

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES OCTOBER 9, 2001

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Jerry Blumenthal
Councillors: Steve Streach
Gary Hines (1:20 p.m.)
Keith Colwell
Ron Cooper
Harry McInroy (1:20 p.m.)
Brian Warshick (1:30 p.m.)
Condo Sarto
Bruce Hetherington
Jim Smith
John Cunningham
Dawn Sloane
Sue Uteck
Sheila Fougere
Russell Walker
Diana Whalen
Linda Mosher
Stephen Adams (1:25 p.m.)
Brad Johns
Robert Harvey
Len Goucher
Reg Rankin (1:55)
Gary Meade

REGRETS: Mayor Peter Kelly

STAFF: Mr. George McLellan, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 25, 2001**

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that the minutes of September 25, 2001 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that the Order of Business, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **HARBOUR SOLUTIONS UPDATE**

Mr. Maurice Lloyd, Project Manager, Harbour Solutions Project, advised the selection process is proceeding. The Selection Committee anticipates they will have their report completed by October 18th.

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Goucher that an In Camera Council Session and a Regular Council Session be held on October 30, 2001 to deal with the Harbour Solutions Project. Further, no Committee of the Whole Council Session be held on that date. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mr. Lloyd advised the Environmental Impact Assessment has been completed and will be filed shortly. Referencing the various sites, he advised staff is still awaiting a decision by the court on the HRM site, negotiations are ongoing regarding the DND site, discussions are underway between the Coast Guard and the Port Authority regarding the Dartmouth site and there has been no change regarding the Herring Cove site since the previous update.

Presentation: Steven Shrybman - International Trade Lawyer re: Trade Implication for Privatization of Harbour Clean Up

The following documents were circulated:

- A copy of a report entitled "A Legal Opinion Concerning the Potential Impact of International Trade Disciplines on the Proposed Public-Private Partnership For the

- Halifax Harbour Solutions Project".
- A summary of Legal Opinion on HRM Harbour Solutions Project.

Mr. Shrybman made a presentation to Council noting:

- the Municipality is entering into a foreign investment relationship as defined by the investment provisions of NAFTA because the corporations HRM will be contracting with are foreign investors as defined by that trade agreement;
- the contract will be as per NAFTA and WTO rules and subject to the constraints imposed by these international agreements;
- the arrangement would be subject to the agreement on trade services of the World Trade Organization.

Deputy Mayor Blumenthal thanked Mr. Shrybman for his presentation.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that the report be received and tabled. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. REGIONAL PLANNING

Presentation: Anne Muecke, Manager Regional Planning Project

- A copy of Ms. Muecke's presentation, was circulated to Council.

Mr. Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, introduced Ms. Muecke and advised the intention at this time is to provide Council with a brief overview in terms of Regional Planning and how HRM will be approaching this major project. He advised Vision 2020 will form the basis in identifying community needs.

Ms. Muecke, Manager, Regional Planning Project, reading from the prepared text of her presentation, addressed Council.

In response to Councillor Uteck, Council was advised that, until policies are formulated, the intention is to work with members of Council to identify some of the critical areas. These will represent deliverables during Phase I.

In response to Councillor Streach, Council was advised that this was an umbrella plan and it would have policies for economic development. It was noted, it is not the intention of this planning process to cut off activity that will be of benefit to the Municipality.

Councillor Mosher expressed concern that this process may result in an increase in vacant

buildings in HRM. The Councillor expressed concern that this was being directed at specific areas such as Armview and suggested the bigger picture be examined such as the Rotary and it's arterial roads. The Councillor stated that transportation should be looked at first.

Ms. Muecke, advised existing infrastructure will be looked at first. They will look at where there is remaining capacity that should be used first and then where additions will be cost effective in terms of providing for additional growth in a way that does not increase capital costs to the Municipality. They will have to look at individual areas as things progress, noting one of the first objectives is to map out the existing infrastructure.

Councillor Hetherington noted a housing moratorium is imposed on the urban areas until such time as a transportation network is put in place but this does not stop development in the rural areas which generates traffic into and through the urban area road network. The Regional Plan needs to be developed in such a way as to infill what land is available within the urban areas. The Councillor stated until the traffic situation is resolved and Ring Roads put in place, traffic will be a problem.

Councillor Hines stated HRM is going to have to allow new subdivision developments to implement and utilize water services that come to an area but does not serve that area.

Councillor Goucher expressed concern with the Municipal Planning Strategies that are currently in effect and how they are going to fit into this. In response to whether this is talking about physically imposing changes within the Municipal Planning Strategies without going through MPS reviews, Council was advised the Regional Plan provides the umbrella and sets the policy direction and then, on a priority basis, local plans will be reviewed so that they are not in conflict with the new policies.

In response to Councillor Rankin, Council was advised this process will provide operational tools that will allow Council to make decisions about capital investments in existing communities by looking back at the growth and identifying deficiencies that need to be corrected.

Deputy Mayor Blumenthal thanked Ms. Muecke for her presentation.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Vi Carmichael
Municipal Clerk