

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES

December 4, 2012

PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Reg Rankin
Councillors: David Hendsbee
Bill Karsten
Lorelei Nicoll
Gloria McCluskey
Darren Fisher
Waye Mason
Jennifer Watts
Linda Mosher
Russell Walker
Stephen Adams
Matt Whitman
Brad Johns
Steve Craig
Tim Outhit

REGRETS:

Councillor Barry Dalrymple

STAFF:

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Martin Ward, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Clerk
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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1. INVOCATION

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor McCluskey.

Mayor Savage performed the swearing-in ceremony for Councillor Bill Karsten as Councillor of District 3 – Dartmouth South – Eastern Passage.

Councillor Mosher joined the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

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

Addition:

Re: Item 8.1 Consideration of Deferred Business – Councillor Appointment to the Board of Police Commissioners

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that the agenda be approved as amended. 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 – November 27, 2012

8.1 Councillor Appointments to HRM Boards & Committees

A revised staff report dated November 20, 2012 was before Council.

An expression of interest document for the Board of Police Commissioners was circulated to Council.

An extract of the draft Regional Council minutes of November 20, 2012 was before Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that Regional Council proceed to fill the vacancies for Council representatives on the Destination Marketing Board, Neptune Theatre Board, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and Trade Centre by way of secret ballot for the terms outlined in Attachment 1 of the November 20, 2012 revised report.

Council discussed the nomination to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Councillor McCluskey withdrew her name from consideration.

Councillor Karsten was appointed to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities by way of secret ballot.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that Halifax Regional Council approve the following resolution with regard to the FCM Councillor appointment:

Whereas the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;

Whereas FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities for a broad base of support and provide FCM with the prestige required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

Whereas in accordance with bylaw No. 1 of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, one of the Directors representing Nova Scotia shall be appointed by the Halifax Regional Municipality; and

Whereas the HRM Director's position is currently vacant;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality appoints Councillor Bill Karsten to represent HRM on the Board of Directors of FCM for a term to June 2014; and

Be it further resolved that Council assume all costs associated with Councillor Karsten attending FCM's Board of Directors meetings.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour, 0 against)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Rankin; Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Craig, and Outhit.

Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee and Johns were not present for the vote.

Council discussed the nomination to Destination Marketing.

Councillor Whitman removed his name from consideration.

With the agreement of members of Council, the appointment to Destination Marketing was deferred to later in the meeting when Councillor Hendsbee would be present.

Council discussed nominations to Neptune Theatre.

Councillors Walker and Whitman removed their names from consideration.

Councillors Fisher and Johns were appointed to the Neptune Theatre by way of secret ballot.

Council discussed nominations to the Trade Centre Ltd. Board.

MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Regional Council nominate two members of Council in addition to the Mayor, and one senior staff member appointed by the CAO to the Trade Centre Ltd. Board.

Mr. Richard Butts, CAO, clarified that there are currently no HRM senior staff on the Trade Centre Board, but there have been in the past, and there is nothing stipulating that a staff member cannot be a member of the Board.

Councillors Fisher, Mosher and Whitman removed their names from consideration.

Councillor Fisher clarified that by senior staff he means the CAO, Deputy CAO, or the Director of Finance, or designate.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (9 in favour, 5 against)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Savage; Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Mason, Watts, Craig, and Outhit.

Those voting against were: Deputy Mayor Rankin; Councillors Mosher, Walker, Adams, and Whitman.

Those not present for the vote were: Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee and Johns.

Councillor Nicoll was appointed to the Trade Centre Ltd. Board, by way of secret ballot. There was a tie result between Councillors Walker, Adams, McCluskey, and Craig for the 2nd Council position. A second secret ballot was held, through which Councillor Craig was appointed.

Councillor Hendsbee arrived at 10:35 a.m.

Council discussed nominations to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Councillors Mason, Whitman, and Craig withdrew their names from consideration.

Councillor Dalrymple was appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners by way of secret ballot.

Council returned to the appointment of a Council representative to Destination Marketing.

Councillor Nicoll was appointed to Destination Marketing by way of secret ballot.

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence - None

9.2 Petitions - None

10. REPORTS - NONE

11. MOTIONS - NONE

12. IN CAMERA - NONE

13. ADDED ITEMS

With the agreement of Council, Councillor Hendsbee made his community announcements at this time.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 Councillor Watts

“Take notice that, at the next regular meeting of the Regional Council to be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, it is my intention to move a motion to direct staff to develop a Master Plan for the historic Halifax Common that builds on the 1994 Halifax Common Plan, that is integrated with the development of the Open Space Plan for the Urban Centre and includes a public consultation process. Staff are requested to return to Council within 18 months with a proposed Master Plan.”

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Cathy J. Mellett
Municipal Clerk

INFORMATION ITEMS - None