



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 13, 2014**

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

STAFF: Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant
Mr. Quentin Hill, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m., and recessed at 5:15p.m. Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera session at 2:58 p.m. and reconvened at 4:53 p.m. Council adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

1. INVOCATION

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Nicoll.

Regional Council stood for a moment of silence in remembrance of Mr. Ken Reashor and Mr. Sinclair Williams who recently passed away. Mr. Reashor was the Municipality's Director of Transportation and Public Works, and Mr. Sinclair Williams was a noted community leader from East Preston

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 1, 2014

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that the minutes of April 1, 2014 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 14.1 Councillor Hendsbee – District Capital Funding – Nature Conservancy of Canada
- 14.2 Committee of the Whole – Mayor and Council Review of Task Force on Violence and Public Safety

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mason that the agenda, as amended, be approved. 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:

8.1 Councillor Johns – Community Sign in Middle Sackville – Lucasville

The following was before Council:

- A staff Councillor Request for Consideration form

Councillor Johns explained that approximately a year ago he was in consultation with staff about boundary lines between Lower, Middle, and Upper Sackville. The outcome of this discussion was that a sign was erected for Middle Sackville. Following this, there was consultation with the community of Lucasville and it was determined that the sign was not in the correct area. Councillor Johns advised that staff have no difficulty in moving the sign, but feel that, where Council originally approved the sign location, the appropriate process is for a motion of Council to move the sign.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Craig that staff remove the “Welcome to Middle Sackville” sign pending confirmation on the correct location of the community boundary, and that staff confirm the boundary for Middle Sackville/Lucasville in the form of a staff report back to Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.2 HRM Municipal Alcohol Policy Proposed Public Consultation Approach

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 29, 2014.

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct staff to proceed with Phase I of the public consultation process consisting of a statistically accurate telephone survey on the eight focus areas listed in Table 1, in the Background section of the April 29, 2014 staff report;**
- 2. Direct staff to conduct Phase II of the proposed public consultation, which would entail more detailed engagement with the community in areas identified in Phase I; and**
- 3. Ask staff to report back with the results of the consultation at a later date.**

Councillor Watts referred to the motion and advised that concerns have been expressed to her regarding a telephone survey being carried out as Phase 1 and that she has an alternate motion to put forward which would bring together all the stakeholders at one time to discuss the nature of the public consultation and provide advice on policy recommendations. She explained that she feels this will provide better policy direction. Councillor Watts asked for guidance from the Solicitor with respect to her motion.

The Municipal Solicitor advised that Councillor Watt’s intention was a different process, therefore, it would be an entirely new motion.

Councillor Watts asked for Council's support in defeating the motion on the floor, and she would then present her motion.

Some Councillors commented that they supported a municipal alcohol policy but would not support the motion on the floor as they felt a telephone survey would not prove useful.

Mr. Richard Butts, CAO clarified that the telephone survey was only the first phase of public consultation and it will provide information for Phase 2. He added that Phase 1 enables Phase 2 to be more effective.

Councillor Watts advised that her motion doesn't preclude a telephone survey and it will bring together stakeholder in a reference group, rather than having isolated expertise.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (2 in favour, 15 against)

In favour: Councillors Rankin and Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Fisher; and Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Johns, and Craig.

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

- 1) **Direct staff to establish a MAP Reference Group comprised of stakeholder representatives of police, Capital Health (Public Health and Addictions Prevention and Treatment Services), NS Licensing and Gaming, Metro Universities, and Industry Representatives that:**
 - a. **Will advise staff on options for public consultation**
 - b. **reviews the results of the public consultation, and**
 - c. **provide comment to staff on potential policy recommendations to Council**
- 2) **Staff to report back to Regional Council with the results of the consultation including financial implications at a later date.**

Councillor Hendsbee asked if the first recommendation could also include representatives from the hospitality industry. The Mayor advised that an amendment to the motion would not be necessary if there was consensus among Council to include this in the motion. **It was agreed that a representative from the hospitality industry would be added to recommendation 1.**

The motion now reads:

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

- 1) **Direct staff to establish a MAP Reference Group comprised of stakeholder representatives of police, Capital Health (Public Health and Addictions Prevention**

and Treatment Services), NS Licensing and Gaming, Metro Universities, Industry and Hospitality Representatives that:

- a. Will advise staff on options for public consultation**
 - b. reviews the results of the public consultation, and**
 - c. provide comment to staff on potential policy recommendations to Council**
- 2) Staff to report back to Regional Council with the results of the consultation including financial implications at a later date.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

At this time, Councillor Mosher asked if item 11.6.1 could be moved up on the agenda and dealt with immediately following item 11.1.2.

The Mayor advised that Council could move up the item, with the consent of two-thirds majority of Council. The consensus of Council was to move up item 11.6.1 to be dealt with after item 11.1.2.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

10.1.1 Fly-Past Request – Annual Battle of Britain Parade and Ceremony

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence dated April 22, 2014 from Paul MacDonald, Parade Co-ordinator 111 Wing Air Force Association of Canada, 12 Wing Shearwater.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Council approve a SeaKing fly-past at 500 feet in conjunction with the annual Battle of Britain Parade and Ceremony to be held at Sullivan’s Pond , Dartmouth, Sunday September 21, 2014 at 2:10 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.2 Fly-Past Request – Halifax –Dartmouth Canada Day Committee – Canada Day 2014

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence dated May 6, 2014 from Jeff Wall, Chair, Halifax –Dartmouth Canada Day Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts that Halifax Regional Council approve a fly-past by an aircraft from 12 Wing Shearwater at levels as low as 500 feet, over the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site as part of the Official Opening

Ceremonies of the Halifax-Dartmouth Canada Day 2014 celebrations to commence at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2014.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2 Petitions

10.2.1 Councillor Whitman

Councillor Whitman submitted a petition with 107 signatures requesting that Umlah Road, also known as Captain Hemlock Lane and Tern Lake in Seabright remain open to the public so that they can continue to enjoy the beaches and access to the waters of St. Margaret's Bay. Councillor Whitman noted that the petition had also been submitted to the Provincial Ministers of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, Natural Resources, Communities, Culture and Heritage.

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Award – Unit Price Tender No. 14-012, Larry Uteck Boulevard Extension Phase 3 – Central Region

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 10, 2014.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a budget increase of \$57,297.02 (net HST included) to Project Account No. CTU01006 – Roadway Oversizing Bedford West, funded through cost sharing with Heritage Gas.**
- 2. Award Tender No. 14-012, Larry Uteck Blvd. Extension, Phase 3 – Central Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Brycon Construction Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$1,261,860.60 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No. CTU01006 – Bedford West Road Oversizing, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the April 10, 2014 staff report.**
- 3. Authorize, as per the Financial Implications section of the April 10, 2014 staff report, payment to Bell Aliant Inc., for the extension of utility transmission lines for a total cost of \$7,831.87 (net HST included).**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.2 Award – Tender No. 14-038, Spring Tree Planting Order – 2014

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 14, 2014.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 14-038, Spring Tree Planting Order – 2014, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Leahey’s Landscaping and Contracting Ltd., for a Total Tender Price of \$515,661.94 (net HST included), with funding from Project No. CP990001 – Street Trees, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the April 14, 2014 staff report.

Mr. John Simmons, Urban Forester, responded to questions.

In response to a question concerning a delay in planting, Mr. Simmons advised that delays this year are weather related; and if Council approves the motion, planting will start in June.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.6 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11.6.1 Councillor Mosher – Reinstatement of Chain of Lakes Trail

The following was before Council:

- A Councillor Request for Consideration Form

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Adams that Regional Council request that the Mayor, in conjunction with HRM’s Right of Way Engineer or appropriate staff person, write a letter to Halifax Water reiterating that the Lakeside Diversion Project must be implemented as presented and approved by Regional Council in July 2013. Furthermore, any changes to the original plan must be presented and approved by appropriate HRM staff.

Councillor Mosher explained that she and staff recently learned that Halifax Water plans to install a chain link fence between the trail and First Chain Lake, but this was not in the plans approved by Council in July of 2013 nor was it in the presentation to the general public in October of 2013. She pointed out that this is not a replacement or improvement to the trail and will only detract from the natural setting. Councillor Mosher advised that tomorrow she, staff from Halifax Water, and HRM staff will have a walk-about the area to view the situation. She added that she wants Halifax Water to cancel plans to install the chain link fencing; however if a small section of fencing is necessary to protect the secondary water supply, then HRM staff should be required to approve the plan.

In response to a question, Mr. Richard MacLellan, Manager, Energy and Environment advised that the easement agreement HRM has with Halifax Water does not permit a fence on HRM property. He added that to erect fencing to protect the water supply would require an amendment to the easement.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

11.1.3 St. Patrick’s Alexandra Site – 2277 Maitland Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 7, 2014.
- Correspondence from: Gwen Davis, Pat Kipping, Sister Cecilia MacNeil, Peter Lavell and Nancy Campbell, Charles and Michelle Bull, Jeanette Milley, Anne West, Aaron Bates, Patricia Brennan-Alpert, Katherine Kitching, Sarah Krahn, Andrea Arbic, Ben Sichel, Elisabeth Kleven, Beverly W. Miller, Pete Munro, Linda Santoluce, Vivien Hannon, Margherita Mendel, Jacquie de Mestral, Linda Forbes, Sue Zinck, Evelyn Mann, Ian Johnson, Lisa Roberts, Mike Himmelman, Jean Kimber and Elizabeth Pacey.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Halifax Regional Council

- 1. Decline the proposal from the North Central Community Council Association, as per the Evaluation of Submissions for the Disposal of St. Pat's Alexandra (Attachment B); and**
- 2. Conditional upon the satisfactory resolution of any remaining appeals of the Supreme Court decision of September 24, 2012, direct HRM staff to proceed to sell the property at market value, as per the "Special Procedure for Disposal of St. Pat's Alexandra" (see attachment A for the "Appendix A" from the October 30, 2012 Regional Council motion).**

Councillor Mason advised that he was not prepared to support the staff recommendation, as he feels that the associations involved should be provided an opportunity to respond to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Johns that this matter be deferred until receipt of the final decision in the Jono Developments Ltd.'s appeal.

Councillor Watts advised that a decision on the appeal will be heard tomorrow, and she felt it would be prudent to wait on this matter at this time. She added that it would also give the public an opportunity to hear the proposal put forward by the Association.

Mayor Savage cautioned Council with regard to debate on the motion to defer, advising that Council may get into some issues that would require an in camera session.

In response to a question on the decision of the appeal, the Municipal Solicitor advised that it is a one-day hearing and will take two to three months for a decision; and this is then followed by an appeal period.

Councillor McCluskey expressed concern over the cost the Municipality would be carrying by deferring this matter and advised that it was time for Council to move ahead and deal with this matter.

Councillor Adams questioned the impact if this were deferred. In response, the Municipal Solicitor advised that if the main motion were to pass, some of the work can continue.

Councillor Craig advised that he did not support the staff recommendation and that he has questions about the submitted bid. He also noted that he did not support the deferral.

Councillor Karsten suggested that waiting for a decision on the appeal is not going to provide Council with any further information in which to make a decision that the staff report hasn't provided. He added he would support a deferral if there was merit to it but Council is considering a motion to defer without knowing why it is deferring the matter.

Councillor Mosher advised that she would not support a deferral, advising that staff would not have brought this forward at this time if the appeal hearing were germane to Council's decision. Councillor Mosher also expressed concern with the risks to the Municipality by deferring the matter.

Councillor Dalrymple indicated that he would support the deferral.

Councillor Mason advised that he supported the deferral and that it would provide an opportunity for Council to ask questions in regard to the proposal.

In response to further questioning about the appeal hearing, the Municipal Solicitor indicated that if Council wanted to continue in this direction with the discussion, in his view it would be appropriate for Council to convene in camera at this time.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Mason that Council convene in camera. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

At 2:58 p.m. Council convened in camera.

At 4:53 p.m. Council reconvened in public.

Mayor Savage explained that Council dealt with the motion to defer in camera, and now the motion would be ratified in the public session.

THE MOTION TO DEFER WAS PUT AND DEFEATED. (8 in favour, 9 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage; and Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, Mason, Watts, Rankin, and Johns.

Against: Deputy Mayor Fisher; and Councillors: Karsten, McCluskey, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Craig, and Outhit.

Mayor Savage advised that the main motion was on the floor. He explained that it is anticipated that further debate will take time, and Council members have to retire shortly to a reception in Halifax Hall for the Citizenship Awards, and this will be followed by a presentation of the awards at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor advised that, at this time, Council will proceed with other agenda items, then recess shortly to attend the reception and awards presentation, and reconvene debate on this item at approximately 7:15 p.m.

11.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

11.2.1 Award Quotation No. 13M 145 – Canada Games Centre Solar Heating System

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated April 30, 2014.

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

- 1. Approve an increase to Project No. CB000002 – Major Facilities Upgrades, by \$87,500.00 (HST fully rebated), with funding from the Sustainable Communities Reserve Q127; and**
- 2. Approve the Award of Quotation No. 13M1455, Canada Games Centre solar Heating System, for a total tender price of \$87,500.00 (HST fully rebated), with funding from project NO. CB000002 – Major Facilities Upgrades as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated February 12, 2014.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Watts

11.2.2 Award – RFP No. P14-101 – Digital Video Based Driver Training Solution

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated April 30, 2014.

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

- 1. Approve an increase to project No. CV010002 – Fire Service Driving Testing System, in the amount of \$24,934.63 through a transfer from Project No. CVJ01088 – Fire Fleet Apparatus and;**
- 2. Award RFP No. P14 -101 for two (2) Digital Video Based Driver Training Solutions to the only proponent Trackit LLC Inc., for a total price of \$124,934.63 (net HST included) with funding from Project No. CV01002 – Fire Services Driving Testing System, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated April 1, 2014.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Johns.

11.2.3 Budget Increase – Project Account No. CEO 10001 – Fire Service Equipment Replacement

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated April 30, 2014.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council approve an increase to Project Account CEO 10001 – Fire Services Equipment Replacement, in the amount of \$400,000 with funding from Fire Services Operating account F110-6701, Operations – Equipment Purchases.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Johns.

11.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

11.3.1 Destination Eastern & Northumberland Shores (DEANS)

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee dated April 25, 2014.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Regional Council direct Destination Halifax to work with DEANS to build the tourism industry in the eastern part of HRM through the provision of advice and in kind services as appropriate and report back to CPED with a determination of implementation.

Councillor Hendsbee advised that he was frustrated with the process and noted that the request is for \$6,400, which is 8.5 % of DEAN's budget that they are looking for from this municipality.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Karsten the motion be amended to request the CAO's office find \$6,400 to contribute to the operating budget of DEANS.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED. (11 in favour, 4 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage; and Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Walker, Adams, Rankin, Whitman, and Outhit.

Against: Deputy Mayor Fisher; and Councillors: Mason, Watts, and Craig

Not present: Councillors Mosher and Johns

The Mayor advised that Council would recess and continue debate when Council reconvened after the Citizenship Awards.

Council recessed at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

On behalf of HRM, Mayor Savage welcomed all those in attendance and those watching online or on Eastlink television to this very special event.

Deputy Mayor Fisher took the Chair with Mayor Savage presenting the awards.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed everyone to City Hall today for the presentation of the annual HRM Citizenship Awards. He thanked Ken Benoit, Cathie Barrington and Jessica Bradley of the Councillor's Support Office for organizing the event. Deputy Mayor Fisher advised that the students receiving Citizenship Awards had been nominated by their teachers, guidance councillors and principals based on the criteria that they exemplified motivation, caring, achievement, and giving, as individuals who were role models for others. The Deputy Mayor extended congratulations to all 47 recipients of the 2014 Citizenship Awards.

Mayor Savage and Councillors presented the awards to the following students:

Cody Henley, Musquodoboit Rural High School
Benjamin Smith, George P Vanier Junior High School
Brona Higginbotham, Oyster Pond Academy
Nicole Ackert, Duncan MacMillan High School
Justin Thornhill, Gaetz Brook Junior High School
Alexandra Carroll, Ross Road School
Julia Morrison, Ellenvale Junior High School
Megan Vigneau, Eric Graves Memorial Junior High School
Cameron Howie, Eastern Passage Education Centre
Nana Boakye, Graham Creighton Junior High School
Samantha Graham, Astral Drive Junior High School
Martha Avery, Sir Robert Borden Junior High School
Holly Jewers, Prince Arthur Junior High School
Bethany Baert, Bicentennial School
Madelaine Smith, Armbrae Academy
Maria Jennings, Caledonia Junior High School
Sarah Labadlabad, John Martin Junior High School
Kayla Gavin-Hebert, Shambala School
Bocar Wade, Gorsebrook Junior High School
Shannen Grandy, Highland Park Junior High School
Hayley Hillier, Cunard Junior High School
Erika Doucet, Elizabeth Sutherland School
Antony Kahil, Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart
Faye Hiscock, Kingsview Academy
Hannah Estabrook, Halifax Central Junior High School
Morgan Wicentowich-Hamilton, St. Agnes Junior High School
Fatima Beydoun, Halifax Christian Academy
Isabel Lopez-McLean, Fairview Junior High School
Laura Samson, Ecole Secondaire du Sommet

Kiara Sexton, Rockingstone Heights School
Abigail Morton, Herring Cove Junior High
Cassidy McCarthy, Brookside Junior High School
Aisha Qureshi, Ridgecliffe Middle School
Maria Samman, Sacred Heart School of Halifax
Olivia Young, Madeline Symonds Middle School
Abbiegal Cull, Five Bridges Junior High School
Alisha Hathi, Savkville Heights Junior High School
Mikayla Clark, Harold T. Barrett Junior High School
Chole Goulden, Cavalier Junior High
Kathleen Lane, Leslie Thomas Junior High School
Sarah Dika, AJ Smeltzer Junior High School
Paranathi Challa, Clayton Park Junior High School
Fancisca Annan, Park West Junior High School
Olivia Mason, Bedford Academy
Miriam Ebeid, Rocky Lake Junior High School
Elliette MacLeod, Sandy Lake Academy
Hannah Meeson, Oxford School

Regional Council recessed at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened at 6:55 p.m. with Mayor Savage in the Chair.

11.3.1 Destination Eastern & Northumberland Shores (DEANS)

Regional Council returned to the debate on this matter.

Councillor Mason advised that he could not support the amendment. He added that he could not support funding DEANS if they are getting provincial funding and through the motion would also receive funding from the hotel levy.

Councillor Hendsbee stated that DEANS is currently discussing with the Municipality having all accommodations placed on the hotel levy.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (15 in favour, 2 opposed)

In favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Fisher and Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Rankin, Whitman, Johns, and Outhit.

Against: Councillors Mason and Craig.

11.3.2 Aquatic Needs Assessment – Eastern Region

The following was before Council:

- A report from the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee dated March 24, 2014.

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

- 1. Direct staff to work with the YMCA and municipal pool operators to attempt to accommodate the aquatics programming that will be lost due to the expected closure of the NSCC Akerley Campus pool; and**
- 2. Direct staff to further explore the regional need for additional aquatic facilities as part of the Community Facility Master Plan update, subject to approval of the 2014/15 budget and business plan by Regional Council.**

Councillor Dalrymple recommended that HRM contact the Municipality of East Hants regarding aquatic needs as there may be opportunity for joint work on an aquatic facility.

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Denise Schofield, Manager Regional Recreation and Culture advised that aquatic facilities are considered a regional asset and staff plan to do a scan of the region to see where facilities are required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.4 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

11.4.1 Cogswell Lands Plan

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Executive Standing Committee, dated May 1, 2014.
- A staff presentation entitled “Cogswell Lands Plan” dated May 13, 2014

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Mason that that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the Cogswell Lands Plan as the guiding document for the next stage of work for the removal and re-design of the Cogswell Interchange.**
- 2. Approve the functional road network as proposed in the Cogswell Lands Plan.**
- 3. Direct staff to initiate the following work and return to Council as required:**
 - a) Communicate the Cogswell Lands Plan, as approved, to the public, adjacent landowners and future developers through the municipal website, individual meetings and a public open house held in conjunction with the Strategic Urban Partnership.**
 - b) Proceed with the Detailed Design for the demolition and redevelopment of the Cogswell Interchange including issuing Requests for Proposals to retain necessary expertise.**
 - c) Enter into negotiations for land acquisitions required to advance the Cogswell redevelopment.**

- d) Prepare a financial plan for the demolition and redevelopment of the Cogswell Interchange.**
- e) Commence preparations for Municipal Planning Strategy /Land Use By-law amendments and necessary street closures as per the HRM Charter.**

Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager Real Property Planning; Mr. Peter Stickings, Manager Real Estate and Land Management; and Ms. Jane Fraser Director Planning and Infrastructure provided the presentation to Regional Council and responded to questions of clarification. It was noted that the presentation had already been before the Executive Standing Committee.

Mr. Bigelow provided the following highlights from the presentation:

- Cogswell redesign will help ensure sustainability of downtown by increasing living and work opportunities.
- Increase in area and open public spaces.
- Improved quality of urban design.
- Provide transit and active transportation options.
- 1,600 residential units to be built with 3 kilometers of bike lanes.
- Making lands available for development would generate an estimated \$3.2 million in taxes.
- Development will happen in a staged approach to lessen the impact on existing residents, businesses and daily commuters.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Whitman that the question BE NOW PUT.

The Mayor indicated that a two-third majority vote is required.

MOTION DEFEATED. (11 in favour, 6 opposed)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Fisher; Councillors Dalrymple, Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Rankin, Whitman, and Johns.

Against: Mayor Savage; Councillors Hendsbee, Mason, Watts, Craig and Outhit.

As previously agreed, Council continued discussion on item 11.1.3 at 7:15 p.m.

11.1.3 St. Patrick's Alexandra Site – 2277 Maynard Street, Halifax (Cont'd)

The following motion was now before Council:

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

- 1. Decline the proposal from the North Central Community Council Association, as per the Evaluation of Submissions for the Disposal of St. Pat's Alexandra (Attachment B); and**
- 2. Conditional upon the satisfactory resolution of any remaining appeals of the Supreme Court decision of September 24, 2012, direct HRM staff to proceed to sell the property at market value, as per the "Special Procedure for Disposal of St. Pat's Alexandra" (see attachment A for the "Appendix A" from the October 30, 2012 Regional Council motion).**

Councillor Watts requested Council defeat the motion before them and stated that she would put forward an alternate motion supporting the proposal as put forward by the community. The proposal from North Central Community Council Association (NCCCA) offered a unique affordable home ownership project and met the provincial affordable housing targets. The area is targeted to be a density area and will need the various types of resources, such as having a gym, community hub and it would support the diversity and inclusivity so prevalent in the area. She added that it would be a benefit to the cultural centres in the area. She reminded Council that Hope Blooms is an example of a successful project in the area, a project that showed that the community is able to complete tasks that seem impossible. Councillor Watts noted that the Imagine Bloomfield report indicated that there are a number of community groups that are looking for spaces to rent and that report was completed before the loss of the Khyber and Roy buildings. The North End Business Association supports the community led initiative and recognizes the importance of it to further development in the area. Councillor Watts explained that Regional Council has the opportunity at the public hearing to vote on the proposal and make a full informed decision at that time. She asked that Council vote down the motion before them, and she would bring forward an alternate motion.

In response to Councillor Outhit, Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor stated that paragraph G of the Special Procedure states that if Council decides to sell a property for less than market value it must hold a public hearing. The procedure for the sale indicated to all the proponents that a buy back agreement would be imposed. Staff would come back to Council with the proposed terms and conditions of the buy back agreement.

Councillor Dalrymple advised that he would support the request to defeat the motion before Council. He noted that it was not a case of just handing the building to the community as the NCCCA was offering to purchase the building at 3.7 million dollars. He stated he would be pleased to see community groups take over the building, but would just want to ensure the taxpayers are protected.

Mayor Savage recognized Hon. Maureen MacDonald and Melinda Day from Halifax Regional School Board who were in attendance.

Councillor Karsten raised concern about defeating the staff recommendation. He stated that a team of staff had reviewed the proposal by NCCCA and found that there were three major issues with their proposal. He added that the NCCCA proposal would see HRM retain ownership of the property during development negotiations. He added that the NCCCA would not be able to bring the building up to a safe enough standard to be used for public purposes. According to staff the

NCCCA has not provided a viable proposal to operate the site. He added that he had reviewed the entire submission and received staffs' direction and did not feel the proposal met the best interests of the municipality.

Councillor Johns stated that he would not support the motion that is before Council and looked forward to the alternate motion being put forward by Councillor Watts. He added that affordable housing could be addressed by supporting the community and their vision for the site.

Councillor Craig indicated that he would not support the motion before Council. He added that he understood the concerns around protecting the taxpayer. He also added that if there is a will to see the project move forward in the community, it will happen.

Councillor Rankin stated that it seems that the community has fulfilled the request for proposal and have shown that they would be able to make their project viable. He also felt the market value of the property as reported, was inflated.

Councillor Mason asked Council to support the community in their goal to move the project forward. He stated that many of the members of the NCCCA are members of other successful organizations that have delivered on many other successful volunteer projects. He added that he was given more comfort knowing that the province was also on board in support of the project. He noted that Council would hear from the public regarding the project at a public hearing and ensure that the right decision would be made.

Councillor McCluskey stated that her biggest concern was that the NCCCA have not been able to prove that they can generate enough funds to ensure they will be able to offset the expenses. She noted that the building is in poor condition and the submission has not outlined a viable proposal and a plan to cover all the work that needs to be completed.

Councillor Mosher raised concern that the buildings were derelict and should be condemned. She felt there should be a needs analysis to see what is required. She noted that a portion of revenues from the sale of lands is put into a reserve to cover future identified needs. The building condition report indicates that it would cost \$15.8 million to bring the buildings up to code. She added that the staff report indicated that the business plan from the NCCCA was highly conceptual. Councillor Mosher continued that there were far too many risks for the municipality to continue operating the two buildings. She indicated she was supportive of the community need, but felt that other options needed to be explored such as building new facilities.

Councillor Outhit agreed that there is a lot of risk to the Municipality despite all the good intentions of the Community: He added that he was leaning towards not supporting the motion on the floor as it was an issue of what is good for the municipality as a whole.

Deputy Mayor Fisher requested that legal provide an outline of how the process would move forward if Council supported the proposed motion from Councillor Watts to sell the property to NCCCA.

Mr. Traves stated that following a public hearing a motion to sell the property to NCCCA would require Council to approve that decision by a 2/3 vote of support. With the Call for Proposal Council's normal practice is a buy-back arrangement. He stated that the proposed motion would request staff come back with the terms and conditions of that buy-back agreement before the public hearing is held.

Councillor Whitman wanted to know what timeline would be given to get the site fixed up or developed.

Mr. Traves stated it is difficult to determine a timeline. He added that the advice provided to Council was to not close any sale until the decision of the Jono Development Limited appeal has been determined. If the motion under consideration is passed, it would be at least 2 to 3 months until a decision was rendered and then there is still the possibility of an appeal. If there is a resolution to sell the property, there would need to be a development agreement, which and that would also require a public hearing.

Mayor Savage stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Mayor Fisher assumed the Chair at 8:22 p.m.

Mayor Savage stated that he felt staff had provided a very thorough report. Staff identified the proposal and identified the strengths and weaknesses. He added that he had difficulty in making a decision on the proposal put forward by the NCCCA. He clarified that he was not speaking from the floor to influence anyone's vote. He reminded Council that voting against the staff report did not mean that Councillors did not want private sector development or did not have questions around the proposed development. Also, he said if councillors voted for the staff report it did not mean they did not support the community, nor would it indicate that they did not support housing or disliked the proponents. He added that the decision was difficult for Council and stated he would have to vote against the staff report. He clarified that his vote was based on a community speaking out strongly to build a better life for their children and grandchildren, not without risk, but with the possibility of a big payoff.

Mayor Savage assumed the Chair at 8:25 p.m.

Councillor Nicoll stated that she would have to vote against the staff recommendation as Councillor Watts knows her community well and knows what they are looking to do.

Councillor Dalrymple stated that he felt staff did a great job on the report but explained there are often times where Council needs to make a decision. He compared the decision before Council to Council donating land to the Dartmouth Adult Services Centre. He felt that the community deserved the chance to push their project forward.

Councillor Walker cautioned Council about not following the policy. He added that Council has found itself in trouble before due to not following its process. He noted there still is a court case that could overturn the decision of Council.

Mr. Traves advised that staff was directed, to evaluate the proposals for content, compliance, viability, compensation and benefit to the community. He added that Council will consider the overall context of the disposal including; the market value, the planning strategy of the area, costs to the municipality or the benefits to the community and to the municipality as a whole.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (7 in favour, 10 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Fisher; Councillors Karsten, McCluskey, Mosher, Walker, Adams, and Whitman.

Against: Mayor Savage; Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, Mason, Watts, Rankin, Johns, Craig, and Outhit.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason that Council consider the question of a sale of the former St. Pat's Alexandra school property to the North Central Community Association and direct staff return with a report and recommendation respecting proposed conditions and timing before a public hearing to be scheduled as required by the special procedure for the disposal of St. Pat's Alexandra adopted by Council on October 30, 2012 and return to Council for final decision following receipt of the final decision in the Jono Development Ltd. Appeal.

Mr. Traves clarified that the motion will instruct staff to proceed to prepare a report and recommendation returning to Council setting out the terms of the buy-back agreement and or other security that is proposed by staff with respect to the sale of the property. That is the normal case for a buy-back agreement and the report would come back to Council before the public hearing which would be scheduled at that time. Following the public hearing, staff would return with a report on the sale conditions for consideration of Council which would require a two-thirds vote and would happen after there was a decision made in the Jono Development Ltd. Appeal.

Councillor Watts thanked Council for defeating the staff recommendation. She noted there had been significant needs assessment that they have discussed with residents in order to find out what was needed in the community. The response to the needs assessment was that the St. Pats Alexandra site is what is needed and required in the community. She added that the conditions of sale would be clear and come back to Council to make the final decision.

In response to questions of Council, Mr. Traves clarified that the proponents were advised about the buy-back agreement. The report that would come back to Council would propose the types of conditions that could be imposed, in respect to the sale and security, to ensure that the public benefit that Council is seeking on this opportunity emerges. He stated that he could not speculate on what the decision would be in regard to the Jono Development Ltd appeal but noted that the proposal could not deal with until a decision had been made. He noted that it also could not be presupposed as to what the staff report would recommend to Council in respect to the buy-back agreement.

The question was now before Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (10 in favour, 7 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage; Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, Mason, Watts, Rankin, Johns, Craig, and Outhit.

Against: Deputy Mayor Fisher; Councillors Karsten, McCluskey, Mosher, Walker, Adams, and Whitman.

Council recessed at 8:41 and resumed at 8:50 p.m. continuing discussion on item 11.4.1 Cogswell Lands Plan.

11.4.1 Cogswell Lands Plan (Cont'd)

The following motion was before Council for debate.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Mason that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the Cogswell Lands Plan as the guiding document for the next stage of work for the removal and re-design of the Cogswell Interchange.**
- 2. Approve the functional road network as proposed in the Cogswell Lands Plan.**
- 3. Direct staff to initiate the following work and return to Council as required:**
 - a) Communicate the Cogswell Lands Plan, as approved, to the public, adjacent landowners and future developers through the municipal website, individual meetings and a public open house held in conjunction with the Strategic Urban Partnership.**
 - b) Proceed with the Detailed Design for the demolition and redevelopment of the Cogswell Interchange including issuing Requests for Proposals to retain necessary expertise.**
 - c) Enter into negotiations for land acquisitions required to advance the Cogswell redevelopment.**
 - d) Prepare a financial plan for the demolition and redevelopment of the Cogswell Interchange.**
 - e) Commence preparations for Municipal Planning Strategy /Land Use By-law amendments and necessary street closures as per the HRM Charter.**

Councillor Hendsbee questioned if there would be an environmental energy district incorporated into the new design and buildings as well as cooling from the harbour and solar panels. He also asked if the buildings would be unique in design and he applauded the inclusion of pedestrian walk ways.

Mr. Bigelow advised that the Cogswell redesign does include a district energy project as well as the use of the harbour for cooling of the buildings. He explained that the height of the buildings

in the presentation was presented as a moderate approach to height. He noted that the buildings could go higher but practical parking solutions would have to be identified. He noted that the plan identifies three properties where the goal would be to have iconic landmark buildings built, adding that the presentation could not presume what design a developer might propose.

Councillor Whitman questioned if transport trucks would be restricted and if consideration would be given to having reversing lanes for traffic during rush hour. He wondered if there was any downside to having the sewage treatment plant in the same area.

Mr. Bigelow stated that the traffic study did include having transport trucks travel through the proposed area. Reversing lanes were not considered but off peak hours parking lanes would accommodate increase in traffic. Under the proposal the sewage treatment plan is going to be integrated into a park. The sewage treatment plant was built with the capacity of having an additional two stories for other uses.

Councillor Johns felt that this new development should include some affordable housing as part of the condition of sale.

Councillor Craig raised concern about how businesses and retailers on the waterfront would be affected during the reconstruction.

Ms. Fraser explained that the first step of the project would be the establishment of a web presence and ongoing communication. She added that there would be targeted information sent out to businesses and employees to keep them aware of the construction timelines.

The CAO added that they would be setting up a project office right in the area so that anyone looking for answers would have somewhere to go. He added that it would be done in phases so to minimize impact on businesses and employees in the area.

Councillor Outhit raised concern about the cost of the actual teardown. He questioned if the changes would be able to handle traffic to Barrington Street.

Mr. Bigelow explained that the current Cogswell interchange funnels traffic into one area. He stated that the new proposal is to allow traffic to have alternate road choices to get to their desired destination before entering the downtown area.

Councillor Mosher agreed with comments from other speakers. She requested that the proposal consider increasing the number of family units.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.5 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11.5.1 Case H00395 – Substantial Alterations to 5171 George Street (Bank of Commerce Building); 1813 Granville Street (Hayes Insurance Building); 1819 Granville Street (Merchants Bank of Canada Building); 1824 Hollis Street

(Champlain Building); and 1820 Hollis Street (Flinn Building) – 5 Municipally Registered Heritage Properties

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Heritage Advisory Committee, dated February 24, 2014.
- Correspondence from Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia dated May 8, 2014; Pink Larkin dated May 8, 2014; and Lydon Lynch Architects dated May 12, 2014

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman that whereas Regional Council is satisfied that the historical character of the property has been maintained and preserved and that the proposed substantial alterations do not destroy materials that characterize the property, it is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the proposed substantial alteration to 5171 George Street (Bank of Commerce building) as outlined in Attachments A-Y of the staff report dated January 14, 2014;**
- 2. Approve the proposed substantial alteration to 1813 Granville Street (Hayes Insurance building) as outlined in Attachments A-Y of the staff report dated January 14, 2014;**
- 3. Approve the proposed substantial alteration to 1819 Granville Street (Merchants Bank of Canada building) as outlined in Attachments A-Y of the staff report dated January 14, 2014;**
- 4. Approve the proposed substantial alteration to 1824 Hollis Street (Champlain Building) as outlined in Attachments A-Y of the staff report dated January 14, 2014;**
- 5. Approve the proposed substantial alteration to the 1820 Hollis Street (Flinn building) as outlined in Attachments A-Y of the staff report dated January 14, 2014 ; and**
- 6. Approve the foregoing substantial alterations subject to the revised technical drawings A-200, A- 201, A-300 and A-301 as contained in the February 12, 2014 Supplemental Report #2 from Lydon Lynch Architects and as included in Attachment F of the April 14, 2014 staff report for Case 19046.**

Mr. Traves advised Council that the revised staff recommendation and the recommendation from the Heritage Advisory Committee were before them. He noted that the motion placed on the floor is the staff recommendation.

Council agreed to vote on each recommendation separately.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman that whereas Regional Council is satisfied that the historical character of the property has been maintained and preserved and that the proposed substantial alterations do not destroy materials that characterize the property, it is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

Approve the proposed substantial alteration to 5171 George Street (Bank of Commerce building) as outlined in Attachments A-Y of the staff report dated January 14, 2014

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Johns.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman that whereas Regional Council is satisfied that the historical character of the property has been maintained and preserved and that the proposed substantial alterations do not destroy materials that characterize the property, it is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

- 2. Approve the proposed substantial alteration to 1813 Granville Street (Hayes Insurance building) as outlined in Attachments A-Y of the staff report dated January 14, 2014;**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 3 against)

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

Against: Councillors Mason, Watts, and Outhit.

Not present: Councillor Johns.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman that whereas Regional Council is satisfied that the historical character of the property has been maintained and preserved and that the proposed substantial alterations do not destroy materials that characterize the property, it is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

- 3. Approve the proposed substantial alteration to 1819 Granville Street (Merchants Bank of Canada building) as outlined in Attachments A-Y of the staff report dated January 14, 2014**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (15 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Outhit.

Not present: Councillor Johns.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman that whereas Regional Council is satisfied that the historical character of the property has been maintained and preserved and that the proposed substantial alterations do not destroy materials that characterize the property, it is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

- 4. Approve the proposed substantial alteration to 1824 Hollis Street (Champlain Building) as outlined in Attachments A-Y of the staff report dated January 14, 2014**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 3 against)

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

Against: Councillors Nicoll, Watts and Mosher.

Not present: Councillor Johns.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman that whereas Regional Council is satisfied that the historical character of the property has been maintained and preserved and that the proposed substantial alterations do not destroy materials that characterize the property, it is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

- 5. Approve the proposed substantial alteration to the 1820 Hollis Street (Flinn building) as outlined in Attachments A-Y of the staff report dated January 14, 2014**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 4 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Fisher; Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Walker, Mosher, Adams, Rankin, Whitman.

Against: Councillors Mason, Watts, Craig, and Outhit.

Not present: Councillor Johns.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman that whereas Regional Council is satisfied that the historical character of the property has been maintained and preserved and that the proposed substantial alterations do not destroy materials that characterize the property, it is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

- 6. Approve the foregoing substantial alterations subject to the revised technical drawings A-200, A- 201, A-300 and A-301 as contained in the February 12, 2014 Supplemental Report #2 from Lydon Lynch Architects and as included in Attachment F of the April 14, 2014 staff report for Case 19046.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (15 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Watts.

Not present: Councillor Johns.

11.4.2 Summary Report and Recommendations - Governance Review (Internal Committees)

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Executive Standing Committee dated May 1, 2014.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct Committee of the Whole to consider such matters as Regional Council refers to it using the procedures in Administrative Order #1.**
- 2. Adopt and formalize a Committee of the Whole on Budgets with Terms of Reference that include a quorum of nine (9) members as per Administrative Order #1 and the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee as Chair, and direct staff to make the necessary changes to Administrative Order #1.**
- 3. Reduce the size of Standing Committees by having one (1) member appointed by each of the three (3) Community Councils and three (3) members of Council appointed by Regional Council and direct staff to prepare a report with recommendations necessary to effect the reduction.**
- 4. That appointments to Standing Committees would be for a two (2) year term and that each Standing Committee elect its chair to serve for a non-renewable term of two (2) years and that no councillor can chair more than one (1) Standing Committee at a time; and that Regional Council shall have regard to expression of interest from councillors who have not had an opportunity to serve on a Standing Committee.**
- 5. Direct staff to prepare amendments to Administrative Order #1 covering the general aspects of the work of Standing Committees. The Terms of Reference of each Standing Committee would be incorporated into a Schedule to Administrative Order #1.**
- 6. Adopt a modified procedure to govern the participation of non-member councillors at Standing Committees including:**
 - (a) all Council members may attend all Standing Committee meetings, including in camera committee meetings, question staff and the public, and speak on a matter before the committee**
 - (b) only committee members may make motions and vote on a matter before the committee, and that Administrative Order #1 be changed to implement this approach.**

7. **Reaffirm that all communications from Community Councils, Standing Committees and other committees created by Regional Council to other orders of government will come from the Mayor, as authorized by Regional Council.**
8. **Notwithstanding recommendation #4, that the Mayor shall be the Chair of the Executive Standing Committee.**

MOVED by Councillor Karsten seconded by Councillor McCluskey to defer the Governance Review until the next meeting of Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Deputy Mayor Fisher wanted to know if it was decided when non-member Councillors would be able to speak at Standing Committees.

Mr. Chris Bryant, Senior Advisor Government Relations and External Affairs advised that there was no decision made on when a visiting Councillor could speak and it would be left up to the Chair to make that decision.

Councillor Rankin expressed concern about Councillors or Community Councils not being able to send letters to the province about existing programs. He noted this is more of an issue in rural areas where the provincial jurisdiction may fall on programs such as roads. He added that it would be time consuming for Councillors to go to Regional Council to request a letter to be sent to the province from the Mayor. Councillor Rankin stated that under Administrative Order 48, Regional Council has the power to delegate tasks to the Community Council and sending letters to the province had been standard practice.

Mr. Butts stated that only Regional Council can speak on behalf of the Municipality. He added that the issue was brought up at the Executive Standing Committee.

Mr. Bryant advised that individual Councillors could still advocate on behalf of their residents on provincial matters.

Mr. Butts clarified that individual Councillors could advocate on behalf of residents on local issues but Community Council could not as representatives of the City.

Councillor Hendsbee concurred with the comments of Councillor Rankin. He requested clarification of how a staff report goes to a Standing Committee. He added that if a report has to go to two Standing Committees it should be required that it automatically go to Committee of the Whole meeting. He added that some issues are so important to the Municipality they should automatically be a Committee of the Whole process.

Mr. Traves clarified that all of the boards and committees and councils are HRM and there needs to be one voice representing the Municipality. A motion could be brought forward to allow the Mayor to write a letter on behalf of a Community Council and would not have to go to Regional Council first.

Mayor Savage proposed that no further debate continue on this matter due to time restrictions and that debate be carried over as deferred business to the next regular meeting of Regional Council, to which Council agreed.

4.2 Committee of the Whole – Mayor and Council Review of Task Force on Violence and Public Safety

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

- 1. Direct the CAO to implement the relocation of the Public Safety Office function from the Halifax Regional Police to the HRM administration, as described in the Mayor and Council Review of Task Force on Violence and Public Safety;**
- 2. Direct the CAO to review and respond as appropriate to the recommendations of the Mayor and Council Review of Task Force on Violence and Public Safety, and to report back to Council no less than twice yearly; and**
- 3. Direct the CAO to consult with the Board of Police Commissioners to obtain feedback on the Clairmont report with respect to the Public Safety Office and ensure it aligns appropriately with the requirements of the Police Act.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Johns.

13. IN CAMERA

13.1 In Camera Minutes – April 1, 2014

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker that the In Camera minutes of April 1, 2014 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 Personnel Matter

13.2.1 Citizen Appointment to Halifax Regional Library Board – Private and Confidential Report

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the appointment to the Halifax Regional Library Board as outlined in the Private and Confidential Report from the Executive Standing Committee dated April 28, 2014.**
- 2. Extend the term to November 2016 to allow the member sufficient time to become familiar with and contribute to the Committee.**
- 3. It is further recommended that the citizen appointment be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidate.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not Present: Councillor Johns.

13.3 Property Matter

13.3.1 Parkland Acquisition – Strategic Parcel, Porters Lake – Private and Confidential Report

This item was deferred until the next Regional Council meeting.

14. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

14.1 Councillor Hendsbee – District Capital Funding – Nature Conservancy of Canada

This item was deferred until the next Regional Council meeting.

14.2 Committee of the Whole – Mayor and Council Review of Task Force on Violence and Public Safety

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 27.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

15.1 Councillor Whitman

Take notice that, at the Regional Council meeting, to be held on the 10th day of June 2014 I intend to propose amendments to Administrative Order 45, Respecting Private Road Maintenance the purpose of which is to add Schedule 12, respecting a Uniform Charge for the Mariners Anchorage Residents Association.

15.2 Councillor Mason

Take notice that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on the 20th day of May 2014 I intend to propose amendments to Administrative Order 48, Respecting the Creation of Community Councils the purpose of which is to change the names of Districts 7, 8 and 9 as follows:

1. Change District 7, “Peninsula South – Downtown” to “Halifax South Downtown”;
2. Change District 8, “Peninsula North” to “Halifax Peninsula North”; and
3. Change District 9, “Armdale – Peninsula West” to “Halifax West Armdale”.

15.3 Councillor Adams

Take notice that, at the Regional Council meeting, to be held on the 10th day of June 2014 I intend to propose amendments to Administrative Order 45, Respecting Private Road Maintenance the purpose of which is to add Schedule 11, respecting a Uniform Charge for the Redoubt Head Homeowner's Association.

15.4 Councillor Adams

Take notice that, at the Regional Council meeting, to be held on the 10th day of June 2014 I intend to propose amendments to Administrative Order 45, Respecting Private Road Maintenance the purpose of which is to add Schedule 10, respecting a Uniform Charge for the Black's Subdivision Ratepayers Association.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett
Municipal Clerk