



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 4, 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
Reg Rankin
Matt Whitman
Steve Craig
Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillors: Linda Mosher
Brad Johns

STAFF: Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Acting Municipal Clerk
Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and recessed at 3:25 p.m. Council reconvened in at 3:42 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera session at 6:11 p.m. and reconvened at 7:11 p.m. Council adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

1. INVOCATION

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

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

At the request of Councillor McCluskey a moment of silence was held for the late Harry Poole, resident of Dartmouth.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Committee of the Whole January 29, 2014 & Regional Council January 28 & February 11, 2014

Councillor Whitman noted a correction to the January 29, 2014 Committee of the Whole Minutes cover page.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher that the Committee of the Whole January 29, 2014 be approved as amended and the Regional Council January 28, 2014 and February 11, 2014 minutes be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Deputy Mayor Fisher requested Item 11.3.1 be addressed following Item 11.1.2, to which Council agreed.

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Walker 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

9.1 By-law N-200, Respecting Noise – Exemption Application – Canadian Cancer Society’s 2014 Relay for Life

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting. See page 17.

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items: 11.1.3, 11.1.4 and 11.4.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

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

10.2 Petitions – None

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Public Participation Program – Port Wallace

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 11, 2014.

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

- 1. Approve the public participation program for the Master Infrastructure Plan Study and Secondary Planning Strategy for Port Wallace as presented in Attachment A of the February 11, 2014 staff report;**
- 2. Adopt the Port Wallace Secondary Plan Area Boundaries shown on Attachment B of the February 11, 2014 staff report, as interim boundaries for Port Wallace Secondary Planning Area;**
- 3. Direct staff to assess the merits of including the additional lands requested by WSP Canada Limited in the Secondary Plan Area as outlined in Map 1 of Attachment E of the February 11, 2014 staff report, under the Land Suitability and Pre-design Baseline Infrastructure Capacity studies; and**
- 4. Include stormwater management facilities on private property in the future design requirements for Port Wallace, with the objectives of achieving the water quality objectives recommended by AECOM in the Shubenacadie Lakes Subwatershed**

**Study and the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and not increase peak runoff,
as recommended by the Regional Watershed Advisory Board and the Harbour
East-Marine Drive Community Council.**

Councillor Dalrymple provided an overview of the origin of the request/discussions held and spoke to staff's third recommendation. He highlighted the sensitiveness of the Shubenacadie Lakes Watershed area and how it flows through one of the largest populated areas of HRM. He noted that the 22 hectares of land owned by Conrad Brothers Ltd. are largely in the rural commuter shed and at present, under this designation, can be developed with on-site wells and septic systems. Councillor Dalrymple stated that projects have been done in surrounding areas that have impacted nearby lakes and rivers from problematic/leaking septic systems. He suggested Council could include the lands in a secondary plan with the opportunity to extend the service boundary and put them on city water and septic; providing protection for the waterways. He went on to note that the February 11, 2014 staff report discusses capital costs but that they would have to be worked out. By allowing staff to review these lands, HRM would have better control over the development and gain environmental protection strategies, in particular for waterways. The Councillor asked for Council's support of the recommendation.

Councillor Watts requested that the motions be spilt and questioned what had been before the Community Design Advisory Committee (CDAC)

In response, Mr. Paul Morgan, Community Regional Planning confirmed that the request did go to CDAC in July 2013. At the time, staff recommended no changes or provisions to consider including the lands between the lake and Forest Hills Extension within the service boundary. Since then, staff has reconsidered the lands along the lake with the completion of the Shubenacadie Lakes Subwatershed Study. A primary source of phosphorus into the lakes is aging septic fields and one of the consultant's recommendations was to consider alternatives (i.e. a central sewer system). He further stated that Conrad Brothers Ltd. also own land on the other side of Highway 107, and are proposing to include these lands in the service boundary. The lands are currently zoned Industrial and have direct access to the hundred series highway and are suited for businesses with heavy trucking or distribution facilities for materials to be dispersed throughout the Region. Staff is recommending conducting an initial land suitability analysis and capacity analysis of infrastructure and a report back to Council.

Councillor Watts requested additional clarification around:

- the exact location of the lands;
- the lands' current zoning and Generalized Land Use Map designation; and
- changes being proposed.

She further asked whether both requests for the eastern and western side of Highway 107 came before the CDAC or was there only one request.

In response, Ms. Jane Fraser, Director of Planning and Infrastructure believed there was only the one request but would confirm and report back to Council.

Councillor Watts expressed concern with the lack of history provided and the process CDAC went through not being identified in the origin of the February 11, 2014 staff report.

Councillor Karsten asked that the report back to Council include additional clarification around the type of residential use. He referred to the lands off Caldwell Road which is of strategic interest to the Municipality, to review what is being proposed (i.e. a connector road), and the possibility of recovering some capital cost contributions. He further asked what the decision would mean in terms of capacity in the Eastern Region and the offset in terms of residential use.

Deputy Mayor Fisher referenced a map of the former City of Dartmouth within the old Regional Development Plan that shows all the Port Wallace lands and the lands on the opposite side of Highway 107 being listed as either residential immediate or residential first priority/residential second priority. He was pleased with the Shubenacadie Watershed Board's statement that Council's need to review the most advanced levels of stormwater management. He suggested that Council should find greater protection for the lakes than the current regulations stipulate; echoing similar comments made by Councillor Dalrymple.

In regard to the transportation upgrades, Deputy Mayor Fisher commented on the need to ensure an accurate figure for the cost of servicing and implications as only a portion of the Port Wallace lands are being developed and do not include the additional lands on the other side of Highway 107. There is demand and need for land in the Eastern Region and he hoped that the public participation group would insist on having modern/sustainable practices and development with every environmental aspect to the highest current levels considered (i.e. solar panels for every home). He also wanted to ensure that when this process is started, that engagement is held with a certified transit planner to plan the development for modern transit policies.

Staff provided an overview of Conrad Brother Ltd. lands' location; illustrated on two coloured maps displayed to Council. It was noted that the western side of the map is zoned R-1 (Single Unit Dwelling).

Discussion continued around the third recommendation and zoning. Concern was expressed with bringing this matter forward under the radar of the Regional Plan review and what capacity there was for development on the eastern side of the map.

Mr. Morgan responded to questions respecting the timelines of the Land Suitability and Pre-design Baseline Infrastructure Capacity studies, outlined in Attachment C of the February 11, 2014 staff report.

Several members of Council reiterated their concerns regarding process and the lack of information before them respecting this matter.

In response to a question raised, Mr. Morgan clarified that in terms of the Regional Plan, the designations would have to change from rural commuter to urban settlement, the service boundary under the Regional Service By-law would have to be extended over to these properties, and three community plans and by-laws would require amendments.

In response to a question raised by Mayor Savage, staff reiterated the discussion held with CDAC respecting changes not being made to the service boundary of the Generalized Land Use Map. But, with the completion of the Shubenacadie Lakes Subwatershed Study, staff is now

seeking permission to review the merits of extending the service boundary to the additional lands requested by WSP Canada Limited in the Secondary Plan Area.

The motion was split and votes taken.

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

- 1. Approve the public participation program for the Master Infrastructure Plan Study and Secondary Planning Strategy for Port Wallace as presented in Attachment A of the February 11, 2014 staff report;**

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, Rankin, Whitman, and Craig.

Against: Councillor Outhit.

Not Present: Councillors Mosher and Johns.

- 2. Adopt the Port Wallace Secondary Plan Area Boundaries shown on Attachment B of the February 11, 2014 staff report, as interim boundaries for Port Wallace Secondary Planning Area;**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not Present: Councillors Mosher and Johns.

- 3. Direct staff to assess the merits of including the additional lands requested by WSP Canada Limited in the Secondary Plan Area as outlined in Map 1 of Attachment E of the February 11, 2014 staff report, under the Land Suitability and Pre-design Baseline Infrastructure Capacity studies; and**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 3 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Fisher, Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, McCluskey, Walker, Adams, Rankin, Whitman, Craig and Outhit.

Against: Councillors Nicoll, Mason and Watts.

Not Present: Councillors Mosher and Johns.

- 4. To include stormwater management facilities on private property in the future design requirements for Port Wallace, with the objectives of achieving the water quality objectives recommended by AECOM in the Shubenacadie Lakes**

Subwatershed Study and the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and not increase peak runoff, as recommended by the Regional Watershed Advisory Board and the Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not Present: Councillors Mosher and Johns.

11.1.2 Economic Development Governance Structure
(i) Staff Report
(ii) Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee Information Report

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 18, 2014
- A Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee information report dated February 20, 2014

Mr. Chris Bryant, Senior Advisor, Government Relations & External Affairs delivered a presentation to Council outlining the leadership and governing of the Economic Development Governance Structure.

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

- 1. Endorse the remaining responses to the Auditor General's report on economic development as articulated in Attachment 11 of the February 18, 2014 staff report;**
- 2. Accept the Statement on Economic Development in Attachment 2 of the February 18, 2014 staff report, as the overarching economic development approach in HRM;**
- 3. Endorse the current arms-length development model approach to agencies performing economic development and tourism functions in HRM;**
- 4. Endorse the current configuration of economic development and tourism agencies in HRM, assigning Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) functions to Destination Halifax and Economic Development Organization (EDO) functions to Greater Halifax Partnership;**
- 5. Direct closer collaboration between the Greater Halifax Partnership and Destination Halifax as described in the discussion section of the February 18, 2014 staff report;**

- 6. Endorse the continued oversight and governance of the Greater Halifax Partnership, Destination Halifax, and the Business Improvement Districts by means of Service Agreements, supplemented where appropriate by Memoranda of Understanding; and**
- 7. Endorse the continued development of outcome measures, tied to the 2011-2016 Economic Strategy, where appropriate, for agencies performing an economic development and tourism function on behalf of HRM.**

Councillor Nicoll spoke on the messaging of being bold from the business industry and was thankful the Ivany Commission Report engaged the public in this regard. She expressed concern with accepting status quo as a way of doing business, but agreed that the Economic Development Strategy gives Council a base and that the Greater Halifax Partnership (GHP) and Destination Halifax (DH) are carrying out Council's objectives. Councillor Nicoll did not believe that Council could ask GHP, DH, Trade Centre Limited (TCL) and the Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to direct and oversee a pro-development policy environment within the Regional Centre. She noted that these groups do have some involvement but she would have liked to have seen a column for HRM; identifying how the Municipality is leading and aligning itself. Councillor Nicoll pointed out that there are many resources but people do not know where to go and she would like to see HRM step up to a leadership role in the Province. In terms of funding outcomes, there is a need to measure outcomes and she suggested having GHP, DH, TCL and BIDs make presentations to Council during budget deliberations to gain a better understanding of the work they are doing.

Mr. Bryant advised that the Ivany Commission Report on Building Our New Economy, and the reference to the 1991 Voluntary Planning Strategy - Creating Our Own Future around status quo, has changed dramatically since the time of amalgamation, the creation of GHP and DH. He commented that HRM has good structures in place and wants to continue to sharpen and focus these. In response to Councillor Nicoll's comment on where HRM fits within the alignment of the 2011-2016 Economic Strategy, Mr. Bryant indicated that HRM is active in all of those points and that the table identifies the other groups that are involved.

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer provided clarification between Governance Overview and the Economic Strategy. The Governance Overview looks at all parties involved in economic development and offers advice of Council. What drives HRM's Economic Development Strategy is the Five Year Economic Plan which staff is working on aggressively. Staff is not only working with the business groups identified (GHP, DH, TCL, BIDs) but also private sector groups. He noted that this is a review of the governance structure: looking at where there are overlaps, what works well and where improvements can be made. From a status quo point of view, staff looks at the Economic Strategy as to whether progress is being made but it is not a status quo document.

Councillor Nicoll referenced the three focus areas identified by Council: grow the population, grow the number of good jobs, and grow the commercial tax base. She felt it was not necessarily identified as to how HRM will be proceeding on these. Mr. Butts agreed, indicating that staff is focusing their efforts around these goals within the Strategy.

Council continued their discussion with staff responding to questions. Several members of Council agreed with inviting Ray Ivany to speak with Council on his report and to see if there are other matters Council needs to review.

Councillor McCluskey questioned what HRM is doing vis-à-vis other Municipalities/Provinces relative to Economic Development. Mr. Bryant provided an overview of Table C: Consider Canada City Alliance Municipalities Economic Development Delivery Models (Attachment 6 of the February 11, 2014 staff report) in terms of the economic deployment in Canadian cities being done: in-house, hybrid and/or arms-length. He indicated that staff wants to determine whether HRM is doing something different or taking an approach that seems to be working.

Mr. Bryant further provided an overview of the public and private funding per capita charts (Attachment 12 of the February 11, 2014 staff report).

Discussion ensued around the motion with comments being made regarding GHP and DH having quarterly reporting to Council. Suggestions were also made about the possibility of amalgamating GHP and DH.

Several members of Council expressed concern around HRM's tourism and volunteer groups not knowing who to contact. As well, concern around the numbers of youth leaving rural Nova Scotia. Mr. Bryant provided clarification around the development/management of service agreements for GHP, DH and BIDs.

Mayor Savage stepped down at this time and Deputy Mayor Fisher assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Council invite the Auditor General to speak to his report on the Economic Development Governance Structure.

Councillor Karsten indicated that it is not within Council's discretion determine what the Auditor General reports does or does not report on to Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (10 in favour, 5 against)

In favour: Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Adams, Rankin, Whitman and Outhit.

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Fisher, Councillors Karsten, Walker and Craig.

Not present: Councillors Mosher and Johns.

Mayor Savage recapped some of the discussion on how HRM is doing from an economic development standpoint and the work Council did around the development of the five categories outlined in the Economic Development Strategy. He provided examples on how GHP is working on these categories for HRM. He further spoke to the Auditor General's report; in

particular the idea of implementing a Chief Economic Development Officer that could report to the Mayor and/or Chief Administrative Officer noting this is being actively considered. He also noted that he has spoken with Ray Ivany about his report and Mr. Ivany's excitement for HRM to lead in economic development. Mayor Savage was also in support of having GHP make a presentation to Council. He asked for Council's support in approving the governance model proposed, commenting that HRM has tightened up service level agreements resulting in a better arrangement for economic development than in past.

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

Council recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 3:42 p.m.

In response to Council's request, Mr. Larry Munroe, Auditor General advised that he was prepared to respond to questions and provide clarification around his recommendations, commentary and implementation of the recommendation; but cautioned Council that he would not cross over into discussing operations and unduly influence their decision.

No questions of clarification were asked by Council at this time.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mosher and Johns.

Item 11.3.1 was addressed at this time.

11.3.1 Destination Halifax Service Agreement

The following was before Council:

- A Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommendation report dated February 14, 2014.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Council endorse the Service Level Agreement with Destination Halifax, effective on the date of execution and continuing in force until the first occurrence of March 31st thereafter, unless terminated earlier, with provision for 36 month renewal unless otherwise terminated.

Councillor Nicoll referred to the discussion held earlier under 11.1.2 which spoke to Destination Halifax's Service Level Agreement and asked for Council's support.

Council entered into discussion with staff responding to questions of clarification around the date of execution and the wording of the motion. It was noted that the rationale for the March 31st date ensured that the renewal lined up with the fiscal year and that the Service Level Agreement renews every three years.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Craig, Mayor Savage confirmed that he would remain as his designate on the Destination Halifax Board.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher and Johns.

11.1.3 Administrative Order 35, Procurement Policy – Consideration of Local Benefit

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 3, 2014;
- Correspondence from Angela Giles.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Halifax Regional Council not amend Administrative Order 35 or otherwise adopt a specific procurement policy with respect to:

- a. the scoring of local benefit when evaluating bid submissions; or**
- b. applying a preference or penalty based on the geographical location of any bidder, or potential vendor/supplier of goods, services and/or construction relative to the Halifax Regional Municipality.**

Council entered into discussion on the motion with Councillor Hendsbee and Whitman speaking against the motion as they were in favour of a buy local policy. Councillor Hendsbee indicated that he would have like to have seen a local benefit scoring policy and to know the position of the Chamber of Commerce.

Councillor Mason spoke to HRM's ability to have preparedness workshops for local business to gain understanding on accessing HRM's procurement system. He noted that most of HRM's successful businesses are exporting; suggesting that if every city had a buy local policy, HRM would lose more than gain by having a local purchasing policy. He further referenced Nova Scotia's history as a trading Province.

As the discussion ensued, several members of Council provided their comments both in support and against the motion.

Ms. Anne Feist, Manager of Procurement responded to questions around staff's scan of other jurisdiction across Canada and the examples of procurement policies that allow local preference in procurement processes; as outlined in the February 3, 2014 staff report. She further spoke on how HRM's Procurement Office works with local vendors through outreach programs on how to effectively respond to procurement opportunities. It was noted that Councillors could contact Ms. Feist if they have specific questions around referring local businesses to HRM's Procurement Office.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Fisher, Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Walker, Adams, Rankin, Craig and Outhit.

Against: Councillors Hendsbee and Whitman.

Not present: Councillors Mosher and Johns.

11.1.4 Chebucto Head Road – Duncan`s Cove

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 29, 2014;
- Correspondence from Pascale Gusset and Meredith Legge.

Councillor Adams noted that he would be seeking support for Option 2 – Road exchange between HRM and the Province, as outlined in the January 29, 2014 staff report, and asked Council to vote against the staff recommendation.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council endorse Option 1 as contained in the January 29, 2014 staff report that the residents of Chebucto Head Road pursue their private rights with the Government of Canada (Option No. 1) to address the current condition and future maintenance requirements of Chebucto Head Road. MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher and Johns

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to negotiate an exchange of a remnant equal to the length of Chebucto Head Road, from Duncan`s Cove Road (approximately 600 metres) to the gate as per Option 2 contained in the January 29, 2014 staff report and authorize the CAO to accept the remnant.

Council entered into discussion on staff negotiating an exchange of a remnant equal to the length of Chebucto Head Road, with staff responding to questions. It was noted that under Option 2, staff would present the remnant road to Council at a later date for approval.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher and Johns

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

11.2 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11.2.1 First Reading Case 17491 – Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) Amendments and Development Agreement for 2894 St. Margarets Bay Road, Timberlea

The following was before Council:

- A Halifax and West Community Council recommendation report dated February 21, 2014.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading and scheduled a Joint Public Hearing with Halifax and West Community Council to consider amendments to the Timberlea/Lakeside/Beechville Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-Law (LUB) to allow for the consideration of the proposed development agreement as outlined in the staff report dated February 3, 2014. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage and Councillors Mosher and Johns.

Councillor Rankin exited the meeting at this time.

11.2.2 First Reading Case 18462 – Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Development Agreement for 7067 Chebucto Road, Halifax (Former Case 17397)

The following was before Council:

- A Halifax and West Community Council recommendation/information report dated February 21, 2014.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated January 31, 2014 to allow for consideration of a development agreement for 70967 Chebucto Road (Case 18462) and schedule a joint public hearing with Halifax and West Community Council.

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

If possible, the Joint Public Hearing date would be scheduled upon Councillor Mosher's return.

Councillor Hendsbee asked that when this matter comes back for Public Hearing, that information be provided on the traffic issues on Simpson's Lane.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin and Johns.

11.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

11.3.1 Destination Halifax Service Agreement

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting. See page 10.

11.3.2 Ivany Commission Report

The following was before Council:

- A Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommendation report dated February 14, 2014.

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

- 1. A staff report that examines the role of HRM in the implementation of, and alignment with *Now or Never – an Urgent Call to Action for Nova Scotians*, including giving consideration to possible revision and update of HRM’s Economic Strategy and impacts and implications with respect to delivery by departments and agencies responsible for HRMs economic development, and to also identify other related areas that may require further study and alignment; and**
- 2. That the Mayor write a letter to the Premier, opposition leaders and UNSM President outlining HRM’s readiness to work in partnership to develop the province-wide response to the report.**

Councillor Nicoll spoke in support of the motion and how it would provide staff with direction on improving economic development in HRM, especially in relation to jobs.

Councillor Mason stated that HRM is leading the way for Municipalities in Nova Scotia and that this matter has been under discussion in a variety of county and town level governments.

A brief discussion was held around inviting Ray Ivany to speak to Council about his report at a future Committee of the Whole or lunch and learn session.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin and Johns.

11.4 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

11.4.1 Making Our Community Safer – Crosswalk Safety Work Plan

The following was before Council:

- A Transportation Standing Committee recommendation report dated February 26, 2014;
- Correspondence from Morris Givner and Norm Collins.

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council forward the work plan, attached to the January 30, 2014 Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee report, to staff for analysis, budget implications and implementation.

Councillor Dalrymple provided an overview of the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committees efforts and discussions held over the past eight to nine months to bring forward the Crosswalk

Safety Work Plan before Council. He noted that the Committee would continue its work around crosswalk safety through continued discussions, presentations and keeping a watchful eye on statistics and analysis of the plan. Councillor Dalrymple commended the many staff and Committee members (past and present) for their work on the plan. He referenced the Committee's Terms of Reference and the categories of education, enforcement, traffic control measures and standards and consistency which were captured in the plan. He noted that the Committee also took into account affordability within Council's budget and to tax payers. Councillor Dalrymple reflected on the hundreds of submissions received by the Committee from the public outlining their concerns and suggestions for crosswalk safety. The Committee welcomes all new ideas, presentations and submissions as they continue their work. He touched on how the zebra crosswalk markings recommendation was brought to Council early for budget consideration and thanked Council for their support. As well, on the lack of statistics nationwide and how changes are being made to collect these statistics. Councillor Dalrymple thanked the media for their tremendous coverage and awareness over the past months.

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that the motion be amended to:

- 1. Request staff to report back on budget and implementation considerations for crosswalk flag programs, reflective tape application to crosswalk poles, and pedestrian crosswalk signs no later than the April 15, 2014 Halifax Regional Council meeting; and**
- 2. Forward the balance of the work plan to staff for analysis, budget implications and implementation plans, with a report to be provided no later than May 31, 2014.**

Council entered into discussion on the amendment, with clarification being provided on the discussion held at the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee meetings and that the main motion provides direction to staff to analyze and report back on the budget implications and implementation for crosswalk safety.

MOTION ON THE AMENDMENT PUT AND DEFEATED. (4 in favour, 10 against)

In favour: Councillors Hendsbee, Adams, Whitman and Outhit.

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Fisher, Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Walker and Craig.

Not Present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin and Johns.

The discussion ensued on the main motion with several members of Council thanking the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee and staff for their efforts in preparing the Work Plan.

Concerns were expressed with both pedestrians and motorists being too distracted (texting, pot holes, etc.) and the need for visibility, education and enforcement and for both motorists and pedestrians to take precautions for crosswalk safety.

Mr. Taso Koutroulakis, Manager of Traffic and Right-of-Way responded to a question on the definition of a bump out; meaning an intersection modification reducing the length of crossing distance by extending the curb.

During the discussion, several comments were made on poor quality paint being slippery when applied to walkable surfaces. As well, a question was raised on the frequency of repainting crosswalks. Council requested the report identify the type/quality of paint being used.

In regard to crosswalk flags, Councillor Karsten questioned whether HRM or the individual pedestrian would be responsible from a liability standpoint; suggesting legal be consulted. He further questioned whether crosswalk flags would be provided for all HRM streets or particular streets.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin and Johns.

11.5 SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11.5.1 2015 Canadian Figure Skating Championships

The following was before Council:

- A Special Events Advisory Committee recommendation report dated February 24, 2014.

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

- 1. Approve in principle, payment of \$40,000 from the Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve (MLSER) Q315 subject to approval of the 2014/2015 budget and availability of MLSER reserve funds, to fund the bid to host the 2015 Canadian Figure Skating Championships, conditional on:
 - a. HRM securing the event.
 - b. Skate Canada Nova Scotia securing additional funding support from the Province of Nova Scotia.**
- 2. Authorize the Mayor to provide a letter of support to Skate Canada Nova Scotia outlining the financial commitment and conditions for inclusion in the bid for the 2015 Canadian Figure Skating Championships.**

Ms. Denise Schofield, Manager, Regional Recreation and Culture responded to a question around HRM submitting a bid to host the 2015 Canadian Figure Skating Championships.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mosher, Rankin and Johns.

Council recessed at 5:16 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

Item 9.1 was addressed at this time.

9.1 By-law N-200, Respecting Noise – Exemption Application – Canadian Cancer Society’s 2014 Relay for Life

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 21, 2014.

Ms. Tanya Phillips, Manager, By-Law Standards provided an overview of the Canadian Cancer Society’s exemption application from the provisions of the Noise By-law N-200 for the 2014 Relay for Life.

Mayor Savage reviewed the public hearing procedures and called three times for any speakers wanting to speak on the matter to come forward at this time. There being no speakers, it was **MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that the public hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Outhit that Halifax Regional Council approve the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life’s application for an exemption from the provisions of the Noise By-Law pursuant to the contents of the staff report dated January 21, 2014. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

11.6 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11.6.1 Councillor Hendsbee – Expropriation Process – Real Property

The following was before Council:

- A staff information report dated January 24, 2014.

Councillor Hendsbee requested this matter be addressed during the In Camera session to seek clarification around legal process.

Through consultation with the Municipal Solicitor and Chief Administrative Officer, Council agreed to address this matter during the In Camera session.

12. MOTIONS – NONE

13. IN CAMERA

**13.1 Personnel Matter
A matter pertaining to an identifiable individual or group.**

13.1.1 Personnel Matter

This matter was dealt with in camera and the recommendation of the In Camera session was ratified later in the meeting. See page 19.

14. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

15.1 Councillor Walker

Take notice at the next meeting of the Halifax Regional Council, to be held on 18th of March, 2014, I intend to propose amendments to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM, *Tax Relief to Non-Profit Organizations* to:

1. Add twenty (20) non-profit housing organizations to Schedule 30; and
2. Add the Bedford Basin Yacht Club, Deanery Project Cooperative Limited, Jost Mission Day Care Society, Bay Road Community Hall Association, and Lake Echo Lions Club to Schedule 29.

15.2 Councillor Mason

Take notice that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on the 18th day of March 2014 I propose to move First Reading of the following:

- 1) By-Law R-107 the purpose of which is to amend By-Law R-100, the *By-law and Ordinance Repeal By-law*, which will repeal the following by-laws:
S-203 – Respecting Smoke Free Places
H-300 – Halifax County Regional Rehabilitation Centre
P-800 – Respecting the Regulation of Pesticides, Herbicides and Insecticides
P-300 – Penalties (City of Dartmouth)
No. 1 – Interpretation (County of Halifax)
No. 16 – Penalties (County of Halifax)
- 2) And to repeal Administrative Order 23, *Respecting Pesticides, Herbicides and Insecticides Excluded from the Pesticides By-law*.

15.3 Councillor Karsten

Take notice that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on the 18th day of March 2014 I intend to present the following motion to ask for a staff report and needs assessment on a pad ready sports field on Baker Drive.

Item 13.1.1 was addressed at this time.

13.1.1 Personnel Matter

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Council convene into In Camera to address Items 11.6.1 and 13.1.1. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council convened into In Camera at 6:11 p.m. and reconvened to regular session at 7:11 p.m.

The following motion was ratified from the In Camera session:

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Council ratify the in camera motion of March 4, 2014 as outlined in the Private and Confidential staff report dated January 28, 2014 and that this report not be released to the public. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett
Municipal Clerk