

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
December 11, 2007

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Kelly
Deputy Mayor Stephen Adams
Councillors: Steve Streach
David Hendsbee
Harry McInroy
Gloria McCluskey
Andrew Younger
Bill Karsten
Jim Smith
Mary Wile
Patrick Murphy
Dawn Sloane
Sue Uteck
Sheila Fougere
Russell Walker
Debbie Hum
Linda Mosher
Brad Johns
Robert Harvey
Reg Rankin
Gary Meade

REGRETS:

Councillors Krista Snow
Gary Martin

STAFF:

Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Acting Municipal Clerk
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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1. **INVOCATION**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Wile.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that Item 9.3.1 - Presentation - Democracy 250, be moved to the first order of business. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.3.1 **Democracy 250**

- (i) John Hamm, Co-Chair
- (ii) Rob L'Esperance, Project Coordinator

C Promotional materials for Democracy 250 were before Council.

Dr. John Hamm presented to Council regarding the 250th anniversary of Representative Government in Nova Scotia, noting the following:

- C The first Parliamentary Democracy in Canada was formed in Halifax 250 years ago;
- C Halifax is also the birthplace of the first Supreme Court in North America, the first Elected Assembly in Canada, the first Responsible Government outside of the United Kingdom, and the first with freedom of the press;
- C Democracy 250 is a body corporate, unanimously supported by the Nova Scotia Legislature and includes the Speaker of the House and representatives of all three parties;
- C The Democracy 250 Organizing Committee is Co-Chaired by Dr. Hamm and the Honourable Russell McLellan;
- C The objectives of Democracy 250 include:
 - C the celebration of Nova Scotian history, heritage and national institutions;
 - C the education of young Nova Scotians and other Canadians on the Parliamentary system, the value of democracy and the importance of voting;
 - C honouring veterans and military men and women in upholding and protecting our freedoms;
 - C recognizing good citizenship.

Dr. Hamm asked members of Council for their participation in events and initiatives planned through Democracy 250.

Councillor Smith arrived at 6:11 p.m.

Mr. Ron L'Esperance, Project Coordinator, Democracy 250, presented to Council, noting the following:

- C Acknowledgement of HRM and UNSM support for Democracy 250;
- C Partners in Democracy 250 include the Provincial departments of Tourism, Culture & Heritage, Transportation & Strategic Infrastructure, and Education, along with the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Department of National Defence, Elections Nova Scotia, the Royal Canadian Legion, and the Offices of Aboriginal, Acadian, and African Nova Scotian Affairs;
- C Democracy 250 will continue to build on partnerships and also work with the private sector to identify sponsorship opportunities and endowments;
- C Activities and events planned throughout the Province include:
 - C Eight educational town hall meetings will be held, planned and led by youth;
 - C Concerts, bonfires, sail pasts, fireworks, and historical re-enactments are planned throughout 2008;
 - C A sunset ceremony will be held with DND on Citadel Hill for 500 graduates of the Cornwallis Training Camp;
 - C A film is being developed on Mi'kmaq traditions and the influence of First Nations peoples on the evolution of democracy in Nova Scotia and Canada;
 - C A special session of the legislature will be held on October 2, 2008 to celebrate the anniversary of the first assembly 250 years ago;
 - C A series of receptions honouring new Canadians;
 - C A regional political science workshop hosted at St. Mary's University.

At the request of Councillor Sloane, Mr. L'Esperance advised that the office for Democracy 250 is located on the 8th floor of the Centennial Building and can be reached at 424-1817. Council thanked Dr. Hamm and Mr. L'Esperance for their presentation.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Dan English, CAO, commented on the seamless transition of the merger of HRM Wastewater and the Halifax Regional Water Commission. Mr. English thanked Alan Brady, Wastewater Treatment, John Shepherd, Environmental Engineering, and Larry Drew, Technical and Underground Services, who were in attendance, for their exemplary leadership and commitment through the merger.

Mr. English welcomed HRM professional Firefighters who participated in the Firefighter's Combat Challenge, which is a competition of tasks commonly performed in emergency situations. Mr. English noted that in September, at the Canadian competition held in Halifax, HRM firefighters won seven gold medals, and went on to compete in the International Competition recently held in Las Vegas. Mr. English indicated the achievements of firefighters present, including Cyril Fraser, 2nd place in the over 50 category, and the team of Leanne Tessier and Sherry Brown, 3^d in the NXG2 category. Mr. English acknowledged and congratulated members of the men's and women's combat challenge teams.

Councillor McCluskey congratulated Garry Green, who was Fire Chief and the first Fire Commissioner in Dartmouth, who celebrated his 65th birthday yesterday. She also requested that Council hold a moment of silence for Joseph Zatzman, former Mayor of Dartmouth, who passed away yesterday.

Councillor Sloane indicated that December 10th was International Human Rights Day, and noted that Halifax resident Denise Smith was awarded the NS Human Rights award for her endeavours in championing community issues. She noted that the Uniacke Square outdoor rink is accepting donations of size 7, 8, 9, and 10 skates, which can be dropped off at the Dixon Centre or City Hall. Councillor Sloane also indicated that a Commons Watch meeting will be held tomorrow night and volunteers are being recruited to build a skating rink on the Halifax Common.

Councillor Karsten noted support for one of the objectives of Democracy 250, democratic renewal and voter engagement. He reminded residents of District 8 - Woodside Eastern Passage of the upcoming Municipal By-Election for that district this coming Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the North Woodside Community Centre, the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Fire Hall, Oakwood Terrace, and Ocean View Manor. Councillor Karsten also noted that the advance poll will be open until 8 p.m. tonight at the North Woodside Community Centre and the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Fire Hall.

Councillor McInroy congratulated the Cole Harbour Boys and Girls Club who were recognized by the NS Human Rights Commission with an award in the Community Group category.

Councillor Wile noted that a musical production of Charles Dickens A Christmas Carol will be presented on Friday, December 22, 2007, at 7 p.m. at the Bella Rosa Theatre in the Halifax West High School.

Councillor Murphy offered congratulations to ten members of the Bayers/Westwood community and graduates from the Step Up To Leadership program. He commented that it is a program of diversity, respect, and community involvement. Councillor Murphy also thanked those involved in remembrance ceremonies for the Halifax Explosion.

Councillor Smith announced the Christmas tree dedication by Lieutenant Governor May Ann Francis, which will be held tomorrow at 4 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club in District 9.

Councillor Johns thanked those that attended the breakfast with Santa held this past Sunday at the Springfield Lake Recreation Centre. He also reminded residents of the free community concert which will be held at the Springfield Lake Recreation Centre this coming Sunday at 7 p.m.

Councillor Mosher reminded residents of the Spryfield Christmas tree lighting at the Captain William Spry Centre at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

Councillor Wile retired from the meeting at this time.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 20, 2007

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the minutes of November 20, 2007 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 12.1 Contractual Matter - Amendment to the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Collective Agreement
- 12.2 Legal Matter - Appeal of Decision of Harbour East Community Council
- 12.3 Legal Matter - Settlement of Claim
- 12.4 Contractual Matter - CAO Contract Matter

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE Minutes - None

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - None

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - None

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

8.1 2008 Regional Council Meeting Schedule

- C This item was deferred from the December 4, 2007 meeting.
- C A supplementary report dated December 7, 2007 on the above noted was before Council.
- C A staff report dated November 26, 2007 on the above noted was before Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Adams, seconded by Councillor Uteck, that Council adopt the 2008 Regional Council Meeting Schedule, as attached to the December 7, 2007 supplementary report.

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Harvey, that due to the October 18, 2008 municipal election, the schedule be amended to delete the October 21, 2008 Council meeting. MOTION DEFEATED.

MAIN MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

9.1 **Correspondence** - None

9.2 **Petitions**

Councillor Hendsbee served a petition requesting that roads in the Porterfield Subdivision be paved.

9.3 **Presentation**

9.3.1 **Democracy 250**

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting. See page 4.

10. **REPORTS**

10.1 **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

10.1.1 **Request for Proposal 07-142 - Risk Assessment and Security Plan - Metro Transit**

- A report dated November 6, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Regional Council:

1. Award RFP 07-142, Risk Assessment and Security Plan, to the highest scoring proponent, Transportation Resource Associates Inc. (TRA), in the amount of \$107,859.71 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CMU00982 - Transit Security, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the November 6, 2007 report; and
2. Increase the budget of Capital Project CMU00982 - Transit Security in the amount of \$80,895 as per the cost sharing agreement with Transport Canada.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.2 Tender 07-037 - Supply & Delivery of Two (2) Rapid Deployment Inflatable Shelters

- A report dated December 3, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Regional Council award Tender No.07-037, for Two (2) Rapid Deployment Inflatable Shelters to Dynamic Air Shelter Ltd. for material and services specified, for a Total Tender Price of \$146,240.37 (net HST included) with funding from Operational Account No. F181-6701 - USAR Project/Equipment Purchase, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the December 3, 2007 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.3 Tender 07-393 - Supply, Delivery and Storage of Bulk Biodiesel Fuel

- C A report dated November 28, 2007 on the above noted was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Johns, that Halifax Regional Council award Tender # 07-393, Supply, Delivery and Storage of Bulk Biodiesel Fuel to Wilson Fuel Co. Limited, at the per litre price listed in Section "A" Table 1, 2 & 3 - Transit Buses of the November 28, 2007 report, for a period of three (3) years with funding from Operating Accounts, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the November 28, 2007 report.

At the request of Councillor Streach, Mr. Paul Beauchamp, General Manager, Fleet Services, indicated that the biodiesel has a three stage refining process and quality issues from previous years have been resolved.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.4 Request for Permanent Encroachment - Dead End at Kenwood Drive, Dartmouth

- A report dated November 26, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Regional Council approve the application for permanent encroachment of a retaining wall with railing on Kenwood Drive, and to formalize this approval with an encroachment agreement with the owner.

Councillor Smith indicated that he attended the site today, and the encroachment wall has been moved back and redesigned to HRM standards. He also noted that a new walkway was put in and safety railing installed at the cost of the property owner.

At the request of Councillor Karsten, Mr. Ken Reashor, Manager, Traffic Authority, indicated that encroachment fees have not been increased in a number of years and will be reviewed for reconsideration in the new year.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.5 Proposed Administrative Order SC49, Respecting Closure of a Portion of Old Windsor Street Right of Way, Halifax

- A report dated November 22, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Regional Council authorize staff to set a date for a public hearing for consideration of HRM Administrative Order #SC-49 concerning the closure of the Old Windsor Street right of way, Halifax, as shown on Attachment "B" of the November 22, 2007 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.6 Proposed By-Law C-700, Respecting Municipal Cemeteries, and an Amendment to Administrative Order 20, Respecting Fees for Cemetery Services

- A report dated December 4, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.
- C A handout of the staff presentation was distributed to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Johns, that Regional Council approve in principle and begin the formal adoption process of By-Law C-700 and Administrative Order 20 - Respecting Cemetery Fees (as attached to the December 4, 2007 report as Schedules "A" and "B").

Mr. Denis Huck, Manager, Municipal Operations, presented the staff report to Council.

Mr. Huck, Mr. Brian Phelan, Superintendent, Parks and Open Spaces, and Mr. Gary Musolino, Supervisor, HRM Cemeteries, responded to questions from members of Council, noting the following:

- C In order to meet demand, and for clear identification of individuals, two stones will be permitted per lot;
- C Staff have done extensive research on market value prices, bringing HRM fees up to 80-90% of market value rates charged by the private sector;

- C St. Paul's Cemetery is currently closed to new graves;
- C Staff will be completing this summer about two years of data entry from St. Peter's and Mount Hermon Cemetery records;
- C Section 32(1) of By-Law C-700 refers to planted shrubs or trees;
- C HRM owns and manages seven cemeteries throughout the Municipality;
- C The lots will be for sale immediately following the approval of the By-Law, and will be advertised on the obituary page of the newspaper for two weeks;
- C The purchase of lots will be first come, first served, in person, to a maximum of four lots;
- C 10% of sale proceeds will maintain the operating costs of the facilities, and 90% will be placed in trust, and the interest from the trust funds is used to help maintain the facilities.

Councillor Streach inquired whether members of Council can contribute funds for the upkeep of cemeteries from their District Capital Funds. The Mayor indicated that staff will get back to him with a response.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.7 Proposed By-Law T-137, An Amendment to By-Law T-108, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis and Limousines - Seating Capacity

- A report dated November 21, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Regional Council:

- 1. Approve in principle By-Law T-137, Respecting the Regulations of Taxi & Limousines (attached as Appendix A) to reduce the minimum seating capacity for limousine vehicles from 5 passengers (excluding the driver) to 4 passengers (excluding the driver).**
- 2. Approve in principle By-Law T-137, Respecting the Regulations of Taxi & Limousines (attached as Appendix A) to permit full size luxury class SUV's to be licenced as a limousine.**
- 3. Upon approval in principle, give Notice of Motion for First Reading of By-Law T-137, Respecting the Regulations of Taxi & Limousines to reduce the minimum seating capacity for limousine vehicles from 5 passengers (excluding the driver) to 4 passengers (excluding the driver) and to permit full size luxury class SUV's to be licenced as a limousine.**

Staff Sgt. Robin McNeil, Halifax Regional Police, responded to questions of clarification from Council at this time.

Councillor Karsten commented on other Canadian Municipalities that are promoting the use of hybrid vehicles for taxis and questioned whether restrictions exist in HRM on the use of hybrid vehicles as taxis. After clarification, Councillor Karsten indicated that he would bring this issue forward for discussion at the next Committee of the Whole session.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.8 Proposed Amendments to By-Law A-300, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership

C A report dated December 5, 2007, on the above noted was before Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Adams, seconded by Councillor Younger, that Regional Council approve in principle:

- 1. Amendments to By-Law A-300, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership (attached as Appendix A of the December 5, 2007 staff report) that would require all pet owners to license their cats, dogs, and prohibited animals without a fee;**
- 2. Amended Administrative Order #11 (attached as Appendix B to the December 5, 2007 staff report);**
- 3. Amendments to By-Law A-300, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership, Section 6 (3), that will allow cats on public property that have been spayed or neutered;**
- 4. Amendments to By-Law A-300, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership, Section 4 (1) (d) and (e) to be modified to remove the requirement of a certificate for spay and neutering, as well as rabies inoculation;**
- 5. Amendment to effective date of By-Law A-300, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership to October 1, 2008.**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Adams, seconded by Councillor Younger, that the question now be put. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Those voting in favour were Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Adams, Councillors McInroy, McCluskey, Younger, Karsten, Murphy, Uteck, Fougere, Walker, Johns, Harvey, and Meade.

Those voting against were Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Smith, Sloane, and Hum.

Councillors Snow, Wile, Mosher, Martin and Rankin were absent and the seat for District 8 was vacant.

The Mayor clarified that any of the recommendations approved by Council would require a public hearing. He also clarified that it has been requested that each item be voted on separately.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Adams, seconded by Councillor Younger, that Regional Council approve in principle amendments to By-Law A-300, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership (attached as Appendix A of the December 5, 2007 staff report) that would require all pet owners to license their cats, dogs, and prohibited animals without a fee. MOTION DEFEATED.

Those voting in favour were Deputy Mayor Adams and Councillors Streach, Younger, Uteck, Walker, Hum, Johns, and Harvey.

Those voting against were Mayor Kelly and Councillors Hendsbee, McInroy, McCluskey, Karsten, Smith, Murphy, Sloane, Fougere, and Meade.

Councillors Snow, Wile, Mosher, Martin and Rankin were absent and the seat for District 8 was vacant.

It was determined that recommendation #2 (to approve in principle amended Administrative Order #11) is now out of order and will not be voted upon, since the previous motion with the amendments was defeated.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Adams, seconded by Councillor Younger, that Regional Council approve in principle amendments to By-Law A-300, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership, Section 6 (3), that will allow cats on public property that have been spayed or neutered. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Those voting in favour were Deputy Mayor Adams and Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Younger, Smith, Sloane, Uteck, Walker, Hum, and Meade.

Those voting against were Mayor Kelly and Councillors McInroy, McCluskey, Karsten, Murphy, Fougere, Johns, and Harvey.

Councillors Snow, Wile, Mosher, Martin and Rankin were absent and the seat for District 8 was vacant.

Councillor Hendsbee indicated that recommendation #4 to remove the requirement of a certificate for spay and neutering, as well as rabies inoculation, would now also be out of order, and requested clarification from staff.

Staff Sgt. Robin McNeil, Halifax Regional Police, clarified that staff wish to have this recommendation considered by Council, and noting that it was an amendment previously requested by Council to provide greater customer service opportunity to serve residents. Staff Sgt. McNeil further clarified that the onus would be on the resident to provide accurate and truthful information.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Adams, seconded by Councillor Younger, that Regional Council approve in principle amendments to By-Law A-300, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership, Section 4 (1) (d) and (e) to be modified to remove the requirement of a certificate for spay and neutering, as well as rabies inoculation. MOTION DEFEATED.

Those voting in favour were Deputy Mayor Adams and Councillors Younger, Smith, Murphy, Uteck, Walker, Hum, and Meade.

Those voting against were Mayor Kelly and Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, McInroy, McCluskey, Karsten, Sloane, Fougere, Johns, and Harvey.

Councillors Snow, Wile, Mosher, Martin and Rankin were absent and the seat for District 8 was vacant.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Adams, seconded by Councillor Younger, that Regional Council approve in principle amendment to effective date of By-Law A-300, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership to October 1, 2008. MOTION DEFEATED.

Those voting in favour were Deputy Mayor Adams and Councillors Hum, Harvey and Meade.

Those voting against were Mayor Kelly and Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, McInroy, McCluskey, Younger, Karsten, Smith, Murphy, Sloane, Uteck, Fougere, Walker, and Johns.

Councillors Snow, Wile, Mosher, Martin and Rankin were absent and the seat for District 8 was vacant.

10.2 AUDIT COMMITTEE

10.2.1 Amendment to Terms of Reference

C A report from the Audit Committee dated December 5, 2007 on the above noted was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Regional Council approve the Audit Committee's recommendation to amend the Audit Committee's Terms of Reference naming the Mayor as a voting member of the Committee. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

10.3 **MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

10.3.1 **Deputy Mayor Adams - Request for Report re: Quinpool Road Reversing Lane**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Adams, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Regional Council request a staff report to Council on the possibility of reversing three of Quinpool Road's four lanes to inbound during the morning rush hour and the outbound during the evening rush hour, and that the report also include discussion on parking and left hand turns. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

11. **MOTIONS** - None

12. **ADDED ITEMS**

12.1 **CONTRACTUAL MATTER - Amendment to the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Collective Agreement**

C This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera session.

MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that Regional Council approve the changes to the Collective Agreement between HRM and IAFF Local 268 as negotiated by the parties and ratified by IAFF Membership on October 20, 2007. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

12.2 **LEGAL MATTER - Appeal of Decision of Harbour East Community Council**

C This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera session.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Johns, that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1.** **Not appeal a decision of the Utility and Review Board dated November 19, 2007 which allowed the appeal and ordered that the Development Agreement be approved with changes as ordered by the Board to subclause 2.2.2 of the Development Agreement;**

- 2. It is further recommended that the November 29, 2007 staff report not be released to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

At the request of Council, Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor, advised that it is not normal practice to release legal advice to the public.

At the request of Council, the Mayor clarified that a notice of reconsideration would be required, or Council could agree, by a 2/3 vote, to suspend the rules of order to allow the release of the report to the public.

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that the rules of order be suspended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Younger, that the Private and Confidential staff report dated November 28, 2007 be released to the public. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 LEGAL MATTER - Settlement of Claim

C This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera session.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey, that Regional Council not accept the settlement proposal; and that the Private and Confidential staff report dated November 28, 2007 not be released to the public. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 CONTRACTUAL MATTER - CAO Contract Matter

C This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera session.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Adams, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the In Camera recommendation of November 27, 2007 with regard to the CAO salary, retroactive to November 22, 2006, as outlined in Attachment "A" of the Private and Confidential staff report of December 7, 2007.**
- 2. Approve an increase for 2007/08 of 3%, effective November 21, 2007 which is the average non-union employee annual increase, as recommended by the CAO Review Committee, based upon the CAO Goals and Objectives as outlined in Attachments "B" and "C" of the Private and Confidential staff report of December 7, 2007.**

- 3. That the attached November 15, 2007 Private and Confidential Information Report and the Private and Confidential staff report of December 7, 2007 not be released to the public until such time as Council approves the CAO employment contract on acceptable performance indicators stipulated by a process yet to be determined, as outlined in Attachment "D" of the Private and Confidential staff report of December 7, 2007.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Murphy

Take notice that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, 2008, I propose to move First Reading of By-Law C-700, Respecting Cemeteries.

Councillor Murphy

Take notice that, at the regular Regional Council Meeting to be held on January 15, 2008, I propose to introduce, for introduction by Council as a Policy pursuant to Section 315 of the Municipal Government Act, Administrative Order SC-49, the purpose of which is to effect closure of a portion of Old Windsor Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Deputy Mayor Adams

Take notice that at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on Tuesday, the 8th of January, I proposed to introduce for adoption By-Law T-137, Respecting the Regulation of Taxi & Limousines, the purpose of which is to reduce the minimum seating capacity for limousine vehicles from 5 passengers (excluding the driver) to 4 passengers (excluding the driver) and to permit full size luxury class SUV's to be licenced as a limousine.

Deputy Mayor Adams

Take notice that at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on Tuesday, the 8th of January, 2008, I propose to introduce for adoption By-Law A-301, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership, the purpose of which is to amend By-Law A-300, Section 6 (3), to allow cats on public property that have been spayed or neutered.

Councillor Karsten

Take notice that at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on Thursday, the 8th day of January, 2008, I propose to move that a change be made to HRM's policy regarding water quality notification. HRM currently has a Lakes Quality Sampling Program and Baseline Sampling Program in various lakes within the Municipality. The results of these tests are online. However, currently HRM does not notify the public of Public Health concerns unless it is an HRM supervised swim area. I propose that staff notify the public of poor water quality, particularly when high counts of fecal coliform are detected within the lakes tested. This would apply whether it is an HRM supervised swim area or not.

Councillor Karsten - Notice of Motion of Reconsideration

Take notice that at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on Thursday, the 8th day of January, 2008, I propose to move a motion of reconsideration regarding adoption By-Law A-301, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership, the purpose of which is to amend By-Law A-300, Section 6 (3), to allow cats on public property that have been spayed or neutered.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Acting Municipal Clerk

The following information items were circulated to Council.

1. Proclamation - Alzheimer Awareness Month - January 2008
2. Memorandum from Director, Infrastructure and Asset Management dated December 11, 2007 re: HarbourLink Project Update
3. Memorandum from Director, Infrastructure and Asset Management dated November 27, 2007 re: Capital Cost Charges Update
4. Memorandum from Director, Transportation and Public Works dated November 29, 2007 re: Fairview Overpass Design Changes - Merge Lanes
5. Memorandum from Acting Director, Community Development dated November 27, 2007
re: Request for Amendments to Heritage Property Act
6. Memorandum from Chair, Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee

dated October 11, 2007 re: Annual Report

7. Memorandum from the Acting Municipal Clerk dated December 7, 2007
re: Requests for Presentation to Council - Democracy 250