



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 28, 2014**

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

REGRETS: Councillors: Linda Mosher
Reg Rankin

STAFF: Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk
Mr. Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m., and recessed at 2:34 p.m. Council reconvened at 2:45 p.m. and adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

1. INVOCATION

The Mayor called the meeting to order with the Invocation being led by Councillor Adams.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 3 & 10, 2013 Committee of the Whole

Councillor Hendsbee noted a grammatical error on page 9 of the Committee of the Whole Minutes for December 3, 2013. Councillor Hendsbee noted another grammatical error on page 6 of the December 10, 2013 Committee of the Whole Minutes.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey and seconded by Councillor Mason that the minutes of December 3 & 10 Committee of the Whole be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

13.2 In Camera – Personnel Matter

13.2.1 Citizen Appointment to Design Review Committee – Private and Confidential Report

14.1 Executive Standing Committee Report - Councillor Appointment to Heritage Advisory Committee

Deletions:

11.1.8 Briar Lane Municipal Lands to YMCA Development Project to be deferred to the meeting of February 11, 2014.

11.1.9 Cole Harbour Artificial Turf to be deferred to the meeting of February 11, 2013.

Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk, noted a request from the Chair to move Item No. 11.3.1 - Mayor Savage – Mayor’s Conversation on a Healthy and Livable Community as close as possible to 2:00 p.m. to allow for the speech to text interpretation services that have been requested by residents of HRM.

Councillor McCluskey requested that Information Item #4 - Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer dated January 14, 2014 re: HRM Policy Framework be moved on to the agenda for the next Council meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Watts and seconded by Councillor Mason 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

Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk, stated that correspondence has been received by the Municipal Clerk's Office on Agenda Items 11.1.10 and 11.3.1, all of which had been circulate to Council.

10.2 Petitions

10.2.1 Councillor Walker

Councillor Walker submitted a petition on behalf of Councillor Mosher containing 78 signatures in opposition to **Case No. 18762** – Application by Eastlink for a 30 Metre Communications Monopole. Councillor Walker asked that it be forwarded to staff involved with the application.

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Second Year Contract Extension RFP No. 07-391 Collection and Transportation of Source-Separated Solid Waste

The following was before Council:

- *A staff recommendation report dated December 23, 2013*

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee and seconded by Councillor Karsten that Halifax Regional Council exercise its option to extend the existing residential curbside solid waste collection contracts with the existing contractors for the second one year extension period (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015) as per the terms outlined in the Discussion section of the

December 23, 2013 report and as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the December 23, 2013 report. Funding is from the annual Solid Waste Resources Operating Budget (Account R322-6399) as outlined in the Financial Implications section of December 23, 2013 report.

Councillor Hendsbee expressed his support for the motion and noted concerns that there is not a solid waste transfer station on the eastern side of the harbour. He commented that a transfer station in this area would likely amount to savings in fuel costs.

Councillor Adams asked if there are provisions within the extension to accommodate provisions for weekly green cart collection in July and August.

Mr. Gord Helm, Manager of Solid Waste, stated that the extension includes the current provisions for Green Cart collection in July and August subject to Council's determination on the budget expense for that service.

Councillor Adams cited concerns with garbage not being picked up in rural areas. He inquired if the contractors can handle the work with respect to the proposed extension.

Mr. Helm noted that the contractors can provide the services that are required. He further commented that instances of non-performance will be charged back the contractors.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher and Rankin

11.1.2 Award – RFP No. P13-091, Operational Enterprise Asset Solution

The following was before Council:

- *A staff recommendation report dated December 16, 2013*

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher and seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Halifax Regional Council:

- a) **Award RFP No. P13-091, Operational Enterprise Asset Solution, to the highest scoring proponent, ESRI Canada, at a cost of \$678,276.14 (net HST included), with funding from Project No. CID00631 – Enterprise Asset Management, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the December 16, 2013 staff report, subject to the successful negotiation of terms and conditions within a time period that will not cause significant delay to or negatively impact project deliverables.**
- b) **Authorize and direct the CAO or his delegate(s) to negotiate a contract with ESRI that meets the requirements of the RFP to the satisfaction of the CAO, attains the technical solution proposed by ESRI and accords with the Financial Implications section of the December 16, 2013 staff report.**

c) Authorize the CAO to execute a contract on behalf of the Municipality resulting from these negotiations.

Deputy Mayor Fisher requested further information with respect to the incremental costs of maintenance and licencing fees for the Operational Enterprise Asset Solution and asked if a mistake had been made in the calculations.

Ms. Donna Davis, Chief Information Officer, stated that there is not a mistake with the numbers and noted a difference in the licensing model whereby the service fees for licensing and maintenance are carried out over 5 years and not paid up front.

Councillor McCluskey inquired about the benefits of the new Operational Enterprise Asset Solution.

Mr. Peter Duncan, Manager of Infrastructure, Finance and ICT stated that the new system will track all maintenance and work order asset conditions as well as performance data. He commented that the system will be the first step in attaining true life cycle based costing methods.

Councillor Nicoll asked if the Operational Enterprise Asset Solution will replace the Hansen system in SAP. Mr. Duncan replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Hendsbee inquired if the intention of implementing the new system is to phase out SAP services.

Ms. Davis commented that the Operational Enterprise Asset Solution will replace the Hansen system that is currently in place. She noted that very few assets are managed by the Hansen system and that the only assets that are managed in SAP are buildings and fleet. She stated that the SAP solution is not providing the level of detail required for operational and maintenance management. She remarked that SAP will still play a pivotal role as the centralized accounting application.

Councillor Craig asked if the Enterprise Asset solution will be monitored internally with increased accountability. Ms. Davis replied in the affirmative and noted that staff will be looking at the integration of the new system and the old system to ensure accountability.

Deputy Mayor Fisher requested further information with respect to the scoring criteria for successful proponents.

Mr. Steven Terry, Senior Finance Consultant stated that the normal scoring criteria is that of a maximum score of 100. In this case, the addition of a demonstration phase should be scored separately from the written submission, as such, staff assigned a different score.

Councillor Whitman requested further information with respect to scoring on “Proponent Vision” and whether or not enough weight was applied by staff to this category.

Mr. Duncan noted that there was a long expression of interest phase associated with the Request for Proposal (RFP) and that all proponents offered services that align with the corporate needs of HRM, therefore proponent vision was not scored as heavily.

Further discussion ensued with staff answering questions from Councillors.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin.

11.1.3 Recycling Agreement with Municipality of Chester

The following was before Council:

- *A staff recommendation report dated November 27, 2013*

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey and seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk's Office to execute a contract with the Municipality of Chester for the receipt and processing of Chester's recyclable materials, based upon the terms and conditions table and budget implications as outlined in November 27, 2013 staff report.

Councillor McCluskey inquired if the Municipality of Chester utilizes the same bag for paper and cardboard.

Mr. Gord Helm, Manager of Solid Waste replied in the affirmative and noted that two-stream paper and cardboard in one bag will not impact operations for HRM.

Councillor McCluskey requested further information with respect to operating costs due to the fluctuations in materials.

Mr. Helm commented that changes in market valuation for recyclable material determine operating costs. He cited a fluctuation in operating costs, from a low of \$15 per tonne to a high of \$54 per tonne and noted that currently the market is trending toward the low end.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin

**11.1.4 Street Closure – Portion of Claremont Street, PID 40956354, Halifax, NS
Motion - Councillor Watts – Set a Date for a Public Hearing**

The following was before Council:

- *A staff recommendation report dated December 12, 2013*

MOVED by Councillor Watts and seconded by Councillor Mason that Halifax Regional Council set the date for a Public Hearing for consideration of HRM Administrative Order

No. SC-76, concerning the closure of a portion of the Claremont Street right-of-way, PID 40956354, as shown in Attachment A of the staff report dated December 12, 2013.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.5 Proposed Administrative Order 54 – Procedures for Developing Administrative Orders

The following was before Council:

- *A staff recommendation report dated October 24, 2013*

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll and seconded by Councillor Deputy Mayor Fisher that Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed Administrative Order Number 54, *Procedures for Developing Administrative Orders* as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated October 24, 2013.

Councillor Nicoll stated that this initiative is a way of making Council more accountable and transparent by ensuring a proper list of Administrative Orders that is accessible to staff and the public.

Councillor Mason expressed his support for the motion. He inquired about future policies that require council's approval and whether or not they will be classified as Administrative Orders under the new process

Mr. John Traves, Solicitor, stated that by definition all Administrative Orders are policies. He noted that by adopting this process all Administrative Orders will be put in one place and posted on the website to ensure that they are accessible for the public.

Deputy Mayor Fisher asked if Administrative Orders will be easier to search under the new process.

Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk, stated that there will be a variety of search options available on the web page. She noted that each Administrative Order will have a short description and a word search function.

Deputy Mayor Fisher asked if the Clerk could provide a brief description as to when an Administrative Order has to go to a public hearing.

Ms. Mellett, stated that there is only one circumstance where a change to an Administrative Order has to go to a public hearing and that is to deal with a street closure.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Fisher, Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Craig, Outhit

Against: Councillor Johns

Not present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin

**11.1.6 Proposed Administrative Order 58, the Delegation of Certain Authorities
Administrative Order**

The following was before Council:

- *A staff recommendation report dated January 13, 2014*

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee and seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order 58, the Delegation of Certain Authorities Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 1 of the January 13, 2014 staff report, which:

- 1) Authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer, or in the absence of the CAO the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, to approve and sign non-disclosure agreements, as set out in Attachment 1 of the January 13, 2014 staff report;**
- 2) Authorizes staff to approve and sign rental agreements for athletic, cultural, recreational, or sporting purposes, for municipal facilities and land at market value rent, as set out in Attachment 1 of the January 13, 2014 staff report; and**
- 3) Authorizes staff to approve and sign less than market value rental agreements with a non-profit organization where certain conditions are met, as set out in attachment 1 of the January 13, 2014 staff report.**

Two Third Majority Vote Required.

Mr. John Traves, Solicitor stated that this item is a housekeeping amendment to deal with the fact that Council approved the delegation of these authorities in the past but it was not made clear at the time that signing authority was required to do so. He further commented that this item will require a two thirds majority vote as it deals with transactions for sale of land for less than market value.

Councillor McCluskey asked if there is anything new with respect to what Council has already approved. Mr. Traves noted that there is nothing new with respect to this item, except for signing authority provision.

Councillor McCluskey further inquired if staff can sign rental agreements without it coming to Council. Mr. Traves responded in the affirmative and noted that staff will be able to sign off on certain transactions which are set out in the attachments of the January 13, 2014 staff report.

Councillor McCluskey expressed concern that too much authority is being taken away Council and stated that she will not support the motion.

Councillor Karsten requested further information with respect to non-disclosure agreements. He asked if there is an advantage for non-disclosure agreements to not come before Council before

they are signed. He stated that he could only recall one non-disclosure agreement that has come before Council in recent years.

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer stated that the genesis of this report was as a housekeeping item to give signing authority for matters that staff already has the authority to approve. He noted that the intent is not to undermine Council's authority but rather to clear up an oversight with respect to approving matters that have already been delegated to staff from Council. With respect to non-disclosure agreements, Mr. Butts stated that many deal with not disclosing certain types of technologies and practices. He commented that non-disclosure agreements are not routine, but are also not uncommon.

Councillor Whitman stated that he is not looking for a lighter work load and that he wishes to be involved in the decision making process with respect to land transactions and non-disclosure agreements. He commented that he will not support the recommendation.

Councillor Mason stated that he views this primarily as a housekeeping matter and expressed his support the motion.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (11 In Favour, 4 Against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Fisher, Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Mason, Watts, Walker, Adams, Craig

Against: Councillors McCluskey, Whitman, Johns, Outhit

Not present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin

11.1.7 Higher Education Memorandum of Understanding

The following was before Council:

- *A staff recommendation report dated December 10, 2013*

MOVED by Councillor Mason and seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council approve the attached MOU between HRM, Metro Universities and the NSCC; endorse the Mayor signing the MOU on Council's behalf, and direct implementation of its initiatives to begin.

Councillor Mason stated that this is an important step forward for HRM in terms of helping improve the local economy and will help solidify that HRM as the education capital of Canada.

Deputy Mayor Fisher noted his support for the motion and inquired if this matter is tied in to the current Internship Program between HRM and Metro Universities.

Mayor Savage noted that the two initiatives are not linked directly but that the Internship program is a part of a broader strategy for HRM to recruit and retain talented and well trained employees.

Councillor Nicoll noted her support for the motion and inquired which Business Unit will take the lead with respect to the MOU.

Mayor Savage noted that staff from the Mayor's Office and staff from Government Relations and External Affairs will be working on this item.

Councillor Nicoll noted that it would be beneficial for the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee to provide input and receive updates on this matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin

11.3.1 Mayor's Conversation on a Healthy and Liveable Community

The following was before Council:

- *A staff recommendation report dated January 21, 2014*
- *Correspondence from Wendy McDonald dated January 27, 2014*

Mayor Savage requested that Deputy Mayor Fisher take over as Chair for discussion on this matter. Mayor Savage took a seat in Council and Deputy Mayor Fisher assumed the Chair.

Mayor Savage stated that the Municipality has an integral role to play with respect the issue of health and healthy communities. He referenced the Mayor's Conversation on a Healthy and Liveable Community meeting which took place in October of 2013 and involved over 80 stakeholders from a wide range of backgrounds coming together to discuss opportunities to create a policy framework with respect to improving community health.

MOVED by Mayor Savage and seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council, as part of the Healthy Communities Core Priority Area:

- 1. Include the following activities as part of the 2014-2015 budget year:**
 - a. In conjunction with Halifax Harbour Bridges re-decking project to be carried out in 2015-2017, champion the development of a solution to the cycling connectivity challenges at the Halifax end of the Macdonald Bridge Bikeway;**
 - b. Develop and implement an urban orchard pilot project plan, which is to include possible sites, best practices, and a funding and process framework with the aim of establishing an urban orchard pilot project in HRM within the scope of the Urban Forestry Master Plan;**
 - c. Work with Business Improvement Districts to determine what opportunities exist to improve accessibility in HRM, including consideration of the use of portable accessible ramps for entries that are not already accessible and cannot be made accessible by other means.**

- 2. Direct staff to include the statement "HRM is a leader in building inclusive and accessible community for everyone, including persons with disabilities and seniors" with the Healthy Communities Priority Outcomes, along with a Business Plan to**

support this Outcome, for consideration by Council in preparation for the 2015/16 planning cycle.

- 3. For consideration in the 2015-2016 budget, as part of the Healthy Communities Core Priority Area, work with the appropriate Standing Committees to determine what further opportunities exist to achieve a higher level of health and liveability in HRM, as outlined in the Background section of January 21, 2014 staff report, and report back no later than September 30, 2014.**

Mayor Savage noted three core areas that had been identified as a result of the Mayor's Conversation on Healthy and Liveable Communities: Active transportation, Local food and Accessibility.

With respect to Accessibility, Mayor Savage noted work undertaken by the Accessibility Advisory Committee to improve services for seniors and for those with disabilities. He commented that more can be done in improving accessibility in the municipality and that HRM must take a leadership role in this regard.

Councillor Mason thanked the Mayor and staff in the Mayor's Office for the work that has been undertaken on this initiative. He noted the importance of the Urban Orchard Project as well as the McDonald Bridge re-decking project in improving active transportation, accessibility and health issues in HRM. He commended the Mayor's support in working with Community Councils, Standing Committees and Advisory Committees to establish a longer term vision to realize accessibility and active transportation goals of the Municipality. He commented that giving staff an entire year to develop a policy framework and implementation plan will be beneficial to ensure that there is a well thought out approach to this initiative.

Councillor Watts expressed her support for the motion. She commented that HRM has a mandate under the HRM Charter to provide good governance and that the implementation of this strategy is a definite part of that mandate. She noted that local food production and promotion as well as promoting community food security is very important to the community and that she was happy to see this as part of the project.

Councillor McCluskey expressed her support for the motion. She commented that healthy people are happy people and noted that Council needs to encourage residents to get more involved in looking out for disabled people and seniors. She remarked on the beneficial impact that Community Gardens and Urban Orchards have in improving physical and mental health of residents.

Councillor Dalrymple expressed his support for the recommendation but cited concerns with respect to accessibility issues in rural areas. He noted that he would like to ensure that all of HRM benefits from this initiative and that suburban and rural communities are encompassed in the plan.

Councillor Hendsbee expressed his support for the motion. He cited concerns with respect to the McDonald Bridge Re-decking Project, specifically the North Street Approach. He stated that HRM needs to work with the Bridge Commission to establish a transit solution in the redesign of

the North Street approach to the McDonald Bridge. He further commented that this should be done in consultation with the Department of National Defense to ensure that active and public transportation services can be provided to the Naval Yard.

Councillor Adams commented that there is not a specific cost related to the initiative outlined in the Financial Implication section of the report and requested further information in this regard.

Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer noted that many of the costs associated with the project are effort costs. He further stated that costs associated with the Urban Orchard Project will be accounted for under the Urban Forest Master Plan.

Councillor Nicoll expressed her support for the motion. She noted a strong desire in the community to include health conscience initiatives in municipal projects. She stressed the importance of working with all levels of governments to achieve the goals set forth in the project.

Councillor Craig expressed his support for the motion and noted that it is encouraging that there are achievable action items and timelines associated with the plan.

Councillor Karsten expressed his support for the motion and noted that the report was well done. He provided commentary on budgetary conversations that have taken place respecting improvements to the McDonald Bridge Re-decking Project.

Deputy Mayor Fisher commented on the building community capacity aspect of the report and requested more information regarding the reviewing of legal liabilities as a barrier to innovation.

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer noted that staff is reviewing liability policies for matters such as park usage and recreation. He stated that staff is examining it through the vein of managing liability while allowing activity.

Mayor Savage noted that there are some things that the Municipality can do in the short term to improve health and accessibility that will have little financial impact. He noted that in the long term, there will be more significant costs associated with improving accessibility, active transportation and public health. He stated that this is the beginning of a very worthwhile process and encouraged Council to support the motion.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin

11.1.8 Briar Lane Municipal Lands to YMCA Development Project

This item was deleted from the agenda during the Approval of the Order of Business.

11.1.9 Cole Harbour Artificial Turf

This item was deleted from the agenda during the Approval of the Order of Business.

11.1.10 90 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth

The following was before Council:

- *A staff recommendation report dated November 30, 2013*
- *Correspondence from Richard Sanderson dated January 26, 2014 and Jean Llewellyn dated, January 27, 2014*

Councillor McCluskey offered the following amended motion:

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

- 1) Declare that 90 Alderney Drive is unsuitable for a museum, based on the CBCL structural assessment;**
- 2) Refer 90 Alderney Drive for review in accordance with the process defined in Administrative Order 50;**
- 3) Direct staff to complete the ongoing work on the inventory and restoration of HRM cultural artifacts;**
- 4) Declare 90 Alderney Drive surplus to the needs of HRM and that an equivalent amount of money as realized from the sale of the property be put aside within the Sale of Land reserve to be used toward the establishment of a municipal museum in Dartmouth as part of a cultural cluster, and.**
- 5) Consider HRM's support and investment in community museums, regional museums, and collection of heritage artifacts as part of the Cultural and Heritage Priorities Plan and return to Council with recommendations for an HRM regional museum consistent with the direction outlined in the Plan.**

Councillor McCluskey stated that she agreed with the structural assessment for 90 Alderney Drive, in that a new building is needed to fit the requirements for the area. She noted that there is a great need for a museum and that Council already gave direction stating that the Dartmouth Museum would have the first right to the Old City Hall building for a new location. She noted that the Dartmouth Museum will be looking to HRM for other solutions given that 90 Alderney Drive is not suitable.

Mayor Savage requested further information from the Solicitor to ensure that the amendments provided by Councillor McCluskey are allowable.

Mr. Greg Keefe, Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with Mr. John Traves, Solicitor stated that under the Charter, staff could designate funds received from the sale of 90 Alderney Drive to a Capital Reserve and designate some of the funds for a museum. Mr. Keefe noted that the building that would house the museum would have to be owned by the municipality to do so.

Councillor Johns stated that he is in full support of a municipal museum but commented that he has concerns about limiting the location to Dartmouth. He stated that he is not opposed to a museum being placed in Dartmouth but he does not want to limit Council's options as there are many communities that it could be placed in.

Councillor Karsten stated that he is in full support of the motion as amended. He noted that the motion does seek to build a new museum but rather to fulfill a commitment replace the Dartmouth Museum that was moved in the mid 1990's to accommodate development of the waterfront.

Councillor Outhit stated that he supports most of motion. He stated that HRM may have to take over the World Trade and Convention Centre and stated that it may be a good location for a new municipal museum. He stated that Council and staff should focus buildings that are currently owned by the Municipality and avoid new construction or leasing space.

Councillor Dalrymple expressed his support for the motion and stated that a museum should be placed in Dartmouth. He commented that Council has made the commitment to put the museum in Dartmouth and that should take place. He further noted that the land in Dartmouth is owned by the Municipality and that putting a museum on the waterfront in Dartmouth will be beneficial for businesses on both sides of the harbour.

Councillor Hendsbee stated that he believes that Dartmouth is the place for a museum but staff should look at assets already owned by the municipality.

Councillor Watts noted that she would like to see a museum built in Dartmouth. She stated that she has heard from many residents who have artifacts from the Halifax Explosion that are looking for a safe place to display them to the public. She remarked and that a new museum should be made a priority to help preserve local heritage.

Councillor Mason stated that there are many attractions for tourists in Dartmouth, such as the Shubie Canal and the Alderney Theater. He commented that a museum would add to this cultural cluster and benefit the local economy

Councillor Whitman asked for further information from staff regarding the condition of the artifacts in the inventory.

Ms. Denise Schofield, Manager, Regional Recreation and Culture stated that most of the artifacts in the inventory are from the former municipal units. She commented that the artifacts that are most commonly referred to are from the former City of Dartmouth, which were housed in old museum in Dartmouth. She noted that there were some concerns raised about the condition and that Request for Proposal (RFP) has been put out for a conservator to assist in addressing condition issues with respect to the inventory.

Mayor Savage stated that it is very important to the social and historical fabric of the community to have a museum. He stated that there is a good opportunity for a museum to be established in Dartmouth and that it is very important for all of HRM that Council pass the motion.

Councillor Johns stated that after reflecting somewhat on the discussion and the debate, he would support the motion and the amendment from Councillor McCluskey.

Councillor Craig expressed his support for the motion and that it sounds reasonable. He stated that he likes the idea of the cultural cluster and views it as an opportunity to further enhance the Dartmouth waterfront.

Councillor Nicoll expressed her support for the motion. She stated that Dartmouth has the amenities available to support a museum and that a waterfront location will fit in well with the Mayor's Healthy and Liveable Communities project.

Councillor McCluskey thanked Council for the support on the motion and noted that those looking after the artifacts will be very pleased that they will soon have a new a new home.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not Present: Councillors Rankin, Mosher

11.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

11.2.1 Canadian Memorial Naval Trust – Funding Request: Battle of the Atlantic Place

The following was before Council:

- *A staff recommendation report dated January 16, 2014*

MOVED by Councillor Karsten and seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a grant in the amount of \$25,000 to the Canadian Memorial Trust from the Community Grants Program account as per the terms of reference and conditions set out in the Discussion section of the November 25, 2013 staff report (attachment 1) and;**
- 2. Encourage the Canadian Memorial Trust to apply for the remaining \$25,000 grant through the 2014-15 Community Grants Program.**

Councillor Outhit stated that he supports the decision made by the Grants Committee and expressed interest to see if there are any other options available to Council to provide the Canadian Memorial Trust with the entire \$50,000 so that they do not have to reapply to the Community Grants program.

Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk, noted that alternative options with respect to funding for the Canadian Memorial Trust are outlined in alternative section of the staff report.

Councillor Dalrymple commented that the Grants Committee made an exception in a previous year to provide a one-time grant of \$50,000 to the Canadian Memorial Trust in support of Battle of the Atlantic place. He noted that it was decided by the Grants Committee to stay within the

rules for this application and provide the maximum allowable grant of \$25,000 to the Canadian Memorial Trust and encourage them to reapply next year.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin

11.2.2 Amended Investment Policy

The following was before Council:

- *A staff recommendation report dated January 17, 2014*

MOVED by Councillor Karsten and seconded by Councillor Outhit that Halifax Regional Council approve the amended Investment Policy as outlined in Appendix A of the January 2, 2014 staff report to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee, as recommended by the Investment Policy Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin.

11.2.3 Q317 Titanic Commemorative Reserve Withdrawal

The following was before Council:

- *A staff recommendation report dated January 16, 2014*

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

- 1.) The amended text to the two Titanic Interpretive Panels located in the Fairview Lawn Cemetery be corrected, and approve the whitening and cleaning of 110 Titanic monuments that are located in the Fairview Lawn Cemetery as outlined in the December 10, 2013 Audit and Finance Standing Committee Report, and**
- 2.) Approve the withdrawal of up to \$5,100.00 from the Titanic Reserve, Q317 to cover these costs.**

Councillor Karsten expressed his support for the motion and noted that it would be a very important gesture from Council to ensure that the improvements to the Titanic monuments take place. He commented that the withdrawal of funds to do so is quite modest and that many people visiting Halifax to enjoy Titanic History will benefit from this initiative.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin

11.3 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11.3.1 Mayor's Conversation on a Healthy and Liveable Community

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see pages 10-12.

12. MOTIONS

12.1 12.1 Ratification of In Camera Motion – January 14, 2014 – 1672 Terence Bay Road, Terence Bay – Private and Confidential Report

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey seconded by Councillor Karsten that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to seek to acquire the subject property for the purposes of Park, open space, or recreation use as per the terms and conditions outlined in the In Camera meeting of January 14, 2014.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin

13. IN CAMERA

13.1 Labour Relations

13.1.1 CUPE Local 4814 – Crossing Guards – Tentative Collective Agreement – *Private and Confidential Report*

The following motion was passed in open session:

MOVED by Councillor Whitman and seconded by Councillor Mason that Halifax Regional Council ratify the new collective agreement with CUPE Local 4814 as per the key terms found in Table 1 of the private and confidential report dated January 28, 2014.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin

13.2 In Camera – Personnel Matter

13.2.1 Citizen Appointment to Design Review Committee – Private and Confidential Report

The following motion was passed in open session:

MOVED by Councillor Mason and seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendation of the Executive Standing Committee regarding the Citizen appointments to the Design Review Committee as outlined in Attachment 1 of this report.**
- 2. It is further recommended that the Citizen appointments be released to the public following Council ratification.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin

14. ADDED ITEMS

14.1 Executive Standing Committee Report - Councillor Appointment to Heritage Advisory Committee

The following was before Council:

- *A staff recommendation report dated January 27, 2014*

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll and seconded by Councillor Johns that Halifax Regional Council appoint Councillor Matt Whitman to the Heritage Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired term until November 30, 2014.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

15.1 Councillor Hendsbee

Take notice that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on the 11th day of February, 2014, I propose to move First Reading of By-Law H-202 amending By-Law H-200, the Heritage Property By-law, and First Reading of By-Law H-502, amending By-Law H-500, the Heritage Conservation District (Barrington Street) By-law.

15.2 Councillor Walker

Take notice that, at the next meeting of the Halifax Regional Council, to be held on 11th of February, 2014, I intend to propose amendments to Administrative Order 39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation, to introduce an annual rate review mechanism for the taxi and limousine industry.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett
Municipal Clerk