets	13,965,000	(1,252,000)		12,713,000
Sewers	8,020,000		5,770,000	2,250,000
Sidewalks	3,340,000	(790,000)		2,550,000
Traffic Improvements	2,250,000			2,250,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,575,000</b>	<b>(2,042,000)</b>	<b>5,770,000</b>	<b>19,763,000</b>

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Walker, that the meeting adjourn. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Patti Halliday  
Assistant Municipal Clerk