

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES

April 9, 2013

PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

Councillor: Matt Whitman

STAFF:

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

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1. INVOCATION

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Craig.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of community announcements and acknowledgements.

Councillor Johns entered the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

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

Additions:

14.1 Audit and Finance Standing Committee Report – Budget Increase – Motor Control Centre – Halifax Metro Centre

14.2 In Camera- Personnel Matter:

14.2.1 Citizen Appointments 2013 Volunteer Awards Recipient

14.3 Councillor Adams- Request for Mayor to write a letter to Province re: Long Lake Provincial Park

Councillor Adams addressed Council and advised that he would like to add an item in regard to recent media reports of a proposed storm water charge by Halifax Water. He explained that a message had been left with the office of Mr. Carl Yates, General Manager, Halifax Water that the matter would be raised at this afternoon's meeting and, if available, he would like Mr. Yates to speak briefly to Council, clarifying the issue as many concerned residents have contacted him.

The Mayor advised that with two-thirds majority, Council could add the item to the agenda, and that the vote would be done through a show of hands.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rankin that the item, Halifax Water – Clarification of the Proposed Storm Water Charge (Ditching Fee) be added to the agenda. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.4 Councillor Adams – Halifax Water—Clarification of the Proposed Storm Water Charge (Ditching Fee)

Councillor Mosher addressed Council advising she had an item to add to the agenda, which came from a special meeting of the Halifax and West Community Council held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Walker that the item, Halifax and West Community Council – Purcell’s Cove Steering Committee be added to the agenda.

The vote was taken through a show of hands. **THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

14.5 Councillor Mosher – Halifax and West Community Council – Purcell’s Cove Steering Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rankin that the agenda, 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 – NONE**

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9.1 **Less than Market Sale – 2421 Brunswick Street, Halifax, to Adsum Association for Women and Children**

This was dealt with later in the meeting. See page 18.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

10.1 **Correspondence - None**

10.2 **Petitions - None**

11. **REPORTS**

11.1 **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

11.1.1 **Increase to Contract – Tender 12-241 Intersection Improvements and Widening – Hammonds Plains Road (Kearney Lake Road – Kingswood Drive) – Central Region**

A staff report dated March 12, 2013 was submitted.

Councillor Hendsbee entered the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that Regional Council authorize an increase to the contract for Tender No. 12-241 Intersection Improvements & Widening – Hammonds Plains Road (Kearney Lake Road – Kingswood Drive) – Central Regional with Atlantic Road Construction & Paving Limited by \$105,432.10 (net HST included), for a Total Revised Price of \$1,478,063.20 (net HST included), with funding from Project No. CTU01086 Intersection Improvements, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the March 12, 2013 staff report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (16 in favour, 0 against)

Councillor Whitman was not present for the vote.

11.1.2 Industrial Parks – Select Lot Inventory Additions and Pricing

A staff report dated February 27, 2013 was submitted.

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

- 1. Approve the lot inventory additions and minimum unit pricing for the inventory, as set out in Attachment 1 of the February 27, 2013, Confidential Information Report;**
- 2. Approve the minimum unit pricing for the remnant Nova Scotia Power encumbered parcels in Burnside, as set out in the February 27, 2013 Confidential Information Report; and**
- 3. Approve the minimum completed building are a requirement to 10% for the lot inventory in Ragged Lake Park.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (16 in favour, 0 against)

Councillor Whitman was not present for the vote.

11.1.3 2013 Spring Debenture

A staff report dated March 15, 2013 was submitted.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign the Resolution for Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance Subject to Interest Rate confirmation not

to exceed 5.0% to enable the Halifax Regional Municipality to issue a 10-year debenture in the amount of \$23,600,000.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (16 in favour, 0 against)

Councillor Whitman was not present for the vote.

11.1.4 Proposed Adoption of Administrative Order 50, Respecting the Disposal of Surplus Real Property – Motion Councillor Walker – Approve Admin. Order 50

Notice of Motion for this matter was given at the March 26, 2013 meeting of Regional Council.

A staff report dated February 1, 2013 was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Halifax Regional Council approve Administrative Order 50, respecting the Disposal of Surplus Real Property, as provided in Attachment A to the February 1, 2013 staff report.

Councillor Watts advised that she had four amendments to propose as follows:

- Local Councillor will be informed of the inventory of the properties and the proposed categories by staff. Local Councillor will then have the opportunity to contact the local community to discuss potential surplus properties to gauge interest in potential disposal methods for the properties with area residents. The result from these potential community consultations will then be included with the surplus property report that comes to Council.
- Non-profit organizations will have a minimum of 90 days and a maximum of 120 days to submit a written proposal.
- Grants staff will develop criteria that will be publically available for scoring the community interest projects.
- Section 4D - Properties under this category are required by the Charter to be sold at market value and can include partnership models between private developers and non-profits and municipally defined public use or service delivery components.

The Mayor advised that Council would take a separate vote on each amendment.

Councillor Hendsbee suggested that the first amendment should include wording to inform the local community council, along with the local councillor, of the inventory of the properties. Councillor Watts indicated that she would support the inclusion of informing the local community council.

In response to the Mayor's question of revising the wording in Amendment 1 to include the words, 'inform the local community council, **Council agreed to revise amendment to read as follows:**

"Local Councillor and Community Council will be informed of the inventory of the properties and the proposed categories by staff. Local Councillor will then have the opportunity to contact local community to discuss potential surplus properties to gauge interest in potential disposal methods for the properties with area residents. The result from these potential community consultations will then be included in the surplus property report that comes to Council."

With the revision to the amendment, the Mayor asked for a vote on Amendment 1.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason that the motion be amended to include the following:

"Local Councillor and Community Council will be informed of the inventory of the properties and the proposed categories by staff. Local Councillor will then have the opportunity to contact local community to discuss potential surplus properties to gauge interest in potential disposal methods for the properties with area residents. The result from these potential community consultations will then be included in the surplus property report that comes to Council."

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (11 in favour, 5 against)

Those voting in favour were: Deputy Mayor Rankin; and Councillors: Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Fisher, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, and Johns.

Those voting against were: Mayor Savage; and Councillors Dalrymple, McCluskey, Craig, and Outhit.

Councillor Whitman was not present for the vote.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason that the motion be amended to include the following:

"Non-profit organizations will have a minimum of 90 days and a maximum of 120 days to submit a written proposal."

In response to a question on when the 90 day timeline would begin, Mr. Stickings clarified the sequence of events as follows: The public information meeting is held first; followed by the advertisement; and the 90 days would follow the advertisement.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 4 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Rankin, and Councillors: Dalrymple, Karsten, Nicoll, Fisher, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Johns, Craig, and Outhit.

Those voting against: Councillors: Hendsbee, McCluskey, Walker, and Adams.

Councillor Whitman was not present for the vote.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason that the motion be amended to include the following:

Grants staff will develop criteria that will be publically available for scoring the community interest projects.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (16 in favour, 0 opposed)

Councillor Whitman was not present for the vote.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason that the motion be amended to include the following:

Section 4D - Properties under this category are required by the Charter to be sold at market value and can include partnership models between private developers and non-profits and municipally defined public use or service delivery components.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 3 against)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Rankin; and Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Adams, Johns, and Craig.

Those voting against were: Councillors: Karsten, Walker, and Outhit.

Councillor Whitman was not present for the vote.

The Mayor called for the vote on the amended motion, as follows

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Halifax Regional Council approve Administrative Order 50, respecting the Disposal of Surplus Real Property, as provided in Attachment A to the February 1, 2013 staff report with the following amendments:

- **Local Councillor and Community Council will be informed of the inventory of the properties and the proposed categories by staff. Local Councillor will then have the opportunity to contact local community to discuss potential surplus properties to gauge interest in potential disposal methods for the**

properties with area residents. The result from these potential community consultations will then be included the surplus property report that comes to Council.

- **Non-profit organizations will have a minimum of 90 days and a maximum of 120 days to submit a written proposal.**
- **Grants staff will develop criteria that will be publically available for scoring the community interest projects.**
- **Section 4D - Properties under this category are required by the Charter to be sold at market value and can include partnership models between private developers and non-profits and municipally defined public use or service delivery components.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.(16 in favour, 0 against)

Councillor Whitman was not present for the vote.

Council agreed to deal with item 14.4 at this time.

14.4 Councillor Adams – Halifax Water—Clarification of the Proposed Storm Water Charge (Ditching Fee)

Councillor Adams advised that he had received many calls from concerned residents over the recent media reports about a proposed storm water charge, or ditching fee as it has been referred. Councillor Adams added that there is confusion as to who will be charged this fee and he asked Mr. Carl Yates, General Manager, Halifax Water to clarify the issue.

Mr. Yates addressed Council and explained that if the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board approve the new charge, it would apply to only those properties inside the suburban/urban core that have ditches maintained by Halifax Water and do not have Municipal water service. He noted that properties serviced by municipal water already pay a storm water maintenance charge, which would continue, but would be broken out and shown separately on their water bill; and that properties with ditches serviced by the Provincial Department of Transportation would not pay the fee.

Mr. Yates responded to questions from Council.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Yates for providing the clarification and expressed his appreciation to Mr. Yates for attending the meeting on short notice.

11.2 NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11.2.1 Uniform Charge for Three Brooks Homeowner's Association

A report dated March 26, 2013 was submitted from Councillor Brad Johns, Chair, North West Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rankin that Halifax Regional Council approve an annual charge of \$20.00 to each residential property within the mapped area depicted in Appendix A of the staff report dated March 11, 2013 effective with the 2013-14 fiscal year for the purpose of funding the recreational activities of the Three Brooks Homeowner's Association.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 1 against)

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

Those voting against were: Councillor Karsten.

Deputy Mayor Rankin; and Councillors: Dalrymple, Mosher, and Whitman were not present for the vote.

11.3 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

11.3.1 Advanced Approval for 2013/2014 Project Budget

A report dated March 25, 2013 was submitted from Councillor Bill Karsten, Chair, Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that Regional Council approve the advanced capital funding for 2013/2014 in the amount of \$13,889,500 as per the Financial Implications section of the attached report dated February 20, 2013.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (13 in favour, 0 against)

Those not present for the vote were: Deputy Mayor Rankin, and Councillors: Dalrymple, Mosher, and Whitman.

11.4 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

11.4.1 Auditor General's Report – Economic Development through Partnerships-A Performance Evaluation

A report dated March 6, 2013 was submitted from Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Chair, Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Craig that Halifax Regional Council request that staff:

1. **Review the Auditor General's Report and its recommendations;**
2. **Meet with the Greater Halifax Partnership, Destination Halifax and other involved in economic development to consider the report and its recommendations in detail;**
3. **Determine an effective review process beginning with involvement of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee and resulting in making recommendations and setting priorities for further action.**

Councillor McCluskey noted that the Auditor General's report had been presented to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee and that any reporting back should go to the Audit and Finance Committee.

Councillor Adams expressed concern that the motion was not clear as to what the end result was expected to be and that there is nothing measurable in the recommendations. He advised that he could not support the motion.

Councillor Mason suggested the following as a friendly amendment to **recommendation 3 to, to which it was agreed:**

*"Determine an effective review process **for the Auditor General's Report** beginning with involvement of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee and resulting in making recommendations and setting priorities for further action."*

Councillor Adams then indicated he was prepared to put forward a motion amending recommendation 2.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that recommendation 2 be amended to develop a strategy to combine Greater Halifax Partnership and Destination Halifax and bring it back to Council

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (8 in favour, 8 against).

Those voting in favour were: Deputy Mayor Rankin; and Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, McCluskey, Mosher, Walker, Adams, and Johns.

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

Councillor Whitman was not present for the voted

Councillor Mosher asked that it be noted for the record that if this matter is a precedent in going from one committee to another, then it should go to Regional Council to ensure that it is forwarded to the other Committee.

The Mayor called for the vote on the main motion which now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Craig that Halifax Regional Council request that staff:

- 1. Review the Auditor General's Report and its recommendations.**
- 2. Meet with the Greater Halifax Partnership, Destination Halifax and Others involved in economic development to consider the report and its recommendations in detail.**
- 3. Determine an effective review process for the Auditor General's Report beginning with involvement of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee and resulting in making recommendations and setting priorities for further action.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour, 2 against)

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

Those voting against were: Councillors McCluskey and Adams

Councillor Whitman was not present for the vote.

Council recessed at 3:37 p.m.

Council reconvened at 3:55 p.m.

11.5 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11.5.1 Case H00374: Substantial Alteration to 5270 Morris Street, Halifax-Story-Wilson House, A registered Municipal Heritage Property

A report dated March 4, 2013 was submitted from the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee with an attached staff report dated January 31, 2013.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts, that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed substantial alteration to the Story-Wilson House as outlined in Attachment A of the January 31, 2013 staff report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (15 in favour, 0 against)

Councillors Mosher and Whitman were not present for the vote.

11.5.2 Case H00375: Substantial Alteration to 6454 Coburg Road, Halifax, a Provincially and Municipally Registered Heritage Property

A report dated March 4, 2013 was submitted from the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC), with an attached staff report dated February 18, 2013.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that Halifax Regional Council approve the substantial alteration to 6454 Coburg Road, Halifax, a municipally registered heritage property, as outlined in the February 18, 2013 staff report, with the following conditions:

- **Attachment C: North Elevation, also provided in supplementary materials at the HAC meeting as Drawing 4, titled “Old and New Front Elevation,” dated May 2011, revision 2: Design Changes, 2012.01.10:**
 - **The new window on the lowest level, adjacent the garage doors be revised to provide a more vertical proportion in keeping with the proportion of the windows on the existing house.**
 - **Clarify the apparent absence of one chimney prior to the granting of any permits. The chimney is visible in Attachment F: Historic Illustration. The chimney, and what appear to be egress stairs, were also visible on photographs included by Staff in the presentation provided to the HAC.**
- **Attachment D: West Elevation, also provided in supplementary materials at the HAC meeting as Drawing 5, titled “Old and New Right Elevation,” dated May 2011, revision 2: Design Changes, 2012.01.10:**
 - **Correct the representation of the windows immediately above the sunroom (understood to be master bedroom windows) prior to the granting of any permits – they appear to be changed, but we understand from Owner feedback that they are intended to remain original.**
 - **Correct the representation of the “new decorative railing” indicated at Second Floor, to show height consistent with that shown on Drawing 4 and as required by applicable codes prior to the granting of any permits.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (16 in favour, 0 against)

Councillor Whitman was not present for the vote.

12. MOTIONS

12.1 Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts that Regional Council approve a one time amendment to the District Capital Fund Policy of June 2007 to permit the disbursement of \$12,075 to Brunswick Street United Church for the purchase and installation of a wrought iron style fence and gates to improve security, control, traffic and provide access control to the church, the Brunswick Street Mission, the MetroTurning Point shelter, and the surrounding residential neighbourhood, \$3,000 to be funded from the District 8 Capital funds, \$9,075 to be funded from the District 7 Capital funds.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (16 in favour, 0 against)

Councillor Whitman was not present for the vote.

12.2 Councillor Karsten

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Regional Council direct staff to analyze and review why condominium buildings generally have a higher assessment compared to apartment buildings equal in size, quality and virtually similar in all other factors. To consider methods used in other Canadian Municipalities to address this issue, review with Property Valuations Services Corporation and bring recommendations back to Regional Council.

Councillor Karsten advised that this issue has been raised at Council previously, and Condominium Associations continue to feel that are being unfairly taxed.

Councillor McCluskey suggested that the motion would not help those condominium owners who feel they are unfairly taxed and suggested that, instead, Council should consider a different tax rate for condominiums; however, she noted that this may require a change to the Charter.

A discussion ensued with Council in general agreement that the report should also consider addressing the issue through either reduced tax rates or incentives to increase density. There was consensus to revise the motion to now read:

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Regional Council direct staff to analyze and review why condominium buildings generally have a higher assessment compared to apartment buildings equal in size, quality and virtually similar in all other factors. To consider methods used in other Canadian Municipalities to address this issue, *including providing a reduced tax rate and/or other incentives to increase density*, review with Property Valuations Services Corporation and bring recommendations back to Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (15 favour, 1 against)

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

Those voting against: Councillor Dalrymple.

Councillor Whitman was not present for the vote.

13. IN CAMERA

Private and Confidential Information Items

Property Matter

1. Private and Confidential In Camera Information Report – RE: Industrial parks – Select Lot Inventory Additions and Pricing

Council did not convene an in camera session.

14. ADDED ITEMS

14.1 Audit and Finance Standing Committee Report- Budget Increase – Motor Control Centre – Halifax Metro Centre

A report dated April 3, 2013 was submitted by Councillor Bill Karsten, Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Mosher that Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve an increase to the 2012/13 project budget for the Halifax Metro Centre – Motor Control Centre Project, in the amount of \$297,076.33 with funding available as a withdrawal from the Major Events Facilities Reserve, Q319;**
2. **Approve the revised Reserve Business Case for the Major Events Facility Reserve, Q319.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (16 in favour, 0 against)

Councillor Whitman was not present for the vote.

14.2 In Camera- Personnel Matter

Regional Council dealt with this item in the regular session as follows:

14.2.1 Citizen Appointments 2013 Volunteer Awards Recipient

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the addition of the Volunteer Awards recipient for District 2 as outlined in the Private and Confidential added items request and;**
- 2. Not release this information to the public until the 2013 HRM Volunteer Awards Ceremony on April 17, 2013.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (15 in favour, 1 opposed)

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

Those voting against: Councillor Karsten.

Councillor Whitman was not present for the vote.

14.3 Councillor Adams- Request for Mayor to write a letter to Province re: Long Lake Provincial Park

Councillor Adams explained that for several years he has been trying to determine the status of the piece of land bordering Long Lake located off the Old Sambro Road. He added that the Department of Natural Resources had blocked access due to illegal dumping. Councillor Adams advised that he would like for the Province and Municipality to work together to see if the area could be opened up as a Park. He added that he felt if it were being used by the residents, the illegal dumping would stop.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Mosher that Halifax Regional Council request that Mayor Savage, on behalf of Regional Council, write to the Province of Nova Scotia (Department of Natural Resources) regarding the status of access to Long Lake Provincial Park from the Old Sambro Road.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (16 in favour, 0 against)

Councillor Whitman was not present for the vote.

14.4 Councillor Adams – Halifax Water—Clarification of the Proposed Storm Water Charge (Ditching Fee)

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 10.

14.5 Councillor Mosher – Halifax and West Community Council – Purcell’s Cove Steering Committee.

Councillor Adams addressed this matter advising that the Halifax and West Community Council met this afternoon to discuss the status of the Purcell’s Cove Steering Committee, explaining that the work of the Committee has been substantially completed, with the last component to compile and bring forward the information in a report. Councillor Adams thanked the members of the Committee for their work and advised that both he and Councillor Mosher were well aware that the majority of residents do not want sewer and water along Purcell’s Cove Road. Councillor Adams also expressed appreciation to staff for their work on this matter.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Mosher that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Thank the members of the Purcell’s Cove Community Steering Committee for their work and discharge them of their duties;**
- 2. Direct staff to forward the consultant’s final report to Halifax and West Community Council; and**
- 3. Direct staff to amend the Terms of Reference in order for Recommendation 1 and 2 to take effect.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (16 in favour, 0 opposed)

Councillor Whitman was not present for the vote.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION – None

Council recessed at 5:04 p.m.

Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m. to deal with the Public Hearing.

9.1 Less than Market Sale – 2421 Brunswick Street, Halifax, to Adsum Association for Women and Children

A report dated March 5, 2013 from the Grants Committee was before Council for consideration.

Mayor Savage outlined the Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings.

Ms. Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants & Contributions, and Mr. Tom Crouse, Acquisition and Disposal Manager provided the staff presentation with regard to the proposal to sell 2421 Brunswick Street to Canadian Housing and Mortgage Corporation and Adsum Association for Women and Children for the less than market value sale, as set out in the terms and conditions in Table 1 of the March 6, 2012 staff report and the information contained in the February 25, 2013 Supplementary Report.

There were no questions from Council.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and invited those wishing to speak to this matter to come forward at this time.

Ms. Dawn Morecott, representing the Board of Adsum House addressed Council and advised that the Board voted overwhelmingly in favour of this transaction as it will provide stability and security for the organization in the future.

Ms. Sherry Lecker, Executive Director of Adsum House addressed Council explaining that acquiring the building has been a longer and more complex process than they expected. She advised that this transaction will help secure the future of Adsum House and she expressed her appreciation to HRM staff for their assistance.

Mr. Rick Swaine addressed Council and advised that he worked with a mobile street health outreach program. He spoke in support of Adsum House and advised of the work that Adsum house does in the community, and the assistance and support they have provided to him in developing the outreach program.

The Mayor called three times for any other speakers; there being none, it was **MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that the public hearing close. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Canadian Housing and Mortgage Corporation and Adsum Association for Women and Children, for the less than market value sale of 2421 Brunswick Street, Halifax, to the Adsum Association for Women and Children, as per the terms and conditions set out in Table 1 of the March 6, 2012, staff report (attached) and the information contained in the February 25, 2013 Supplementary Report.**
- 2. As a condition of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale, Adsum Association for Women and Children will be responsible to pay all outstanding property taxes and annual tax amounts for the term in which the group hold title.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (15 in favour, 0 against)

Councillors Whitman and Johns were not present for the vote.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett
Municipal Clerk

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following information items were submitted:

1. Proclamation- The International Day of Pink- April 10, 2013
2. Memorandum from the Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, dated March 25, 2013 re: Investment Reports
3. Memorandum from the Director of Legal Services, dated October 15, 2012 re: Monaco Investments
4. Memorandum from the Director of Legal Services, March 5, 2013 re: Can-Euro Investments Ltd.
5. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated March 26, 2013 re: Requests for Presentation to Council-Community Monitoring Committee