

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES

October 22, 2013

PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Savage  
Deputy Mayor Reg Rankin  
Councillors: Barry Dalrymple  
David Hendsbee  
Bill Karsten  
Lorelei Nicoll  
Darren Fisher  
Waye Mason  
Jennifer Watts  
Russell Walker  
Stephen Adams  
Matt Whitman  
Brad Johns  
Steve Craig

REGRETS:

Councillors: Gloria McCluskey  
Linda Mosher  
Tim Outhit

STAFF:

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant

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**1. INVOCATION**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Hendsbee.

**2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Members of Council noted a number of community announcements and acknowledgements.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 24 & October 1, 2013**

**MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rankin, that the minutes of September 24<sup>th</sup> and October 1, 2013 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

- 14.1 Recommendation Report - Web.com PGA Tour Stop Host Request
- 14.2 Audit and Finance Standing Committee – 2014-15 Budget Process and Consultation Plan
- 14.3 Councillor Adams - Sambro Island Lighthouse
- 14.4 Committee of the Whole – Area Rate Framework

Councillor Adams requested Information Item 3 – Memorandum from the Director of Transportation and Public Works dated October 2, 2013 re: Solid Waste Strategy Review Community Engagement Update Report #2 be placed on Regional Council's November 12, 2013 agenda for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Fisher, 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 – NONE**
- 9. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**
  
- 10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**
- 10.1 Correspondence – None**

## **10.2 Petitions**

### **10.2.1 Municipal Clerks Office**

The Municipal Clerk submitted a petition containing 2,224 signatures on behalf of the Dartmouth Main Street Business Improvement District and partner "Our HRM Alliance". The petition presents the case and strong support for:

An adjustment of one of the Cole-Harbour to Regional Core routes from the Portland Street corridor to the Main Street corridor to allow for better servicing of Main Street as well as the connecting of growing communities of Lake Loon, East Preston, Westphal and areas. Further to request consideration of designating Main Street as a transit corridor with consideration of additional routing and a future transit terminal.

It was noted that the petition has also been submitted to Metro Transit as part of the public consultation process for the five (5) year HRM Transit Plan.

## **11. REPORTS**

### **11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

#### **11.1.1 Award - Unit Price Tender No. 13-285, Northwest Arm Seawall Replacement - Phase 2 Sir Sanford Fleming Park (The Dingle) - West Region**

A staff report dated September 23, 2013 was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Whitman, that Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 13-285, Northwest Arm Seawall Replacement – Phase 2, Sir Sanford Fleming Park (The Dingle) – West Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Lange’s Rock Farm Construction Limited, for a Total Tender Price of \$521,419.57 (net HST included), with funding from Project No. CPX01331 – Regional Water Access Beach Upgrades, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the September 23, 2013 staff report.**

In response to a question raised, staff provided clarification on the estimated cost of the project at approximately a further \$350,000 in each of the future years of the project with further details outlined in the Financial Implications section of the September 23, 2013 staff report.

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

Those in favour were: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Fisher, Mason, Watts, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Johns and Craig.

Those opposed were: Deputy Mayor Rankin.

Not present for the vote: Councillors Dalrymple, McCluskey, Mosher and Outhit

#### **11.1.2 Award - Tender No. 13-128, Mini-Hybrid Thermal Systems**

A staff report dated September 11, 2013 was before Council.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 13-128, for the supply and installation of ninety-nine (99) EMP “Mini Hybrid” Kits, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Cummins Eastern Canada, for a Total Tender Price of \$2,580,562.71 (net HST included), with funding from Project Account CM020006, Emission Reduction – Public Transit Buses, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the September 11, 2013 staff report.**

Deputy Mayor Rankin spoke in favour of the motion.

#### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present for the vote: Councillors Dalrymple, McCluskey, Mosher and Outhit

#### **11.1.3 Case 18464: Amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) - Bright Place and Normandy Drive, Halifax**

A staff report dated September 19, 2013 was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Authorize staff to initiate the process to consider amending the Halifax Municipality Planning Strategy (MPS) and Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law (LUB), for the lands at 3631 & 3639 Bright Place, 6100 Normandy Drive, and a portion of the Bright Place street right-of-way (PID # 40708901 & 40926107), to allow for a multi-unit residential building by development agreement; and**
- 2. Request staff to follow the public participation program for the MPS amendment process as approved by Council in February 1997.**

Councillor Watts noted that this type of multiple-unit residential development has not been done in this area and expressed her interest in receiving public input. She clarified that, under the proposal section of the September 19, 2013 staff report, the building will be constructed as a 7-storey multiple-unit residential building; however, from her review of the information present, the building seems to be 8 storeys on the

Lady Hammond Road side. Councillor Watts confirmed, through her discussions with staff, that the development would require a formal street closure and that there would be a pedestrian accessible right-of-way from Normandy Drive to Lady Hammond Road, which would be constructed by the Developer and maintained by HRM. Councillor Watts encouraged members of the public to attend the Public Information Meeting and provide their feedback.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present for the vote: Councillors Dalrymple, McCluskey, Mosher and Outhit

**11.1.4 Amendments to Administrative Order Number 55**

An extract of draft Regional Council minutes of October 8, 2013 was before Council.

Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor clarified that the amendment before them is an incidental amendment that follows from adoption of the Municipal Alcohol Policy (MAP), by Regional Council on October 8, 2013. The proposed recommendation would extend the MAP to HRM's Sponsorship Policy to ensure integration of the two policies. He further clarified that the matter had been debated through Council's October 8<sup>th</sup> deliberations under the Municipal Sponsorship Policy.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that Halifax Regional Council amend Administrative Order 55, the HRM Sponsorship Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment C of the September 26, 2013 staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 1 opposed)**

Those in favour were: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Rankin, Councillors Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Fisher, Mason, Watts, Walker, Whitman, Johns and Craig.

Those opposed were: Councillor Adams.

Not present for the vote: Councillors Dalrymple, McCluskey, Mosher and Outhit

**11.1.5 Seniors' Snow Removal Program – Revised Funding and Delivery**

Staff report dated October 8, 2013 was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve a contribution in the amount of \$400,000 for the fiscal year 2013/2014 to the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth in order to enable this registered charity to administer a Seniors' Snow Removal Program; and**

**2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer of HRM to negotiate and execute an agreement on behalf of HRM with the YMCA, on terms and conditions acceptable to the CAO, in respect of the YMCA's receipt of a contribution relative to its administration of a Seniors' Snow Removal Program.**

Councillor Mason spoke in support of the motion, acknowledging Spencer House for their years of service and partnership with HRM. He further thanked staff for finding a suitable partner to continue the program.

Councillor Hendsbee also thanked Spencer House and welcomed the partnership with the YMCA. He questioned the program's sufficiency with an aging demographic and whether there was appropriate funding in the budget. Councillor Hendsbee further requested a status report as Council approaches the application deadline of December 1, 2013.

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer indicated that, as with any over expenditure, if additional funds were required a request would be made through the Audit and Finance Standing Committee to Regional Council.

In response to a question of clarification raised by Councillor Johns respecting administration costs, Mr. Chris Mitchell, Manager, Municipal Operations explained that staff is estimating up to a maximum of \$60,000 (within the \$400,000 budget) in administrative costs for the YMCA to roll out the HRM wide program. He further indicated that the YMCA has staff in place to look after the program, but discussions have not been held with the YMCA to determine their final costs to administer the program. Clarification was also provided that a portion of administrator's salary is included within the \$60,000.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present for the vote: Councillors Dalrymple, McCluskey, Mosher and Outhit.

**11.2 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**11.2.1 First Reading Case 17413: Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) Amendments for 16 Mills Drive, Goodwood**

A report from the Halifax and West Community Council dated October 9, 2013 was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rankin, that Halifax Regional Council Give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and the Land Use By-law (LUB) for Planning District 4 as set out in Attachment A and B of the staff report dated August 28, 2013 and schedule a joint public hearing with Halifax and West Community Council.**

Councillor Adams requested that the Public Hearing be scheduled for early 2014, pending completion of the Solid Waste Strategy Review and other ongoing community engagement.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present for the vote: Councillors Dalrymple, McCluskey, Mosher and Outhit.

**11.3 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE**

**11.3.1 Regulatory & Policy Strategy - Stormwater Management**

The following was before Council:

- Extract of Regional Council minutes of June 25, 2013
- Report from the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee dated October 7, 2013

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:**

- 1. Prepare, for Public Hearing, a consolidated Regional Lot Grading By-Law based on the objectives outlined in the September 11, 2013 staff report.**
- 2. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding on Erosion and Sedimentation Control with Halifax Water, Nova Scotia Environment, Clean Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Homebuilding Association.**
- 3. Continue to develop a Stormwater Management By-Law based on the objectives outlined in the September 11, 2013 staff report.**
- 4. Develop a standardized Environment Section template for consideration of objectives outside the scope of the Lot Grading By-Law or Stormwater Management By-Law, for future secondary planning projects; and**
- 5. Align the Streets By-Law to the Wastewater Rules and Regulations with respect to substances originating on private property, crossing the right-of-way and entering the storm system.**

In response to a question raised by Councillor Craig, Mr. Richard MacLellan, Manager, Energy and Environment advised that he would provide a schedule to the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee respecting the delivery of the Integrated Stormwater Policy, in conjunction with the Stormwater Management By-Law.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present for the vote: Councillors Dalrymple, McCluskey, Mosher and Outhit

Councillor Dalrymple entered the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

## **11.4 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

### **11.4.1 Councillor Hendsbee – Request for Staff Report re: Integration of Transit Routes 401 & 370**

A request submitted by Councillor Hendsbee for Council's consideration dated October 22, 2013 was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman, that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the possibility of having the local community transit service (route #401) integrate a scheduled stop-over transfer rendezvous at the Park & Ride terminal at Porters Lake.**

Councillor Hendsbee highlighted the reasons for his request, indicating that the route #307 service is approximately one kilometre away from the route #401 service on Highway #7, and that there is extra dead time at the Park & Ride terminal in Porters Lake. The integration would enable commuters to link up with the Metro X service and vice-versa to better utilize metro transit for commuting. He noted that the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) has been out to examine the site and are in support of his request. Councillor Hendsbee also noted that in future he would ask that consideration be given to incorporating a stop on Main Street near Akeley Campus to assist students attending this institution.

Councillor Watts expressed concern in support the request as it would potentially tie up staff resources during a time where their efforts are being focused on the Metro Transit 5 Year review.

Councillor Mason echoed similar concerns in regard to the timing of this request and suggested that it may have been better initiated at the Transportation Standing Committee as they receive quarterly reporting, or requesting consideration of this integration in the 2014/15 Metro Transit Route Review.

Further discussion ensued, with members of Council noting their support for the request, commenting that it was good time to review as it is a new route. Examples were also provided with similar transit/route concerns within their Districts.

Councillor Hendsbee supported his request, citing similar route issues in the Western Region which have been implemented with great success. In order for staff to review this route adjustment direction is required from Regional Council in the form of the requested report.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (11 in favour, 3 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Deputy Mayor Rankin, Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Fisher, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Johns and Craig.

Those opposed were: Mayor Savage, Councillors Mason and Watts.

Not present for the vote: Councillors McCluskey, Mosher and Outhit.

## **11.5 BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **11.5.1 Souls Strong Project**

A report from the Board of Police Commissioners dated October 9, 2013 was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Authorize the establishment of the Souls Strong Youth Initiative program outlined in the Private and Confidential report of September 30, 2013 subject to funding;**
- 2. Authorize the Chief of Police to execute the Contribution Agreement attached as Appendix A of the September 30, 2013 Private and Confidential report, and further authorize the Chief of Police to negotiate and execute any required amendments to the Contribution Agreement related to the nature and scope of the program and the allocation of funds received; and**
- 3. Not release the Private and Confidential report to the public until such time as the formal Federal announcement of funding has been made.**

Councillor Dalrymple noted the Board of Police Commissioners' enthusiasm and unanimous endorsement of the project as well as the strong support from the Police force. Councillor Dalrymple further indicated his enthusiasm for the project which will help in reducing crime in HRM.

Councillor Watts had a question in regard to the implementation of the project, noting that one of the key components is that the project is imbedded in the community. She questioned what opportunities there were for community members to be hired for the project.

In response to questions raised around process, Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, advised that staff were available to address all non-financial questions, however, the terms of agreement excluded public discussion of the financial terms of the agreement prior to a joint Federal announcement.

In response to Councillor Watts' earlier question, Ms. Sharon Martin, Program Manager, Community Recreation & Culture, indicated that, should Council approve the program, an information session would be held next month in the North Present community. The meeting would address available positions, as well as, recruitment and training of

volunteers to support program. Councillor Watts noted the importance of including community members in this program.

Councillor Karsten spoke in support of the project and made an observation on the program's target group, commenting that it should start around 12 to 13 years of age. He further requested a copy of the minutes from the North Preston Focus Group meeting.

Councillor Fisher raised concern on the program's future after the five year period.

Councillor Craig had a question in regard to the process for establishment of the advisory committee for this program and how to ensure members would have the proper skill sets required to support the program. Ms. Martin indicated that there are two core committees in place. One group is already in existence through the RCMP and has agreed to be an advisory committee to staff, addressing issues relative to the community. The second group is a case management group, which will manage content with respect to youth at risk/families at risk. Those members have already been identified and they are the partners of the program (i.e. health professionals, justice professional and members of the community). She commented that the case management group was a good cross section of people that would aid in advising HRM staff on case management issues that arise from the youth management files.

Councillor Craig further expressed concern regarding Nova Scotia's limited resources for mental health resources and questioned whether, and how, these cases would be addressed. Ms. Martin advised that within the North Preston community there is a health clinic, to which HRM staff is connected. The clinic is one of the largest partners in the program and cases are already being reviewed to determine how to assist individuals with mental health concerns.

Councillor Dalrymple closed by stating that the program's goals are in line with last Mayor's roundtable on violence. HRM is trying to target a specific high crime rate with early intervention through professionals and other resources to change behaviour and affect the violent crime/crime rate in a meaningful way.

Members of Council expressed their support and appreciation for the program.

Councillor Karsten exited the meeting at this time.

#### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present for the vote: Councillors Karsten, McCluskey, Mosher and Outhit.

#### **12. MOTIONS – None**

**13. IN CAMERA**

**13.1 In Camera Minutes – September 24 and October 1, 2013**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Craig, that the In Camera minutes of September 24 and October 1, 2013 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Karsten rejoined the meeting at this time.

**14. ADDED ITEMS**

**14.1 Recommendation Report - Web.com PGA Tour Stop Host Request**

A staff report dated October 10, 2013 was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Whitman, that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve \$300,000 from the Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve (MLSER) Q315 in each of the next three years (2014-16) to fund one-third of the hosting fee for a Web.com PGA Tour Stop in 2014, 2015 and an option for 2015 subject to:**
  - HRM securing the event,**
  - cost sharing equal to the remaining two-thirds of the host fee being provided from the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada, and,**
  - approval of the respective budgets for 2014, 2015 and the option for 2016.**
- 2. Authorize the Mayor to provide a letter of support outlining the financial commitment and conditions to the SportBox Entertainment Group for hosting a Web.com Tour Stop.**

In response to a request for clarification, Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, Manager, Events & Cultural Initiatives advised that supporting an event for two years, with an option for a third year, is the method by which HRM has historically supported large national sporting events through the Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve (MLSER) fund.

Council entered into discussion with several members speaking in support of the event and the economic benefit it would bring to the hotel industry and HRM's tourism industry.

In response to questions of clarification raised, the following points were noted:

- Confirmation was provided on the Province's financial commitment of \$300,000

- The venue has not been confirmed at this time; however, it would be held in HRM at one of the larger golf courses in order to accommodate the size of the event
- Staff has been working with Nova Scotia Business Inc. and Greater Halifax Partnership as many sponsors would be in attendance, which ties into other economic business opportunities for HRM; great opportunity to showcase HRM and build long term business relationships by demonstrating what a great destination the Municipality is for business
- Web.com is not only a sponsor for the event but is also a substantial employer in Nova Scotia; with 150 positions out of Halifax and more than 200 positions in Yarmouth
- Funding large events such as the Web.com PGA Tour does not affect other events from being supported in HRM; the Special Events Advisory Committee (SEAC) typically allocates a percentage of funds, raised through MLSER, which are set aside for larger events such as this

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present for the vote: Councillors McCluskey, Mosher and Outhit.

**14.2 Audit and Finance Standing Committee - 2014-15 Budget Process and Consultation Plan**

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated October 17, 2013
- Presentation given to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee entitled Budget Process & Consultation Plan

**MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Halifax Regional Council approve:**

- 1. The Budget schedule, as per Attachment A of the October 9, 2013 staff report to the Audit & Finance Standing Committee.**
- 2. The Budget Consultation Plan, as outlined in the October 9, 2013 staff report to the Audit & Finance Standing Committee.**
- 3. The Preliminary Fiscal Direction, as outlined in the October 9, 2013 staff report to the Audit & Finance Standing Committee.**

Councillor Karsten spoke in support of the motion.

Councillor Mason noted the importance of every Councillor having the ability to move motions/amendments through a Committee of the Whole process, prior to the final decision being made; but was supportive of the proposed dates, times and location.

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts, that the schedule, as outlined in the October 17, 2013 staff report, be retained and that the form of the meetings be Committee of the Whole of Council to allow all Councillors to move motions and amendments during the process.**

Council entered into discussion on the amendment with several members noting their support.

The following concerns were expressed:

- Non-Standing Committee members are unable to speak, move motions or vote on matters at the Standing Committee level
- There is the potential for matters/recommendations to be defeated at the Standing Committee level that may have merit to other Councillors
- By the time the budget recommendation comes to Regional Council it would be too late to have effective debate

In response to comment/concern expressed by Councillor Walker, Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk clarified that under Administrative Order One any Committee can agree to suspend the rules to allow participation, which the Audit and Finance Standing Committee had done. Administrative Order One does provide for a Standing Committee of all Council for that purpose.

Several members of Council agreed that setting the budget is one of the most fundamental pieces of work Regional Council does. Committee of the Whole provides an equal opportunity during the early stages of the review/process to allow Councillors to fully engage, discuss and ask questions of staff.

Councillor Dalrymple proposed that Council retain the Audit and Finance Standing Committee structure and agree to suspend the rules of order to allow every Councillor in attendance to speak to the matter and vote. Following a brief discussion, Councillor Mason agreed to withdraw his motion with the support of Council, to which Council did not agree.

Council continued its discussion on the amendment.

Councillor Watts suggested that, if budget debates were to remain at the Audit and Finance Standing Committee, the matter be placed as the first order of business on the agenda.

Mayor Savage stepped down as Chair and Deputy Mayor Rankin assumed the Chair.

Mayor Savage spoke in support of last year's budget process. He further supported suspending the rules at Audit and Finance to allow all members of Council to speak and vote on the matter prior to moving forward to Regional Council for final decision.

Mayor Savage resumed the Chair and Deputy Mayor Rankin took his seat.

**MOTION ON THE AMENDMENT PUT AND PASSED.** (9 in favour, 5 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Deputy Mayor Rankin, Councillors Hendsbee, Karsten, Mason, Watts, Adams, Whitman, Johns and Craig.

Those opposed were: Mayor Savage, Councillors Dalrymple, Nicoll, Fisher and Walker.

Not present for the vote: Councillors McCluskey, Mosher and Outhit

The motion before Council now reads:

**MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Halifax Regional Council approve:**

- 1. The Budget schedule, with the amendment that the schedule, as outlined in the staff report dated October 17, 2013, be retained and that the form of the meetings be Committee of the Whole of Council to allow all Councillors to move motions and amendments during the process.**
- 2. The Budget Consultation Plan, as outlined in the October 9, 2013 staff report to the Audit & Finance Standing Committee.**
- 3. The Preliminary Fiscal Direction, as outlined in the October 9, 2013 staff report to the Audit & Finance Standing Committee.**

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Whitman, that the motion be further amended so as to not follow the schedule outlined in Appendix A of the October 17, 2013 but move the Committee of the Whole meetings to Tuesday prior to the commencement of Regional Council sessions, where possible.**

Council entered into discussion on the amendment, following which Councillor Johns agreed to withdraw his amendment, to which Council agreed.

The motion before Council is:

**MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Halifax Regional Council approve:**

- 1. The Budget schedule, with the amendment that the schedule, as outlined in the staff report dated October 17, 2013, be retained and that the form of the meetings be Committee of the Whole of Council to allow all Councillors to move motions and amendments during the process.**
- 2. The Budget Consultation Plan, as outlined in the October 9, 2013 staff report to the Audit & Finance Standing Committee.**

**3. The Preliminary Fiscal Direction, as outlined in the October 9, 2013 staff report to the Audit & Finance Standing Committee.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present for the vote: Councillors McCluskey, Mosher and Outhit

**14.3 Councillor Adams - Sambro Island Lighthouse**

A request from Councillor Adams for Regional Council's Consideration dated October 22, 2013 was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that Halifax Regional Council request Mayor Savage to send a letter of support to Parks Canada encouraging them to take over responsibility of the Sambro Island Lighthouse.**

Councillor Adams indicated that the Sambro Island Lighthouse is the oldest continuously operated lighthouse in the Americas.

A brief discussion was held with points being made on several of the operational lighthouses throughout HRM; in particular, suggestion was made to include the Peggy's Cove lighthouse in the letter, but it was later agreed to address each lighthouse as they come forward, when and if a request is made. It was further noted that a staff report on the impact of withdrawal of Federal ownership and maintenance of lighthouse has been requested by Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present for the vote: Councillors McCluskey, Mosher and Outhit.

**14.4 Committee of the Whole – Area Rate Framework**

This matter was considered during the earlier Committee of the Whole session and was now before Council for ratification.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Adopt the Framework for Area Rates as outlined in Attachment 1 of the October 15, 2013 staff report.**
- 2. Direct staff to prepare a report(s) applying the Framework for Area Rates on the following outstanding issues:**
  - a. The Suburban-Rural Tax Boundary,**

- b. Recreation Facilities,
- c. Right-of-way Stormwater,
- d. Deep Stormwater, and,
- e. Condominiums and Density.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present for the vote: Councillors McCluskey, Mosher and Outhit

**15. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**15.1 Deputy Mayor Rankin**

“Take Notice that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013, I propose to move a Motion whereas the first six (6) meetings of the Solid Waste/Resource Review Community Engagement has resulted in a resounding message that HRM should honour its written contract with the communities in the vicinity of the Otter Lake landfill facility.

Whereas the discussion at the meetings has been focused on the Stantec Report recommendations for changes at the Otter Lake landfill facility, to the detriment of discussions of other recommendations for changes to the Solid Waste/Resource system;

Whereas the stress on the local community is obvious and avoidable;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Stantec recommendations to close the FEP and WSF and reduce liners be rejected.”

Deputy Mayor Rankin further requested that the October 21, 2013 report from NATIONAL Public Relations, sent to Councillors by way of email, be publicly posted as an information item on Regional Council’s November 12, 2013 agenda.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett  
Municipal Clerk

**INFORMATION ITEMS**  
**October 22, 2013**

1. Proclamation – Barbershop Harmony Week – October 27 – November 2, 2013
2. Memorandum from the Deputy Municipal Clerk dated October 15, 2013 re: Requests for Presentation to Council – None
3. Memorandum from the Director of Transportation and Public Works dated October 2, 2013 re: Solid Waste Strategy Review Community Engagement Update Report #2