

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
June 24, 2003

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter J. Kelly
Deputy Mayor Harry McInroy
Councillors: Steve Streach
Gary Hines
Keith Colwell
Ron Cooper
Condo Sarto
Bruce Hetherington
Jim Smith
John Cunningham
Jerry Blumenthal
Dawn Sloane
Russell Walker
Diana Whalen
Stephen Adams
Robert Harvey
Len Goucher
Reg Rankin
Gary Meade

ABSENT
WITH REGRETS:

Councillors: Brian Warshick
Sue Uteck
Sheila Fougere
Linda Mosher
Brad Johns

STAFF:

Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Jan Gibson, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. **INVOCATION**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the invocation being led by Councillor Cooper.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 10 & 17, 2003**

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal, that the minutes of June 10 & 17, 2003 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Additions

- 11.1 Property Matter - Corporate Records Consolidation
- 11.2 Legal Matter - Settlement of Claim

At a later point in the meeting, Councillor Sloane requested Information Item #5, Malfunctioning Parking Meters, be brought forward to the July 8, 2003 meeting.

The following item was added to the Information Items Agenda:

- 1. Proclamation - Canada Day - July 1, 2003

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

4. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTE - NONE**

5. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

6. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE**

7. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

8. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

8.1 **Correspondence - None**

8.2 Petitions

Councillor Harvey served a petition on behalf of the residents of Nordic Crescent, Lower Sackville, requesting the installation of a chain link fence at the back of their properties.

8.3 Presentation

8.3.1 Canada Day - Ms. Carol Dobson

Ms. Dobson made a presentation to Council on the upcoming Canada Day festivities and events.

Mayor Kelly thanked Ms. Dobson for her presentation.

9. REPORTS

9.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

9.1.1 Tender 03-057, Eight (8) New Mobile Water Supply Apparatus

- A report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, dated June 13, 2003, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Colwell, that Council authorize the award to Tender #03-057 for the purchase of eight (8) Mobile Water Supply Apparatus including Optional Equipment to Superior Emergency Vehicles at a cost of \$2,059,118.10 (net HST incl) with funding from Capital Account CVJ00223, Apparatus Replacement, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the report dated June 13, 2003. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.2 Tender 2003M644, Lease of Twelve (12) Station Wagons

- A report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, dated June 10, 2003, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Sarto, that Regional Council authorize the award of Tender 2003M644 to MacPhee Leasing for a three (3) year lease of Twelve (12) Station Wagons at a cost of \$152,496.00 plus Net H.S.T for a total cost of \$162,299.97 with funding provided as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the report dated June 10, 2003. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.3 Administrative Order SC-30 - Street Closure - Parcel BA-2 Undeveloped Portion of Basil Avenue, Dartmouth (former Mary Lawson School Site)

- A report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, dated June 9, 2003, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Smith, that Halifax Regional Council authorize staff to set a date of July 15, 2003, for a public hearing for consideration of HRM Administrative Order SC-30 concerning the closure of an undeveloped portion of Basil Avenue Right-of-Way, known as Parcel BA-2, which currently forms part of the former Mary Lawson School Site, as shown on Attachment "A" of the staff report dated June 9, 2003, based on the terms and conditions outlined in the report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.4 First Reading By-Law T-124 &T-125, Amendments to By-Law T-108, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Licensing

- A supplementary report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, dated June 19, 2003, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Regional Council give First Reading to By-Law T-124 and T-125 attached as Appendices "A" and "B" to the supplementary staff report dated June 19, 2003 and direct the Municipal Clerk to arrange for a public hearing to be advertised to consider the said By-Law for Second Reading.

Without a vote being taken on the motion, the following motion was placed.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, that the fare from Downtown to Spring Garden Road, as outlined in Schedule 3, be changed to \$7.00 Canadian.

Councillor Adams advised the rates were set by the Port Authority, not the Taxi and Limousine Committee.

Councillor Hetherington suggested everyone be treated the same when using a cab within city limits, all trips be metered. The Councillor agreed that flat rates should be used to destinations such as Peggy's Cove and the airport as they are special destinations.

MOTION DEFEATED.

MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor that Schedule 3 rates be amended to remove the set rate from Downtown or Spring Garden Road.

Councillor Adams encouraged Council to leave the rates as outlined, stating fixed rates protect everyone, drivers and passengers, as tourists may not know the distance between locations and a cab driver may take a longer route resulting in a higher fare.

MOTION DEFEATED.

MAIN MOTION

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Regional Council give First Reading to By-Law T-124 and T-125 attached as Appendices "A" and "B" to the supplementary staff report dated June 19, 2003 and direct the Municipal Clerk to arrange for a public hearing to be advertised to consider the said By-Law for Second Reading.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.5 First Reading - By-Law S-603, An Amendment to By-Law S-600, Respecting Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal

- A report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, dated June 11, 2003, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that Council give first reading to By-Law Number S-603, as included as Appendix "A" of the report dated June 11, 2003 and set a date for a public hearing. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2 GRANTS COMMITTEE

9.2.1 HRM Community Grants Program 2003/2004: Appeals

- A report from Mr. James Hobin, Chair, HRM Grants Committee, dated June 16, 2003, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Regional

Council approve:

1. **A one-time capital grant in the amount of \$15,000 to Eastern Shore Search & Rescue towards the purchase of a property.**
2. **A one-time grant in the amount of \$5,000 to Scotia Festival of Music towards the annual music event hosted in Halifax, 2003.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.3 EMERGENCY MEASURES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

9.3.1 Master Emergency Plan - Annex "C" Emergency Evacuation Plan

- A report from Mayor Peter Kelly, Chair, Emergency Measures Advisory Committee, dated May 26, 2003, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Regional Council approve the Emergency Evacuation Plan, Annex "C" to the Master Emergency Plan. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.4 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

9.4.1 Councillor Keith Colwell - High Speed Internet Service from Aliant for District 3

Councillor Colwell noted there are areas in District 3 that are not serviced by high speed internet which has been detrimental to businesses in his district. The Councillor requested a staff report addressing the situation and what can be done to have this system installed as quickly as possible throughout District 3.

10. MOTIONS - NONE

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.2 Property Matter - Corporate Records Consolidation

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

MOVED by Councillor Sarto, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Regional Council approve:

- 1. Entering into a ten (10) year lease with East Port Properties for space located at 81 Ilsley Avenue, Dartmouth, with final terms to be negotiated by staff based on details in Appendix "A" to the June 19, 2003 Private and Confidential staff report, and pending written approval from the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations as required under Section 88(4) of the Municipal Government Act.**
- 2. An increase of \$28,000 to Capital Project CB200374, Corporate Records Storage Consolidation, resulting in a total budget of \$178,000, with funding of \$178,000 to be provided from the Service Improvement Reserve Q310, as detailed in the Budget Implications of the June 19, 2003 Private and Confidential staff report.**
- 3. That the 2003/04 Operating Withdrawal Budget for the Service Improvement Reserve Q310 be increased by \$40,000, to cover short term incremental operating costs associated with consolidation, as detailed in the Budget Implications of the June 19, 2003 Private and Confidential staff report.**
- 4. Commitment of an additional \$76,000 as an Operating Withdrawal in 2004/05 from the Service Improvement Reserve Q310, to cover short term incremental operation costs associated with consolidation, as detailed in the Budget Implications of the June 19, 2003 Private and Confidential staff report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2 Legal Matter - Settlement of Claim

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

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal, that Halifax Regional Council settle this claim, as outlined in the June 17, 2003 Private and Confidential staff report, brought by the Plaintiff in the amount of \$15,500.00 to achieve a full settlement of the Plaintiff's action upon obtaining a full release from the plaintiff from any further claims arising out of the motor vehicle accident which occurred on June 21, 1999. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. **NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Deputy Municipal Clerk