

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES

November 19, 2013

PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

Councillor: Brad Johns

STAFF:

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

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## 1. INVOCATION

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor McCluskey.

## 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

At the earlier Committee of the Whole session plaques were presented to Hope Blooms for their entrepreneurship in the community through their community garden and salad dressing operation and success on the Dragon's Den, and CBC Meteorologist Peter Coade for his achievement of earning a spot in the Guinness World Records book for Longest Career as a Weather Forecaster.

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

Mayor Savage recognized and congratulated Langley and MacGuire Burke of Clayton Park who pitched their invention *Sticky*, a wall mounted mini stick hanger, to the Dragon's Den.

Councillor Dalrymple requested Mayor Savage send a letter on behalf of Council to Tom and Micki Ruth for their years of volunteer service with HRM.

### SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Savage thanked outgoing Deputy Mayor Reg Rankin for his service and called for nominations for Deputy Mayor for the period of November 2013 to November 2014.

**MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Councillor Darren Fisher be nominated to the position of Deputy Mayor for the period of November 2013 to November 2014.**

Councillor Dalrymple remarked on Councillor Fisher's service and suitability for the position of Deputy Mayor.

**MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Watts, that Councillor Lorelei Nicoll be nominated to the position of Deputy Mayor for the period of November 2013 to November 2014.**

Councillor Outhit remarked on Councillor Nicoll's service and suitability for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Savage called three times for any further nominations. There being none, it was: **MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Watts, that nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor cease. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillors Fisher and Nicoll thanked their colleagues for their nominations and committed to work with respect and integrity if selected for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Fisher was elected as Deputy Mayor.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE**

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

Additions:

14.1 Councillor Karsten – HRM Housing Resolution

14.2 Committee of the Whole – Motion of HRM 2014-15 Strategic Outcomes

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Walker 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 – None**

Council recessed at 5:13 p.m. Councillor Hendsbee advised that he had to leave the meeting at this time to attend a public meeting in Mooseland on the closure of the Fire Hall.

Council reconvened at 5:25 p.m.

**11. REPORTS**

**11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**11.1.1 Case 18599 – Amendments to the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-Law (LUB) to Enable Apartment Buildings in the C-2 zone in excess of 12 units**

The following was before Council:

- A staff report dated October 25, 2013.

**MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Authorize staff to initiate the process to consider amending the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) to permit residential apartment buildings in excess of 12 units in the General Business (C-2) Zone by development agreement in Eastern Passage; and,**
- 2. Request that staff follow the public participation program as approved by Council in February 1997.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (15 in favour)**

Councillors Hendsbee and Johns were not present for the vote.

**11.1.2 Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) Municipal Alcohol Policy Amendments (Administrative Order 53, Respecting HRM Municipal Alcohol Policy)**

The following was before Council:

- Extract of Regional Council October 8, 2013 Minutes
- Staff report dated November 12, 2013
- A letter dated November 17, 2013 from Greg Beaulieu
- A letter dated November 18, 2013 from Gaynor Watson-Creed, Medical Officer of Health, Capital District
- A letter dated November 18, 2013 Shirley Ann Rogers, Executive Director, Injury Free Nova Scotia

**MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Halifax Regional Council amend Administrative Order 53, the *Municipal Alcohol Policy* as set out in Attachment B of the November 12, 2013 staff report.**

Councillor Craig advised that he moved the staff recommendation in order to begin debate, however, he would be voting against the motion.

In response to a request for further clarification, the Municipal Clerk explained that, procedurally, Attachment B deals with one recommendation, and if it is passed then the

wording would be in effect in the Administrative Order that would enable Council to consider the other three proposed amendments.

In reference to the staff report, the Chief Administrative Officer advised that in reviewing the four amendments as proposed by Capital Health, it was determined that staff could support the first amendment, but did not support the other three.

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the motion be amended so that Capital Health Recommendations 2 through 4 and the discussion with UNSM be explicitly included in discussion, debate and possible recommendations flowing from the future public consultation, and the results of this consultation be included in the report to Regional Council.**

To clarify, Mayor Savage advised that, if passed, the motion as amended will approve the first recommendation in the Administrative Order and include the other three as part of the public consultation to follow.

Councillor Karsten referred to the Private and Confidential report on this matter and advised that, after a thorough review of the report, he did not see any risk in releasing it to the public. He suggested that if the motion and amendment pass, Council approve releasing the Private and Confidential report.

Mr. Johns Traves, Municipal Solicitor advised that legal advice is provided to Regional Council under solicitor/client privilege and Council can release the report if they so desire.

The question was called on the amendment, and the **MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 2 against)**

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

Those voting against were: Councillors Adams and Whitman

Councillors Hendsbee and Johns were not present for the vote.

The question was called on the amended motion, and the **MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 2 against)**

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

Those voting against were: Councillors Adams and Whitman

Councillors Hendsbee and Johns were not present for the vote.

**MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the Private and Confidential Information Report dated October 21, 2013 be released to the public.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 1 against)**

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

Councillor Whitman voted against the motion.

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

The amended motion now reads:

**That Halifax Regional Council amend Administrative Order 53, the Municipal Alcohol Policy as set out in Attachment B of the October 28, 2013 staff report.**

**And, that Capital Health recommendations 2 through 4 and the discussion with UNSM be explicitly included in discussion, debate and possible recommendations flowing from the future public consultation, and the results of this consultation be included in the report to Regional Council.**

**That the Private and Confidential report dated October 21, 2013 be released to the public.**

## **11.2 BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **11.2.1 Establishment of a Halifax Regional Police Foundation**

A staff report dated October 28, 2013 was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Mosher that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report considering the establishment of a Halifax Regional Police Foundation. The staff report should:**

- 1) Consider existing Police Foundations in other jurisdictions such as Calgary; Vancouver; Edmonton; Abbotsford; Delta, B.C; Montreal; London; Ontario, and Winnipeg. And;**
- 2) Examine the proposed administrative and governance structures regarding the establishment of Police Foundation as outlined in the discussion**

**section of the October 28, 2013 report from the Board of Police Commissioners.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (13 in favour)**

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

**12. MOTIONS**

**12.1 Deputy Mayor Fisher**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report outlining a formal review of the M-100 By-Law respecting Standards for Residential Occupancies and to include and solicit feedback from stakeholders such as tenants and landlords.**

Deputy Mayor Fisher advised that he was requesting this report because when he has been responding to any tenant/landlord issues he has found it confusing as to who oversees and has jurisdiction in regard to Bylaw M-100.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (12 in favour)**

Councillors Hendsbee, Karsten, Mason, Johns, and Outhit were not present for the vote.

**12.2 Deputy Mayor Fisher**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on initiating a master plan for the Beazley Sports Complex to outline planned and needed improvements to the facilities and to investigate any needed land acquisitions.**

Deputy Mayor Fisher advised that this request has been precipitated by the condition of bleachers. He explained that although the bleachers have to be removed due to safety requirements, he was concerned that the bleachers would be removed and later replaced, and he felt that removal and replacement has to be done at the time. He also asked that the report look at a parking strategy to fulfill parking needs. As well, he asked that the report look at defining or establishing a boundary for the Complex, and possible available funding.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (13 in favour)**

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

**13. IN CAMERA**

Council did not convene in camera, and dealt with the following matter in regular session.

**13.1 Personnel Matter**

**13.1.1 Appointments – Halifax Regional Library Board – Private and Confidential Report**

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

- 1. Adopt the recommendation of the Executive Standing Committee regarding the Citizen appointments to the Halifax Regional Library Board as outlined in Attachment 1 of the Private and Confidential report from the Executive Standing Committee dated November 7, 2013.**
- 2. It is further recommended that the Citizen appointments be released to the public following Council ratification.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (13 in favour)**

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

**Private and Confidential Information Items**

1. Private and Confidential In Camera Information Report - re: Administrative Order 53 - Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) Municipal Alcohol Policy – Legal Advice on the Proposed Ban on Alcohol Advertising

**14. ADDED ITEMS**

**14.1 Councillor Karsten – HRM Housing Resolution**

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

- 1. Endorses the FCM housing campaign and urges the Minister of Employment and Social Development to develop a long-term plan for housing that puts core investments on solid ground, increases predictability, protects Canadians from the planned expiry of \$1.7 billion in social housing agreements and ensures a healthy stock of affordable rental housing for Canadians.**
- 2. Sends a copy of this resolution to the Minister noted above, to the Provincial Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations and the Minister responsible for Housing Nova Scotia, to local Members of**

**Parliament, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (13 in favour)**

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

**14.2 Committee of the Whole - Recommended Priority Outcomes 2014-15**

The following was addressed during an earlier Committee of the Whole session and was now before Council for ratification.

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin seconded by Councillor Adams that Halifax Regional Council approve the 2014/15 Priority Outcomes as described in Attachment B (as amended) of the November 4, 2013 staff report and direct staff to develop the 2014/15 Budget and Business Plans in support of these priorities.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (13 in favour)**

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

**15. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**15.1 Councillor Dalrymple**

“Take notice that at the next regular meeting of Regional Council, I intend to move a motion to request a staff report regarding benchmarks and researching service levels, competitiveness and taxation in the Agricultural and Rural Shore areas of HRM in comparison to other rural and coastal agricultural counties in Nova Scotia.”

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett  
Municipal Clerk

### INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Memorandum from the Director, Community and Recreation Services dated September 24, 2013 re: **Case 16029** – Amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Halifax Mainland Land Use by-Law (LUB) – Metro Transit Facilities
2. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated November 12, 2013 re: Requests for Presentation to Council – Offshore Energy Research Association of Nova Scotia