

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES  
October 7, 2003

PRESENT: Mayor Peter J. Kelly  
Deputy Mayor Harry McInroy  
Councillors: Steve Streach  
Ron Cooper  
Brian Warshick  
Bruce Hetherington  
Jim Smith  
John Cunningham  
Jerry Blumenthal  
Dawn Sloane  
Sue Uteck  
Sheila Fougere  
Russell Walker  
Linda Mosher (2:20 p.m.)  
Stephen Adams  
Brad Johns  
Robert Harvey  
Len Goucher  
Reg Rankin  
Gary Meade

ABSENT  
WITH REGRETS: Councillor Condo Sarto

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

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 23, 2003**

Approval of the minutes was deferred to the next Committee of the Whole session.

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

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

**4. UPDATE HURRICANE JUAN CLEAN UP**

Mr. Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer introduced Mr. Barry Manuel, EMO Coordinator who, with the aid of overheads, outlined the preparation for and response to Hurricane Juan.

Members of Council commended staff on an exemplary job.

Councillor Hetherington suggested underground wiring be a mandatory part of planning strategies. The Councillor further suggested HRM may have to re-examine when evacuation takes place under such circumstances.

Councillor Blumenthal noted that one of the priorities should have been seniors manors with elevators as there are many residents in these buildings that are in wheelchairs and cannot use the stairs.

Councillor Meade noted many fishing sheds and wharves have been destroyed. Mr. English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, advised he would initiate discussion with DOT with respect to clean up of this debris.

Councillor Adams stated that information regarding the type of available assistance programs be communicated to the residents.

Councillor Mosher noted that part of the Dingle Tower roof has blown off and expressed concern with the sea walls that have washed out. The Councillor suggested tree trimming within HRM be examined.

(Councillor Hetherington left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.)

Councillor Cooper suggested the Municipality examine whether it can implement processes to coordinate outside resources to help residents. The Councillor suggested staff examine subdivision design relative to the placement of trees and power poles.

Councillor Uteck suggested that if there was another disaster of this magnitude free transportation be provided in order to avoid any type of traffic gridlock.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Vi Carmichael  
Municipal Clerk