

# **pHALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

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## **HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES October 15, 2002**

**PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF MEMBERS:**

Mr. George McLellan, 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 being led by Deputy MMayor Harvey.

On a **Point of Personal Privilege**, Councillor Uteck inquired if it would be possible for HRM to make arrangements with the local Red Cross to collect and send donations to HRM's sister city, Campeche, Mexico, for relief aid as a result of the recent hurricanes in that area. The Councillor suggested HRM could contact Campeche to determine what they require at this point in time. In response, Mayor Kelly stated HRM has already been in contact with Campeche and a response is forthcoming. He also noted an Ambassador from Mexico will be in HRM tomorrow and a dialogue will be held to determine how HRM can assist. Mayor Kelly suggested waiting until after this dialogue before deciding whether or not a public call for assistance is required.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 1, 2002**

The following amendments were requested in the October 1, 2002 minutes:

Page 8 - The word "Conspect" should read "Consbec"

Page 9 - the phrase "Christian Education" should read "Christian Academy"

**MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that the minutes of October 1, 2002 be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 11.1 Property Matter - Sale of 94 Queen Street & Purchase of 162 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth

Councillor Uteck requested that Item 9.2.4 First Reading Amendment to Ordinance 179 Respecting Residential Parking Permits be deferred to October 29<sup>th</sup>. The Councillor stated it is her understanding the Residential Parking Permit Policy will be brought forward at that time.

**MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal, that the Order of Business, Additions and Deletions, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 4. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**
- 5. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**
- 6. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE**
- 7. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**
- 8. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**
- 8.1 **Correspondence - None**
- 8.2 **Petitions - None**
- 9. **REPORTS**

- 9.1 **HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- 9.1.1 **Case H00096 - Review of Proposed Addition to 1740 Argyle Street, Halifax**

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

Mr. Jim Donovan, Manager, Planning and Development Services, presented the Committee's report to Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that Regional Council approve the addition to 1740 Argyle Street, as proposed in the staff report dated September 9, 2002. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 9.2 **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

- 9.2.1 **Tender 02-101 - Purchase of Scott 2.2 Low Pressure Self-contained breathing Apparatus and Additional Optional Equipment**

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

**MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that Council authorize the award of Tender #02-101 to Acklands-Grainger Incorporated at a price of \$310,776.22 (tax included) for the purchase of ninety-six (96) Scott 2.2 self-contained breathing apparatus and additional optional equipment with funding as**

outlined in the Budget Implications section of the staff report dated October 4, 2002.  
**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9.2.2 Case 00425 - Water Service District Boundary Amendments for Fall River Village Area**

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

**MOVED by Councillor Hines, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that Regional Council authorize staff to initiate for Planning Districts 14 and 17 (Shubenacadie Lakes) an amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy, and Subdivision By-Law, to extend the Water Service District Boundary for the Fall River Village area as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated October 1, 2002, and proceed with the public participation program as approved by Council in February 1997.**

Mr. Angus Shaffenburg, Planner, responded to questions of Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9.2.3 LIS Staff Presentation**

Mr. Don Crawley, Project Manager, LIS Project, and Ms. Jane Young, Team Leader, Corporate Call Centre, made a presentation to Council regarding the LIS Corporate Project, Customer Service Module. Copies of the presentation were provided to Council.

Responding to questions of Council, Mr. Crawley, Ms. Young and Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, made the following points:

- C The software has the ability to allow people to log any request or complaint from their home via the Internet. Budget permitting, this feature may be available in the future.
- C All system data is stored in a secure environment and is backed-up nightly.
- C This technology also has a hand-held unit for field work that can be explored in the future.
- C The system will be fully decentralized and will draw on the same database to provide equal access regardless of the geographical location.
- C There is technology available to trace any instances of people spamming the system. The vendor has implemented this software throughout the world and have addressed these issues in the past.
- C Accessibility for all areas of HRM is a great benefit of this system.
- C By April 2003, there will be one general phone number for HRM.

- C Under normal circumstances, the goal of the Call Centre is to answer 80 percent of the calls within 25 seconds or less. This goal is achieved approximately 80 percent of the time.
- C Call reports will be available to Councillors live on the Intranet site.

It was requested that the monthly statistics report regarding the nature of calls received be sent to Councillors on a monthly basis.

Mayor Kelly thanked staff for their presentation.

**9.2.4 First Reading Amendment to Ordinance 179 - Respecting Residential Parking Permits (to be circ)  
Councillor Uteck - Move First Reading**

During Approval of the Order of Business, this item was deferred to October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**9.3 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**9.3.1 Councillor Adams - Herring Cove Sewer and Water**

Councillor Adams requested a staff report with regard to the pre-design of the sewer and water for the Herring Cove area to obtain a better cost estimate.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that this matter be referred to staff for a report for next week. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10. MOTIONS**

**11. ADDED ITEMS**

**11.1 Property Matter - Sale of 94 Queen Street & Purchase of 162 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth**

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

**MOVED by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into Agreements of Purchase and Sale with Innovative Properties Inc. for the sale of 94 Queen Street to Innovative Properties and the purchase of 162 Ochterloney Street by the Municipality, subject to the key terms and conditions outlined in the October 7, 2002 Private and Confidential staff report; and, further, that this report not be released**

to the public until the transactions have closed. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**12.1 Councillor Streach - Single Local Dialling Zone**

**TAKE NOTICE** that at the next regular meeting of the Halifax Regional Council to be held on October 22, 2002, I intend to introduce a motion to request, through the Canadian Radio & Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) that Aliant Telecom (MTT) designate all that area within the physical boundaries of the Halifax Regional Municipality a single local dialling zone, eliminating the requirement for long distance dialling from within HRM to other points within our boundaries.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Vi Carmichael  
Municipal Clerk