

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES August 27, 2002

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Kelly
Deputy Mayor Robert P. Harvey
Councillors: Steve Streach
Gary Hines
Keith Colwell
Ron Cooper
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 Adams
Brad Johns
Len Goucher
Reg Rankin
Gary Meade

ABSENT:

Councillor: Harry McInroy

STAFF:

Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Barry Allen, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Sandra Shute, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - July 2, 9 & 16, 2002

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, that the minutes of July 2, 9 & 16, 2002 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

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

3. POLICE STUDY PRESENTATION

- A report entitled "Partners in Policing - The Halifax Regional Police Service, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Community, "Taking Care of Business" Together, was circulated to Council.
- A list of recommendations was circulated to Council.
- A summary of the final report of the study was circulated to Council.
- A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was circulated to Council.

Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced Mr. Keith Taylor, Lead in Study Team, who presented the final report of the police study outlining the following:

- The background to the study;
- Terms of Reference;
- Methodology/Study Team;
- Overview of the final report;
- Format of the Report;
- Policing arrangements in HRM;
- Policing of the Community - A shared responsibility;
- Service delivery - Working together to provide policing for the community;
- Business planning to ensure an effective and appropriate co-ordinated service to the Municipality;
- Human resources - Developing and managing people to meet community demands;
- Acquiring and using technology to enhance service.

Supt. Stan Ferguson, RCMP, addressed Council stating there are a number of challenges which are being addressed or will be addressed, noting progress is being made with the TMR radio system being in place and the automated booking system coming on line.

Deputy Chief Bob Barss, HRP, addressed Council stating this study will provide the blueprint to move both agencies forward from an exceptional level of service provision to that of a distinguished service. He stated the issues will be of governance, integration of technology, cross jurisdiction in relation to service provision, common victim service delivery, common crime prevention delivery programs at the high schools and the issue of dispatch of personnel as well as an immediate officer safety issue.

Members of Council received clarification on differing aspects of the report.

Councillor Uteck suggested that Fire Services be included when the agencies sit down to discuss the recommendations.

Councillor Sloane suggested "Beat Police" be examined.

Councillor Warshick suggested the new census figures be reflected in any future reports to reflect the growth rate. The Councillor noted the survey was done five years ago in 1997 and suggested perhaps another survey be undertaken in some of the areas as issues of priority may have changed, specifically traffic concerns.

Mayor Kelly thanked the presenters for their presentations.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Vi Carmichael
Municipal Clerk