

# HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2002

PRESENT: Mayor Peter J. Kelly  
Deputy Mayor Robert P. Harvey

Councillors Streach  
Hines  
Colwell (2:55 pm)  
Cooper  
McInroy  
Warshick  
Sarto  
Hetherington (2:50 pm)  
Smith  
Cunningham  
Blumenthal  
Sloane (2:55 pm)  
Uteck (2:44 pm)  
Fougere (2:45 pm)  
Walker  
Whalen  
Mosher (2:55 pm)  
Adams  
Goucher  
Rankin  
Meade

REGRETS: Councillor Johns

ALSO PRESENT: George MacLellan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor  
Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk  
Chris Newson, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of regular meeting August 27, 2002

**MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Warshick that the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 27, 2002, be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Staff presentation moved to first item on agenda.

**MOVED by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor McInroy that the Agenda be adopted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. SIGN BY-LAW - STAFF PRESENTATION

< Paul Dunphy, Director Planning and Development Services, assisted by Mitchell Dickey, Planner II, Eastern, Planning & Development Services gave a brief report to the Committee.

< A presentation was shown and copies circulated to the Committee.

Mr. Dunphy explained that staff are in the process of incorporating existing regulations with newer restrictions and would then move to public consultation regarding the revised Sign By-Law.

The following points were raised during discussion:

< staff would like to meet with individual Councillors regarding specific concerns for their districts in relation to the Sign By-law

< if approval by Committee of the Whole to proceed, encroachment By-Law would be amended to allow staff to issue summary offences to business owners whose signs do not adhere to the Sign By-Law. Any violations on HRM property could result in the sign being removed that very day and the owner paying a fine for its return

- < signs will have tags or labels that would contain pertinent information such as:  
group/organization identity, date the sign was issued and the expiry date
- < staff would present the changes to the Sign By-Law at the Community Council level
- < staff indicated that there would be an increase in HRM revenue due to the charges for  
the signs although not for profit organizations would still be eligible to post signs  
without charge
- < some grand fathoring of existing signs may be possible if there is no violation of  
current restrictions
- < possible hiring of new staff to enforce the Sign By-Law
- < HRM regulations would not take precedence over Provincial legislation
- < clarification as to the terms “mobile sign” or “ground sign”, a mobile sign is one with  
wheels, and a ground sign is one with the wheels removed. Specifics will be included  
in the Sign By-Law
- < a possible three public information meetings may be held by staff to inform the public  
of the Sign By-Law revisions
- < staff plan to return to Council in November with a final report

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Vi Carmichael  
Municipal Clerk



