



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
February 11, 2014**

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

**REGRETS:** Councillors: Barry Dalrymple  
Bill Karsten  
Linda Mosher

**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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*The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and adjourned at 2:52 p.m.*

**1. INVOCATION**

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

**2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

At the request of Councillor Watts, Council held a moment of silence for Cynthia Bryant, member of Halifax Regional Library Board and the Accessibility Advisory Committee, and representative of Accessibility on the Active Transportation Advisory Committee. Councillor Watts requested the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write a letter of appreciation to Ms. Bryant's family for her work with HRM.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Committee of the Whole January 14, 2014 & Regional Council January 14, 2014**

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Whitman that the Committee of the Whole January 14, 2014 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Watts noted a correction on page 17 of the January 14, 2014 Regional Council minutes that there *could be* changes in equipment.

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Whitman that the Regional Council January 14, 2014 minutes be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Councillor Rankin asked that Item 11.1.5 be addressed as the first Order of Business, to which Council agreed.

Councillor Walker asked that Item 11.1.2 be addressed following Item 11.1.5, to which Council agreed.

Addition:

14.1 Memorandum of Understanding – The Scots and HRM – Victoria Park

Councillor Johns expressed concern with Councillors Dalrymple and Karsten not being present for the discussion of the Regional Plan as they were away on Council business; as well, noting Councillor Mosher's medical leave. He wanted to ensure they would have an opportunity to bring forward amendments or provide comment to amendments, if any.

Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor provided an overview of the notification process for public hearings. In many if not all instances, notice would have to be given again if during the course of the public hearing new issues arose; particularly when a person stands to be affected by the decision. He indicated that if the changes were proposed as a result of the public hearing, after first reading, then this would tend to affect more people or people who were not given notice and the advice to Council would be to hold a new public hearing.

Mayor Savage pointed out that he was unaware of either Councillors Dalrymple or Karsten having made a request for deferral to his office or the agenda review committee. Pointing out that there were times during the process where proposed changes could have been made.

Councillor Johns referenced Councillors Dalrymple and Karsten's representation of rural and suburban districts and it was **MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Outhit to defer consideration of Item 11.1.5 – Regional Plan (RP+5) to the next meeting of Regional Council on February 25, 2014.**

In response to a question on process, Mr. Traves advised that a substantive amount of work has gone into the Regional Plan to get to first reading. The view is that any changes would have been made up to the point of first reading. Theoretically at this point, if there were to be any substantive changes they ought to have already been made or be made today. If as a result of the public hearing process there are changes, then they would have to be reviewed to determine what effect they would have. He added that Council is not prevented from making changes at any point in time in the process; but the question at this point is whether or not they are substantive, which would require notice to be given to the public to ensure that all affected people have an opportunity to be heard for procedural fairness.

**MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.**

Mayor Savage recognized the new Chief Planner Mr. Bob Bjerke who was in attendance.

**MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Adams that the Order of Business 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**

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items: 10.1.1, 11.1.4 and 11.1.5. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda items.

**10.1.1 Fly-Past Request – Fall River Canal Day**

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Michael Creighton, Co-Chair of the Fall River Canal Days Committee dated January 27, 2014.

**MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Halifax Regional Council grant permission for a Canadian forces aircraft to perform a fly-past at an altitude of 500 feet or above over the north end of Lake Thomas in Fall River on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at approximately 11:00 a.m. in conjunction with Fall River Canal Days celebrations as per the request of the Fall River Canal Days Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten and Mosher.

Councillors Rankin and Mason exited the meeting at this time.

**10.2 Petitions – None**

Item 11.5.2 was addressed at this time.

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

**11.5.2 Councillor Walker – Leave of Absence Request – Councillor Mosher**

The following was before Council:

- A Councillor Request for Consideration form dated February 11, 2014.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that Halifax Regional Council grant Councillor Linda Mosher a leave of absence from meetings starting with today's Regional Council Meeting, February 11, 2014, until such time as her doctor gives permission for her return.**

Councillor Walker noted that he and Councillor Adams are looking after phone calls and emails on Councillor Mosher's behalf.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten, Mason, Mosher and Rankin.

Mayor Savage assumed the Chair and Deputy Mayor Fisher took his seat.

Councillor Johns exited the meeting at this time.

**11. REPORTS**

**11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**11.1.1 RFP No. 13-319 – Design-Build, Woodside Pontoon Replacement Project**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 11, 2014.

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher that Halifax Regional Council award RFP No. 13-319 for the Woodside Pontoon Replacement Project to the highest scoring proponent, Waterworks Construction Ltd., for a Price of \$3,439,978 (net HST included) with funding from Project No. CBX01171 – Ferry Terminal Pontoon Protection, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the February 11, 2014 staff report.**

In response to questions raised, staff provided clarification around the original \$2.8 million estimate and scoring. It was noted that the original estimate covered the work to replace the Pontoon with minimal disruption to ferry operations. The vendor has adjusted their plan to account for a certain level of risk for this work.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten, Mason, Mosher, Rankin and Johns.

Councillors Mason and Johns rejoined the meeting at this time.

**11.1.2 Case 19507 – Amendments to the Regional Subdivision By-law**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 27, 2013.

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

- 1. Authorize staff to initiate a process to consider amendments to the existing Regional Subdivision By-law, or as amended, and any associated planning documents, policies, and regulations of HRM to review and provide clarification on those items identified in the December 27, 2013 staff report; and**
- 2. Request that staff follow the public participation program as contained in Attachment A of the December 27, 2013 staff report.**

Councillor Watts spoke in appreciation of the Public Participation Program; public sessions being held in three administrative regions of HRM (eastern, western and central), as well the use

of an on-line survey. She commented that the program is an important component for people to engage with HRM staff.

Ms. Kelly Denty, Manager of Development Approvals provided clarification around the developer's responsibility for damages during the warranty period.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten, Mosher and Rankin.

**11.1.3 Private Road Maintenance Fee Agreement**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 20, 2014.

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

- 1. Approve the service agreement template attached as Appendix A of the January 20, 2014 staff report;**
- 2. Authorize staff to negotiate and execute one year term renewable contracts as long as they are substantially similar to the template agreement; and**
- 3. Authorize the Director of Finance and ICT/CFO to release up to 50% of the previous year's budget prior to annual approval of the area rate or uniform charge by Council conditional on submission of a budget by the Private Road Maintenance Association which balances to the area rate revenue expected for that fiscal year.**

Councillor Hendsbee expressed concern with Private Road Associations not being permitted to pave their laneway, if they so choose.

Mr. Gordon Roussel, Senior Financial Consultant advised that the purpose of the Private Road Agreement, governed by By-Law P-1100, is that the private road maintenance fee does not include capital work. The reason for this is HRM would handle the paving of streets separately as a Local Improvement Charge; whereby the residents would be required to bring the road up to Municipal standards.

Councillor Hendsbee noted that the Capital Improvement Charge includes culverts, ditches and bridges which are allowed under the Private Road Maintenance Agreement. He reiterated that if the Private Road Associations is willing to pay to have their laneway paved to a local road standard, not a Municipal standard, then they should be permitted.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten, Mosher and Rankin.

#### **11.1.4 Cole Harbour Artificial Turf**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 4, 2013;
- Correspondence from Chris Beck, Past President of Dartmouth Minor Football Association received February 10, 2014.

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

- 1. Approve the retention of the Gordon Bell Annex lands to be used as a future site for an artificial turf;**
- 2. Direct staff to change the land use from sport to passive open space for the Cole Harbour High School Field, Scotia Sport Field and redevelop the Gordon Bell field as an artificial turf;**
- 3. Direct staff to include the project for consideration in the 2015/16 capital budget process to be prioritized against other capital priorities; and**
- 4. Declare the Gordon Bell Annex building (only) surplus to municipal purposes and direct staff to include funding in the 2014/15 capital budget for the demolition of the vacant building.**

Councillor Nicoll spoke in support of an all-weather turf at the Gordon Bell site; referencing the Mayor's conversation on healthy liveable communities, which emphasizes the creation of an environment where art and green space draw people outside and where population share, mixed walkable and friendly neighbourhoods. Physical activity and sports create such an environment and HRM must offer an array of sports opportunities and settings that enhance the community and fosters the creation of future champions in all sports. Councillor Nicoll indicated that the development of an all-weather turf will help meet both of these objectives. Further, a recent Needs Assessment carried out as part of the Cole Harbour District High School Enhancement Project pointed to a clear need for such a facility in the area.

Councillor Nicoll further noted that the Cole Harbour Basin Open Space Plan recently approved by Council identifies the central area; including Cole Harbour Place, the Cole Harbour Commons and the Cole Harbour District High School as having potential to serve as a recreation campus. This area currently offers baseball, tennis, skateboarding and field sports, as well as, an ice rink and swimming pool. However, the fields are substandard and subject to flooding. An all-weather turf is an ideal complement to this concept and is ideally situated as a regional facility. The site is easily accessed with ample parking and a great pedestrian connectivity with the existing trail system, which is being upgraded to the TransCanada Trails Standards. It will also be a strategic investment and a low maintenance facility to support outdoor sport and recreation. Councillor Nicoll cautioned HRM in delaying construction of the all-weather turf beyond the 2015-2016 Capital Budget, as it could be perceived that HRM's role and purpose was to demolish the

Gordon Bell building. She closed by thanking HRM staff for listening to everyone who came to the public consultations and for bringing forward this recommendation.

Councillor Hendsbee indicated that he would have liked to have seen a concept plan for the proposed all-weather field, to ensure that it fits on the site and meets community needs. Ms. Denise Schofield, Manager of Community and Recreation Services advised that she has a sketch of the location of the field onsite and that it will fit. She added that one of the reasons the site was chosen was the nearby amenities, and that other nearby parks would be part of the design.

Councillor Hendsbee commented on the field being lit up at night and asked whether privacy concerns for neighbours would be addressed. Ms. Schofield confirmed that a portion of the funds, within the estimate, has been budgeted to addresses these types of concerns.

Ms. Schofield further responded to questions around the cost to demolish the Gordon Bell building and rental fees. She noted that when the Capital Budget goes to Regional Council all of the proposed capital projects will be listed for Council's decision.

In response to a question raised, Ms. Schofield and the Municipal Solicitor provided clarification around the disposal process and the mention of the St. Patrick's Alexandra school in the report. It was noted that the school was not relevant to this proposal.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten, Mosher and Rankin.

**11.1.5 Regional Plan (RP+5): HRM Regional Municipal Planning Strategy  
Motion – Give First Reading and schedule a public hearing  
(i) Staff Report  
(ii) Design Review Committee Report  
(iii) Heritage Advisory Committee Report**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 14, 2014;
- A Design Review Committee recommendation report dated January 30, 2014;
- A Heritage Advisory Committee recommendation report dated January 31, 2014;
- Supplementary information from the December 3, 2013 Committee of the Whole session;
- Correspondence from Sean Gillis dated January 28, 2014.

This matter was deferred to the next Regional Council session during the approval of the Order of Business.

**11.2 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE**

**11.2.1 Five Year, Fifty Million Capital Improvement Campaign**

The following was before Council:

- A Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommendation report dated January 27, 2014.

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

- 1. Endorse the public realm improvement project list for eligibility under the 5 Year, \$50 Million Capital Improvement Campaign, as described in the Project identification and evaluation section of the January 23, 2014 supplementary staff report;**
- 2. Commit to a \$50 million program, contingent upon other levels of government funding with one third municipal contribution of \$17 million spread evenly over the five years, beginning with \$3.4 million in fiscal year 2014/15;**
- 3. Authorize staff to enter into negotiations with the federal and provincial governments on partnership agreements and funding of the public realm improvements identified in the January 23, 2014 supplementary staff report; and**
- 4. Endorse the creation of a strategic urban reserve to fund the on-going maintenance and renewal of the projects proposed in the 5-year public realm improvement campaign and similar future projects, as well as urban core beautification, pole free area, public art and other streetscape improvements; and direct staff to bring forward a reserve fund business case as outlined in the staff report no later than spring 2015.**

Councillor Mason spoke in support of the motion, providing background around the origin.

Councillor McCluskey spoke against the motion; expressing concern for the lack of funding being spent in Dartmouth, which is part of the urban core.

Councillor Hendsbee supported the motion but suggested that Council may want to have a second review of the report that came forward to them on the Halifax 2020 visioning exercise fourteen years ago; noting that some projects have not been completed. He wanted to ensure that Council was not choosing certain projects over others.

In response to a question raised, Mayor Savage and Ms. Jane Fraser, Director of Planning and Infrastructure provided clarification around the program being contingent upon other levels of government. It was noted that if funding did not come through for one or both levels of government, Council would then need to make a decision on whether to proceed with the program.

Concerns were expressed with regard to beautification improvements. Comments were made on the need to support transit, development, tax incentives and tax holidays and it was asked whether there are any more people living and working downtown as a result of the improvements identified on page 4 of the January 23, 2014 supplementary staff report. As well, with the new Federal/Provincial Program, whether HRM is able to make future funding requests.

In response, Mayor Savage indicated that the letter sent to the Federal Government, approved by Council, identified three priorities: wastewater, transit and transportation, and the urban core. During a recent Audit and Finance Standing Committee meeting, a request was made for a staff report outlining taxation incentives; particularly for small businesses.

In response to Councillor McCluskey's concerns, Ms. Fraser provided an overview of future project initiatives; in particular the Dartmouth Common.

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

Mayor Savage spoke in support of the motion and the enhancements Council is trying to achieve in the urban core to bring a sense a community.

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

Councillor Mason provided closing remarks and asked for Council's support.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten, Mosher and Rankin.

**11.3 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

**11.3.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation – Taxi and Limousine Rate Review Mechanism  
Motion – Councillor Walker– Approve amendments to Administrative Order 39**

The following was before Council:

- A Transportation Standing Committee recommendation report dated January 21, 2014.

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

- 1. Introduce a rate review mechanism for the taxi & limousine industry.**
- 2. Approve the amendments to Administrative Order #39 as set out in Appendix A of the December 2, 2013 staff report with the following amendment:**

**Section 3.0A**

- (c) **A report prepared under clause (b) shall be considered by Regional Council:**

- (ca) **Once Regional Council has voted on whether or not to increase the rate in accordance with clause (b), the percentage change or cumulative percentage change for the purpose of clauses (a) and (b) shall be zero.**

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

In favour: Deputy Mayor Fisher, Councillors Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Johns, Craig and Outhit.

Against: Mayor Savage.

Not present: Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten, Mosher and Rankin.

### **11.3.2 Zebra Crosswalk Markings**

The following was before Council:

- A Transportation Standing Committee recommendation report dated January 22, 2014.

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts that Halifax Regional Council approve the implementation of zebra crosswalk markings at all uncontrolled, marked crosswalks and budget accordingly for the upcoming crosswalk painting season.**

Councillor Mason spoke on the discussions held at the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee and Transportation Standing Committee meetings respecting zebra crosswalk markings.

Council entered into discussion with questions being raised on which crosswalks would have zebra marking and whether the motion provides direction to include RA-5 crosswalks.

**MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Whitman that the motion be amended to include implementation of zebra stripes for all marked and uncontrolled or controlled, including RA-5 and school crosswalks for the upcoming budget year 2014-2015.**

A further discussion ensued with staff responding to questions of clarification around the financial implications and the intent of the Transportation Standing Committee's recommendation.

**MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council defer Item 11.3.2 Zebra Crosswalk Markings for a staff report clarifying the intent of the motion passed by the Transportation Standing Committee and proposed amendment from Regional Council and all associated costs, to be provided at the next regular meeting of Council.**

**MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.** (10 in favour, 3 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Fisher, Councillors Nicoll, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Walker, Adams, Johns and Craig.

Against: Councillors Hendsbee, Whitman and Outhit.

Not present: Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten, Mosher and Rankin.

#### **11.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

##### **11.4.1 Case 19028 – Non-Substantive Amendments to an Existing Development Agreement and Substantial Alteration to Keith Hall, 1475 Hollis Street, Halifax**

The following was before Council:

- A Heritage Advisory Committee recommendation report dated January 30, 2014.

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

- 1. Approve the proposed substantial alteration to 1475 Hollis Street, Halifax as outlined in Attachment A of the January 9, 2014 staff report, to permit exterior changes to Keith Hall, a municipally registered heritage property;**
- 2. Approve the proposed amending development agreement, as contained in Attachment A of the January 9, 2014 staff report to allow for an internal change of use and exterior alterations to Keith Hall and the proposed Halkirk House buildings located at 1475 Hollis Street, Halifax; and**
- 3. Require that the proposed amending development agreement be signed by the property owner within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten, Mosher and Rankin.

#### **11.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

##### **11.5.1 Councillor McCluskey – HRM Policy Framework**

The following was before Council:

- A staff information report dated January 14, 2014;
- A summary of Council-Approved Policies and Plans/Strategies (January 20, 2014).

Councillor McCluskey requested clarification around the difference between an internal and external policy, as it was her understanding that Regional Council approves all policies. Mr. Paul Johnston, Government Relations and External Affairs explained that the internal/operational policies which the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) could approve policies relating to staff such as Human Resource and IT policies. He confirmed that all public policies are approved by Council.

Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor added that policy is a defined term in the HRM Charter. However, in practical day-to-day terms, the directions of the CAO to staff, are often termed a policy, but are not policies under the context of the HRM Charter, rather a directive. He advised that there is ongoing work around the terminology respecting this term.

Additional comments were made respecting the confusion around the term policy and members looked forward to having this better defined for administrative internal policies.

**11.5.2 Councillor Walker – Leave of Absence Request – Councillor Mosher**

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting, see page 4.

**11.5.3 Councillor Adams – Request for Staff Report re: Amendments to Administrative Order 20 – Respecting Fees for Cemetery Services**

The following was before Council:

- A Councillor Request for Consideration form dated February 11, 2014.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to bring forward amendments to Administrative Order 20, *Respecting Fees for Cemetery Services*, which eliminates the weekday, after hour and weekend or holiday burial fees and ensures that the cost of providing burial services is equitable for all customers and that the proposed amendments are, if possible, revenue neutral to the Municipality.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten, Mosher and Rankin.

**12. MOTIONS – NONE**

**13. IN CAMERA**

**13.1 In Camera Minutes – January 14, 2014**

**MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the In Camera minutes of January 14, 2014 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.2 Personnel Matter**

**13.2.1 2014 Volunteer Award Recipients – *Private and Confidential Report***

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

- 1. Approve the individual Adult and Youth award recipients; including ten volunteers to attend the Provincial Volunteer Awards and HRM's 2014 Volunteer of the Year (Attachment A of the January 6, 2014 private and confidential staff report);**
- 2. Approve the Community Group award recipients in three categories (Attachment B of the January 6, 2014 private and confidential staff report); and**
- 3. Not release this report to the public until the 2014 HRM Volunteer Awards Ceremony on April 9, 2014.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten, Mosher and Rankin.

**13.2.2 Citizen Appointment to the Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM – *Private and Confidential Report***

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

- 1. Approve the citizen appointment to the Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM as outlined in the Private and Confidential report of January 15, 2014.**
- 2. Further that the Citizen appointment be released to the public following Council ratification and notification to the successful candidate.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten, Mosher and Rankin.

**13.2.3 Appointment of Parking Infraction Ticket Administrator – *Private and Confidential Report***

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council rescind the appointments of all staff previously appointed Parking Infraction Ticket Administrators and appoint Lori Scolaro, Supervisor Regional Field Operations, to the position. This appointment is effective for the duration of her current conditions of employment with Halifax Regional Municipality. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten, Mosher and Rankin.

**14. ADDED ITEMS**

**14.1 Memorandum of Understanding – The Scots and HRM – Victoria Park**

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding attached to the December 31, 2014 staff report, thereby endorsing the tradition of cooperation between HRM and The Scots: The North British Society, and establishing an on-going relationship by which existing and future elements pertaining to Scottish culture in HRM’s Victoria Park. Halifax, are planned, improved, restored, developed, interpreted, and promoted.**

Councillor Mason spoke in support of the motion, noting HRM’s relationship with The Scots: The North British Society.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten, Mosher and Rankin.

**15. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**15.1 Deputy Mayor Fisher**

Take notice that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, I propose to move First Reading of By-Law B-502 the purpose of which is to amend By-Law B-500, Building Service Connections, to increase the authorized amount for reimbursement for CCTV expenses from \$250 to \$400.

**15.2 Councillor Walker**

Take notice that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, I propose to:

1. Give First Reading to By-law T-230 which will repel By-law T-200 Respecting Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations; and
2. Introduce Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM Tax Relief to Non-Profit Organizations Administrative Order.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett  
Municipal Clerk