



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
June 24 and 25, 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  
Reg Rankin  
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. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order on June 24, 2014 at 1:00 p.m., and recessed at 2:48 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m. Council recessed at 5:02 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m. Council recessed again at 7:31 p.m. and reconvened at 7:46 p.m. Council recessed at 9:18 p.m. and reconvened at 9:32 p.m. and recessed again at 10:42 p.m. Council reconvened on June 25, 2014 at 10:06 a.m. and recessed at 11:15 a.m., reconvening at 11:26 p.m. Council recessed again at 11:43 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera session at 1:37 p.m. and reconvened at 1:47 p.m. Council adjourned at 1:50 p.m.*

**1. INVOCATION**

The Mayor called the meeting to order with the Invocation being led by Deputy Mayor Fisher.

• **1:00 PM Special Presentation – Deputy Lord Provost, Aberdeen City Council**

Mayor Savage introduced and welcomed Deputy Lord Provost John Reynolds of Aberdeen and provided background on HRM's relationship with Aberdeen.

Deputy Lord Provost spoke on his visit to HRM and Aberdeen's partnership with the Municipality.

Deputy Mayor Fisher provided welcoming words to Deputy Lord Provost.

Prior to Special Community Announcements & Acknowledgements, the Municipal Solicitor introduced Ms. Tara Gault, Article Clerk Intern and Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Law Student Intern for HRM Legal Services.

**2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Committee of the Whole May 13 & May 20, 2014;  
Regional Council May 13 & May 20, 2014**

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher that the Committee of the Whole minutes of May 13 & May 20, 2014 and Regional Council minutes of May 13 & 20, 2014 be approved as presented.**

In response to a question raised by Councillor Watts, Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk provided clarification around the motion passed for Case H00395 as outlined in the May 13, 2014 minutes.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

- 14.1 Audit and Finance Standing Committee** – Approval of Increased Project Funding – Cow Bay Road Storm Sewer Project
- 14.2 Audit and Finance Standing Committee** – Approval of Increased Project Funding Award – Unit Price Tender No. 14-207, North Park Street Upgrades – North Park Street (Cogswell - Cunard) –West Region
- 14.3 Audit and Finance Standing Committee** – Davis Cup and We Day Events
- 14.4 Audit and Finance Standing Committee** – Scotia Bank Hockey Day in Canada
- 14.5 Councillor Hendsbee** - Purchase of Waterfront Lot in Conrod Settlement

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Whitman 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 – 6:00 P.M.**

- 9.1 By-law N-200, Respecting Noise – Exemption Application – Bastid’s BBQ 2014**

This matter was addressed later in the meeting, see page 21.

- 9.2 By-law N-200, Respecting Noise – Exemption Application – Halifax Jazz Festival**

This matter was addressed later in the meeting, see page 21.

- 9.3 Regional Plan (RP+5): HRM Regional Municipal Planning Strategy**

This matter was addressed later in the meeting, see page 22.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**10.1 Correspondence**

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for Committee of the Whole and items 9.3 11.1.12 and 11.1.16. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

After this update had been provided, correspondence was also circulated to Council for item: 12.1.

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

**10.2 Petitions**

**10.2.1 Councillor Watts**

Councillor Watts submitted a petition containing 155 signatures from residents requesting that HRM support the rental of the Bloomfield gym/meeting space and parking lot on a month to month basis until the property is transferred to Housing Nova Scotia.

**10.2.2 Councillor Watts**

Councillor Watts submitted a petition containing 2,020 signatures from residents calling upon Mayor Savage to write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post that calls on the government to reverse the changes to services announced by Canada Post, and to look instead for ways to increase service and revenues in areas such as postal banking.

**10.2.3 Municipal Clerk**

The Municipal Clerk submitted a petition containing over 1,000 signature asking Halifax Regional Council to immediately stop proceeding to decommission the off-lease area of Africville Park. Further that Council pursue solutions to directly address the specific concerns raised by other community groups, as it relates to the use of this space, including increased enforcement of existing municipal by-laws related to waste disposal and off-leash area boundaries.

Should Council in majority choose to set aside the wishes of the community and decision this asset, we, the community must insist that such decommissioning and closure be deferred until such time as a suitable replacement space has been placed into service.

Councillor Karsten spoke to the challenges of receiving online petitions and that some signatures were from individuals living outside of Canada/HRM.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Adams regarding the timing around the Committee of the Whole (COW) motion on Solid Waste Resources being ratified, Mr. Traves clarified that the motion of June 24, 2014 COW was to defer recommendations 7, 8 and 9 for further consultation to November 1, 2014. The matter will come back to Committee of the Whole and any recommendation falling out of that meeting would be forwarded to Regional Council for ratification.

**11. REPORTS**

**11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**11.1.1 Halifax Metro Centre Naming Rights**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 12, 2014

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

- 1. Accept the proposal from the highest scoring proponent for naming rights of the Halifax Metro Centre, subject to the negotiation of terms and conditions agreeable to the CAO or his delegate and execution of a resulting contract;**
- 2. Direct staff to work with Trade Centre Limited and the proponent to negotiate a contract for naming rights that meets the requirements of the RFP and secures the benefits of the key terms of the proposal outlined in Table 1 of the private and confidential in camera report dated June 12, 2014.**
- 3. Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a contract on behalf of the Municipality where the CAO determines that the contract achieves the key terms;**
- 4. Direct staff to work with Trade Centre Limited and the proponent to hold a press conference to announce the new naming partner as soon after Council approval of the naming partner as feasible;**
- 5. Not release specific details of the recommended naming rights agreement until execution of the contract between the parties; and**
- 6. Not release the private and confidential in camera report pursuant to the non-disclosure agreements.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Rankin

Mr. Traves reminded Council that there was a non-disclosure agreement that Council was bound by and there would be a release of public information around this in due course.

**11.1.2 Sole Source Award, HVAC Upgrades, St. Margaret's Centre**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 25, 2014

**MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Johns that Halifax Regional Council, in accordance with Administrative Order 35, Section 8(11A), Sub-section (f) "For work to be performed on property by a contractor according to provisions of a warranty or guarantee held in respect of the property or the original work" approve a \$65,274.69 (Net**

**HST included) Sole Source Award for HVAC system retrofit capital project to Carmichael Engineering Limited with funding from CB000002-Multi District Facilities Upgrades as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated March 25, 2014.**

Council entered into a discussion with staff responding to questions around the project's financial implications related to the procurement process, budget process and being funding through the general tax rate.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.1.3 Award – Unit Price Tender No. 14-211, Paving and Sidewalk Renewals – First Street, Second Street, Third Street, Fourth Street and Newton Avenue – West Region**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 29, 2014

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Municipality award Tender No. 14-211, Paving and Sidewalk Renewals – First Street, Second Street, Third Street, Fourth Street and Newton Avenue– West Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Cumberland Paving and Contracting Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$519,666.36 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No(s). CR000005 – Street Recapitalization and CKU01084 – Sidewalk Renewals, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated May 29, 2014.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.1.4 Award – Unit Price Tender No. 14-212, Paving Renewal and Water Main Renewal – Spikenard Street – East Region**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 28, 2014

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

- 1. Approve a budget increase of \$402,609.66 (net HST included) to Project Account No. CR000005 - Street Recapitalization, funded through cost sharing with the Halifax Water.**
- 2. Award Tender No. 14-212, Paving Renewal and Water Main Renewal - Spikenard Street -East Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Harbour Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$712,651.94 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No(s). CR000005 - Street Recapitalization and CKU01084 - Sidewalk Renewals, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated May 28, 2014.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.1.5 Award – Unit Price Tender No. 14-215, Paving Renewals – Various Locations – Central Region**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 28, 2014

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

- 1. Approve a budget increase of \$23,958.40 (net HST included) to Project Account No. CR000005 - Street Recapitalization, funded through cost sharing with the Halifax Water.**
- 2. Award Tender No. 14-215, Paving Renewals - Various Locations - Central Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Cumberland Paving and Contracting Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$645,360.18 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No. CR000005 - Street Recapitalization, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated May 28, 2014.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.1.6 Award – Unit Price Tender No. 14-239, Pavement and Water Main Renewal, New Sidewalk and Storm Sewer Main – Commission Street – West Region**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 27, 2014

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

- 1. Approve a budget increase of \$724,840.89 (net HST included) to Project Account No. CR000005 – Street Recapitalization, funded through cost sharing with the Halifax Water.**
- 2. Award Tender No. 14-239, Pavement & Water Main Renewal, New Sidewalk & Storm Sewer Main – Commission Street – West Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$1,189,470.47 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No(s). CR000005 – Street Recapitalization and CR000003 – New Sidewalk, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated May 27, 2014.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.1.7 Award – Unit Price Tender No. 14-260, Micro Surfacing – Phase 3 – Various Locations**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 28, 2014

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

- 1. Approve a budget increase of \$8,507.65 (net HST included) to Project Account No. CR000005 – Street Recapitalization, funded through cost sharing with the Halifax Water.**
- 2. Award Tender No. 14-260, Micro Surfacing – Phase 3 – Various Locations, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company for a Total Tender Price of \$764,646.85 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No. CR000005 – Street Recapitalization, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated May 28, 2014.**

In regards to the procurement process, Councillor Hendsbee questioned how some of the tenders get awarded after the work had commenced or been completed. Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer advised that he would discuss this with procurement; which staff responded to later in the meeting. See page 15.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.1.8 Cost-Sharing Agreement – Kearney Lake Road Shoulder Paving**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 17, 2014

**MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a sole source agreement with Halifax Water to extend their contract for Kearney Lake Road Transmission Main Replacement by \$129,881.56 (including net HST) to allow for the creation of a paved shoulder from Bluewater Road to Hammonds Plains Road.**

Councillor Whitman spoke in support of the motion and was pleased to see the inclusion of the bike lanes.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.1.9 Assignment of Contract - #07-391 – Collection and Transportation of Source-Separated Solid Waste – Collection Areas 1, 2, 4 and 6**

The following was before Council:



- A staff recommendation report dated June 6, 2014

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Whitman that Halifax Regional Council consent to the assignment of contract #07-391 (as amended) for the Collection and Transportation of Source-Separated Solid Waste – Collection Areas 1, 2, 4 and 6, from Waste Management of Canada Corporation to GFL Environmental Inc., and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute HRM’s consent to the Assignment & Assumption Agreement as set forth in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated June 6, 2014.**

Councillor Rankin provided an overview of the agreement.

Councillor Nicoll asked that future reports identify the location of collections areas.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.1.10 Initiation of Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy for Planning District 4 and the Regional Subdivision By-law**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 25, 2014

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Direct staff to initiate a process to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy for Planning District 4 and the Halifax Regional Subdivision By-law to allow the creation of an additional lot without road frontage within the Mixed Use Designation of Planning District 4, per motion of the Halifax and West Community Council; and**
- 2. Direct staff to follow the public participation program as approved by Council in February 1997, should Council decide to initiate these amendments at the Halifax and West Community Council’s request.**

Councillor Hendsbee commented that once approved this would be used as a model for subdivision planning.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.1.11 Case 16424 – Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-Law (LUB) Amendments for Planning Districts 1 and 3 – Tantallon at the Crossroads**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 5, 2014
- Revised Attachments 1 and 2 of the June 5, 2014 staff report

**MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Outhit that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) for Planning Districts 1 and 3, as set forth in the revised circulated copies of Attachments 1 and 2 of the staff report dated June 5, 2014, and schedule a public hearing.**

Councillor Whitman spoke to the local community's support for the report.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Hendsbee, staff provided the origin of the community's request for a visioning exercise in Tantallon; but was unable to advise as to where it was on the schedule of visioning exercises.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Adams

**11.1.12 First Reading Proposed By-Law E-203, Proposed Amendments to By-law E-200, Respecting Encroachments Upon, Under, or Over a Street**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 28, 2014
- Correspondence from Dusty Keleher

**MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the adoption of the proposed By-Law E-203 *Respecting Encroachment Upon, Under or Over a Street* as outlined in Attachment B of the staff report dated May 28, 2014, which will amend By-Law E-200 *Respecting Encroachments Upon, Under or Over a Street*.**

Councillor Craig advised that the proposed by-law amendment would be to review the impacts of Canada Post Corporation decision on community mailboxes in HRM's street right-of-ways. It would set a legal agreement between the Municipalities throughout Canada, modeled after the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and would put guidelines around the location of community mailboxes.

Councillor Watts referenced the petition submitted earlier in the meeting (Item 10.2.2) and re-addressed residents' concerns around the move to community mailboxes. She questioned whether there would be maintenance costs to HRM, and whether consideration had been given to ensure these sites are accessible. From her discussions with the residents, comments were made that a number of stakeholders, particularly in urban areas, would be directly impacted by Canada Post's decision.

Ms. Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, Acting Director, Transportation & Public Works, advised that the agreement would allow staff to consult with the Crown Corporation of Her Majesty (Canada Post), HRM would have the final say on siting, and work with communities as needed. In terms

of costs, she stated that the agreement identifies that the Crown Corporation would bear all costs such as snow clearing and that there would be no cost to any municipality.

Councillor Karsten requested clarification around agreements with Canada Post for things such as snow clearing for the current community mailboxes. Ms. Llewellyn-Thomas clarified that HRM did not have any agreements with Canada Post at this time.

In response to a question around process, Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor confirmed that this motion was to give first reading and the matter would come back to Regional Council for second reading without a public hearing.

Councillor Hendsbee questioned whether HRM would be working with Canada Post and local communities to look at opportunities to locate mailboxes on parkland sites and sought clarification around litter control.

Ms. Llewellyn-Thomas advised that some locations would be constrained, such as urban environments. She noted that if a site location was adjacent to a park, staff would review these types of opportunities for mailbox placement. She further added, that Canada Post has indicated that community amenities would be the Municipality's responsibility and therefore, Canada Post would not be mitigating the impact to create these over and above the basic mailbox. Ms. Llewellyn-Thomas indicated that staff was not familiar with Canada Post's timeframes in order to do this type of visioning with the community and this would have to be discussed with Canada Post.

In regards to litter control, Mr. Chris Davis, Supervisor of Right of Way Services, advised that Canada Post would not be providing any bins or litter collection devices at the community mailbox sites. The expectation would be that people would collect their mail and dispose of any mail at their home. He added that there are a number of locations in the core area of HRM that presently have community mailboxes and he was unaware of litter issues around those mailboxes. He stated that if there were outstanding issues, these locations would be discussed with Canada Post to determine a possible solution.

Mr. Traves clarified that under the terms of the proposed agreement there is a section outlining that Canada Post shall, at its expense, be responsible for some maintenance including litter control. He noted that this would be a point of discussion in terms of whether Canada Post was meeting the terms under the agreement.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Nicoll respecting placement of mailboxes on private property, Mr. Davis was unable to provide comment on the agreements between Canada Post and private land owners as this was outside of the Municipality's jurisdiction.

Councillor McCluskey questioned the size of the mailboxes. Mr. Davis responded that from the feedback received from Canada Post's survey, the idea is to build small sites that are walkable. In the sites he has reviewed, there have not been more than six or seven boxes in one location. Staff is suggesting placement of two to four mailboxes which is consistent with community mailbox locations presently in HRM. He added that each site would have their own unique

existing condition and the placement of the mailboxes would also depend on the size of the right-of-way.

In response to a further question on the approach in determining site locations, Mr. Davis stated that Canada Post would pre-scout these locations, taking into account the number of points of call, and then HRM staff would do a site visit with Canada Post to determine right-of-way availability. Consideration would also be given to not drawing additional traffic and placement of boxes in non-intrusive areas such as a side street/collector road.

Councillor Mosher expressed concern with people stopping their vehicles near the mailboxes to collect their mail, and asked that consideration be given to include HRM Traffic Services in the discussions. Councillor Mosher also agreed with concerns around snow removal and litter control; suggesting staff co-locate these sites where services are already in place.

In response to a request for further clarification around litter control, Mr. Traves advised that the proposed agreement provides within it an obligation that Canada Post is agreeing to deal with litter. The extent of this agreement would be an ongoing discussion between HRM staff and Canada Post. Councillor Dalrymple questioned if the motion was approved, whether Canada Post would become responsible for litter collection at the new site locations, as well as the current mailbox locations. Mr. Traves advised that the agreement deals with mailbox setup within the HRM's right-of-way; reiterating that the language in the agreement deals with litter control managed by Canada Post.

Councillor Nicoll asked that consideration be given to sites being well lit.

Councillor Craig agreed with the concerns expressed, noting that the communities of Sackville and Bedford were among the first announced to have these community mailboxes in places that did not already have them. Councillor Craig advised that he has done site visits with Mr. Davis and Canada Post and assured Council that the standards being reviewed were quite extensive; including discussions around lighting, accessibility and snow removal. He pointed out that new boxes are coated in a membrane that enables graffiti to be easily removed. There are also contact numbers on the side of the mailboxes should residents want to report a concern such as snow removal. Councillor Craig noted that there is some stakeholder involvement and spoke to Canada Post's survey. In terms of site locations, he further noted that consideration was being given to not locating boxes in areas that would be a distraction to neighbouring residents. Councillor Craig supported this direction; allowing HRM to engage with Canada Post on behalf of its residents.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.1.13 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 12, Appointment of the Traffic Authority – Appointment of Traffic Authority and Deputy Traffic Authority**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 6, 2014

**MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 12, the *Appointment of the Traffic Authority Administrative Order*, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated June 6, 2014, and:**

- a) **Appoint Taso Koutroulakis, P.Eng., as the provisional Traffic Authority;**
- b) **Appoint Tanya Davis, P. Eng., as the provisional Deputy Traffic Authority;  
and**
- c) **That both appointments be effective until December 2, 2014.**

Council entered into a discussion with staff responding to questions around the legislation. It was noted that HRM is legislatively required to have a Traffic Authority.

Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor advised that under the *Motor Vehicle Act* it is Council's discretion on whom to appoint to the Traffic Authority; however, failing to do so, the Province and staff of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal would make the appointments on HRM's behalf. He indicated that there was value in the Municipality making the appointment; pointing out that the guidelines around appointments are for a member of the police force or city official. He later clarified that Council can also determine the length of the appointment/term.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **11.1.14 2014-15 Budgets and Business Plans for Area-Rated Services**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 2, 2014

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Johns that Halifax Regional Council approve the attached Resolution to Approve Area Rates and Amend the Approved Operating & Project Budget for Fiscal 2014-15 (Appendix A), Schedule of Area Tax Rates (Appendix B), the area rated budgets (Appendix C), and the Final Budget Adjustments (Appendix E) as detailed in the staff report dated June 2, 2014.**

Councillor Rankin spoke in support of the motion and business plans for area-rated services; noting that this would allow area rates to be issued before the tax bill are issued.

In response to an update request, Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer advised that he would provide an email update to Council on the status of the report coming forward to Regional Council on area rates for community facilities.

Mr. Gordon Roussel, Senior Financial Consultation responded to questions raised around the supplementary education rate which was approved April 1, 2014 and was beyond the mandatory education funding.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.1.15 Case 19171 – Amendments to the Downtown Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and an Existing Development Agreement at 1593 Barrington Street, Halifax (Supplementary Report)**

The following was before Council:

- A supplementary staff recommendation report dated June 17, 2014
- A draft minute extract from the June 10, 2014 Regional Council meeting

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

- 1. Approve the proposed amending development agreement as contained in Attachment A of the supplementary staff report dated June 17, 2014; and**
- 2. Require that the amending development agreement be signed by the property owner within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Regional Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Regional Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeals periods, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council agreed to address Added Items 14.1 to 14.4 at this time.

**14.1 Audit and Finance Standing Committee – Approval of Increased Project Funding – Cow Bay Road Storm Sewer Project**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Audit & Finance Standing Committee dated June 19, 2014

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

- 1. Approve an increase to Project No. CR000001 — Storm Sewer Upgrades in the amount of \$855,000 with funding from surplus Operating Pay as You Go Funding (Cappool), as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated June 6, 2014.**
- 2. Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement with the Halifax Regional Water Commission (HRWC) for \$4,779,642.13 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No(s). CR000001 Storm Sewer Upgrades, CKUO1OS4 Sidewalk Renewals and CRUO 1077— Bridges, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the June 6, 2014 staff report.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council recessed at 2:48 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Hendsbee earlier in the meeting (Item 11.1.7), Ms. Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, Acting Director, Transportation & Public Works, clarified that micro surfacing is done in two stages; the plainer patching first followed by the micro surfacing, which is done as a separate contract. Should Council not award the micro surfacing contract, Ms. Llewellyn-Thomas noted that the plainer patching restores the pavement to a higher level of service over the winter months.

Council continued to address Items 14.2 to 14.4.

**14.2 Audit and Finance Standing Committee – Approval of Increased Project Funding Award – Unit Price Tender No. 14-207, North Park Street Upgrades – North Park Street (Cogswell - Cunard) –West Region**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Audit & Finance Standing Committee dated June 19, 2104

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

- 1. Approve a budget increase of \$83,387.09 (net HST included) to Project Account No. CT000001 – North Park Corridor Improvements, funded through cost sharing with Halifax Water.**
- 2. Approve an increase to Project Account No. CT000001 – North Park Corridor Improvements in the amount of \$3,464,772.95, with funding in the amount of \$992,000 from surplus Debt Funding (Crespool), \$625,000 from Reserve Q103 Capital Surplus, \$1,237,000 from Reserve Q131 Energy and Underground Services, and \$610,772.95 from the Operating Surplus Reserve, Q328, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated June 18, 2014.**
- 3. Not require a business case approval from the Energy and Underground Subcommittee pertaining to the \$1,237,000 withdrawal.**
- 4. Award Tender No. 14-207, North Park Street Upgrades (Cunard – Cogswell) – West Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$10,045,073.63 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No. CT000001 - North Park Corridor Improvements, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated June 18, 2014.**

- 5. Award the Construction Services component of RFP 13-302 North Park Roundabouts Detail Design to WSP Inc. (formerly Genivar), in the amount of \$374,834.65 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No. CT000001 – North Park Corridor Improvements, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated June 18, 2014.**

Councillor McCluskey noted that she would support the motion but did not agree with spending \$85,000 on public art.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item 11.2.2 was addressed prior to Item 14.3 and 14.4.

**11.2.2 Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve (MLSER) Grant Report 2014**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Audit & Finance Standing Committee dated June 13, 2014

**MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Halifax Regional Council approve an increase to the 2014/15 gross operating budget in the amount of \$313,057 with funding as a withdrawal from Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve (MLSER), Q315 as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated May 28, 2014. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**14.3 Audit and Finance Standing Committee – Davis Cup and We Day Events**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Audit & Finance Standing Committee dated June 19, 2014

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

- 1. Approve an event grant of \$65,000 for the 2014 Davis Cup to be funded from the Operating Surplus Reserve, Q328, conditional upon:
  - a. The Province of Nova Scotia providing the same level of funding; and;**
  - b. HRM being selected for the event;****
- 2. Approve an event grant of \$50,000 for We Day Atlantic Canada to be funded from the Operating Surplus Reserve, Q328; and;**
- 3. Authorize the Mayor to provide a letter of commitment outlining the financial commitment and conditions to Free the Children for hosting We Day Atlantic**



**Canada (Attachment 4 of staff report dated May 28, 2014 ) and to Tennis Canada for hosting the Davis Cup Canada vs. Columbia (Attachment 5 of staff report dated May 28, 2014).**

Council entered into a discussion with members speaking in support of the two events and the economic benefit of the Davis Cup. Staff advised that once HRM responds on the Davis Cup an announcement would be made on the location.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**14.4 Audit and Finance Standing Committee – Scotia Bank Hockey Day in Canada**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Audit & Finance Standing Committee dated June 19, 2104

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

- 1. Authorize the CAO to negotiate and execute an agreement with CBC/Rogers Communications for Halifax to act as host city for Hockey Day in Canada in February 2015;**
- 2. Instruct staff to explore all available sponsorship opportunities and authorize the CAO to execute sponsorship agreements required to recover the cost of hosting the event;**
- 3. Approve funding for any outstanding balance between the event expenses and the total sponsorship revenue from Operational Contingency Account M351 as provided for in the financial implications section of the staff report to Audit & Finance dated June 3, 2014.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council agreed to address Item 14.5 at this time.

**14.5 Councillor Hendsbee - Purchase of Waterfront Lot in Conrod Settlement**

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council's consideration form

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Johns that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report exploring the possibility of acquiring a waterfront lot in Conrod Settlement for parkland and recreation use. MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (16 in favour, 1 against)**

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

Against: Mayor Savage

#### **11.1.16 Decommissioning of Africville Off Leash Dog Park**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 3, 2014
- Proposed amendments to the Motion for Council's Consideration (from Councillor Watts)
- Submissions from Tatia Jones-Cromwell, Deborah Young, Roxanne Ayer, Janet Foley, Charles Bull, Richard Jones, Lois Berryman, Brenda Bulmer, Sabrina Giddings, Carmen Adams, Brian Morvan, Jonathan Mulock, Pauline Rockwood, Roxanne Ayer, Margaret Craig, Kevin Healey and Michael Snooks, Doug Bain, Heather Meyers, John Sinclair, Thia Maranos, Margaret Campbell, Claudia Mann, Dave Power, Coery Harmon, Chris Benjamin, Wendy Piercey, Sylvia Brown-Jones, Katherine Kitching, Tom Beveridge

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

- 1. Approve the off leash dog park within Africville Park to be decommissioned for closure by July 18 2014, and**
- 2. Approve staff to undertake a review of the program and service levels for off leash facilities to assess requirements, management and programming costs.**

It was then **MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason that the motion be amended to include the following wording in recommendation #2 "including the establishment of fenced off leash dog parks" and a third recommendation as follows:**

- 3. Approve staff to initiate the commissioning of a fenced off leash dog park to the east of the Africville parking lot and hold community consultation prior to July 31, 2014 to receive feedback from the public. The implementation of this new fenced off leash dog park (based on community feedback, a staff report and approval by Regional Council) would occur in 2014.**

Council entered into discussion on the amendment with staff responding to questions. Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor advised that the proposed amendments to the motion clarify what was adopted by Council in 2007 but could not be confirmed by staff.

Mr. Richard Butt, Chief Administrative Officer expressed concern that the amendments do not identify a funding source and suggested it be addressed at the Audit and Finance Standing Committee with recommendation to Regional Council.

It was noted that Council was supportive of the decommissioning of the off-leash dog park; however, several members expressed concern with closing the dog park without an alternative location being identified, and the July 18, 2014 closure date.

Reference was made to the petition submitted earlier in the meeting (Item 10.2.3) respecting residents' request to defer the decommissioning and closure of the dog park until such time as a suitable replacement space could be put into service.

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason that recommendation #3 be further amended to approve staff to initiate the commissioning of a fenced off leash dog park to the east of the Africville parking lot "in accordance with the strategy" and hold a community consultation prior to July 31, 2014 to receive feedback from the public.**

The discussion continued on the amendment with staff providing an overview of the Attachment 1 of the June 3, 2014 staff report and the location of the off leash dog park.

During the discussion, Mr. Traves clarified that the amendment provides direction to staff to commission a new dog park location with the decommissioning of the Africville off-leash dog park. Mr. Traves further added that there would be a posting at the dog park 14 days prior to the decommissioning to notify the public.

**MOTION ON THE AMENDMETN PUT AND PASSED.** (14 in favour, 3 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Rankin, Whitman, Johns, Craig and Outhit.

Against: Deputy Mayor Fisher, Councillors Dalrymple and McCluskey.

The motion before Council now reads:

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason that the motion be amended that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve the off leash dog park within Africville Park to be decommissioned for closure by July 18 2014, and**
- 2. Approve staff to undertake a review of the program and service levels for off leash facilities to assess requirements, management and programming costs including the establishment of fenced off leash dog parks.**
- 3. Approve staff to initiate the commissioning of a fenced off leash dog park to the east of the Africville parking lot (in accordance with the strategy) and hold a community consultation prior to July 31, 2014 to receive feedback from the public. The implementation of this new fenced off leash dog park (based on community feedback, a staff report and approval by Regional Council) would occur in 2014.**

**MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Karsten to amend the motion to remove the July 18, 2014 dated from recommendation #1 and insert *as soon as a new off leash fenced park is commissioned.* MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.** (15 in favour, 2 against)

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

Against: Mayor Savage and Councillor Watts.

The main motion was spilt and a vote taken.

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

- 1. Approve the off leash dog park within Africville Park to be decommissioned as soon as a new off leash fenced park is commissioned. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (15 in favour, 2 against)

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

Against: Mayor Savage and Councillor Watts.

- 2. Approve staff to undertake a review of the program and service levels for off leash facilities to assess requirements, management and programming costs including the establishment of fenced off leash dog parks. MOTION PUT AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**
- 3. Approve staff to initiate the commissioning of a fenced off leash dog park to the east of the Africville parking lot (in accordance with the strategy) and hold a community consultation prior to July 31, 2014 to receive feedback from the public. The implementation of this new fenced, off leash dog park (based on community feedback, a staff report and approval by Regional Council) would occur in 2014. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (16 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Dalrymple

Council recessed at 5:02 p.m.

Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m. for the public hearings. All members Council were present.

**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**9.1 By-law N-200, Respecting Noise – Exemption Application – Bastid’s BBQ  
2014**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 28, 2014.

Ms. Tanya Phillips, Manager By-Law Standards, provided an overview of the application by Sofa King Raw Entertainment for an exemption from By-Law N-200, Respecting Noise for an event to be held on Saturday June 28, 2014. The exemption requested was for Saturday, June 28, 2014 from 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. and Sunday, June 29, 2014.

Mayor Savage opened the public hearing and called three times for anyone wishing to address Council on this matter; there being none it was **MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the public hearing close. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Johns that Halifax Regional Council approve the Sofa King Raw Entertainment’s application for an exemption from the provisions of the Noise By-law pursuant to the contents of the staff report dated May 28, 2014.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9.2 By-law N-200, Respecting Noise – Exemption Application – Halifax Jazz  
Festival**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 23, 2014.

Ms. Tanya Phillips, Manager, By-Law Standards provided an overview of the application by JazzEast Rising Association for exemption from By-Law N-200, Respecting Noise for a Jazz Festival to be held from July 4 to July 12 at 1521 Lower Water Street, Halifax. The exemption requested was for the dates of July 12, 13, 14, and 15.

Mayor Savage opened the public hearing and called three times for anyone wishing to address Council on this matter; there being none it was **MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the public hearing close. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher that Halifax Regional Council approve the JazzEast Rising Association’s application for an exemption from the provisions of the Noise By-law pursuant to the contents of the staff report dated May 23, 2014.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9.3 Regional Plan (RP+5): HRM Regional Municipal Planning Strategy**

The following was before Council:

- A Supplementary staff recommendation report dated June 2, 2014
- A Supplementary staff recommendation report dated April 29, 2014
- A staff recommendation report dated January 14, 2014
- A Design Review Committee report dated January 30, 2014
- A Heritage Advisory Committee report dated January 31, 2014
- A PowerPoint staff presentation dated June 24, 2014
- A memorandum dated June 23, 2014 from Austin French, Manager of Regional & Community Planning
- A revised copy of Map 4 of the supplementary staff report dated June 2, 2014
- A draft minute extract from Regional Council on May 20, 2014
- A draft minute extract from Committee of the Whole on May 20, 2014
- A summary of correspondence received by the Office of the Municipal Clerk and distributed to Council for the May 20, 2014 Committee of the Whole, February 25 Regional Council, and February 11, 2014 Regional Council meetings.
- Correspondence was submitted from: Gretchen Fitzgerald, Director, Sierra Club Atlantic; Wendy McDonald; Bob McDonald, Chair, Halifax North West Trails Association; S.M. Mandaville; Mazie Bayers; Denise McKinnon; Patricia Lapointe; Eleanor and Eldon Rudolph; Jacqueline Day; Sydnee McKay; Rod Prowse; William and Janice Duggan; The Bray Family; Alf Hopkins; Jim Kidson; Lynda Kidson; Victoria C. Dunbrack; Paul and Cheryl McCarthy; Marion and John Worthing; Heather Laycock; Kimberley and Danny Jennings; Phil and Bonnie Drake; Patricia Poan; Julie Beal; Carrie Humphrey; Joanne Ramsay; Kim Mudge; Andree Desrosiers and Peter Norwood; Tanya Penney Dooks; Paula Milsom; Natalie Stevens; Dwayne and Genevieve Sawchyn; Yvonne Lansley; Karen Mitchell; Phil and Bonnie Drake; Scott W. Rowlings; Robert and Lynn Cragg; Lee and Lisa Gaetz; Laurie Cook; Ena-Lynne MacDonald; Jen Powley; Theresa and Mark Haughian; Kelly Homans; Carrie Humphrey; Lorri Arnold; Darlene Ross; Catherine Berry; Robert & Maureen Hoar; Ed and Barbara Huner; Art Keeble; Mellissa Hopkins; Marilee Van Buskirk; Ronald Poan; Julie Beal; Cathy Blue; Paul Nicholl, 2014 President, Musquodoboit Harbour Farmer's Market Co-operative; Samantha, James, Michaela, Christian and Mackenzie Dickens; Nicole Rafuse; Jennifer Vey; Pearle E. Akers; Kaija Lind; Ellen Turner-Blakeney; Glenda P. Cress; Alicia Young; Mary Stienburg; Debbie Lyons; Barbara Markovits; Jutta Dayle; Cathy Cornelius; Janet Fraser; Dal Loiselle, President Evergreen Homes & Developments, LLC; Brian CR Staple; Tom and Donna Foley; Lisa Gaetz; Candice Hill-Nugent; Caitlin Smith; Stacey Adamson; Luke Lechance; Heidi Fraser; Carole and David Wyn Jones; Anne Jennings-DeBaie and Dennis DeBaie and family; Deirdre Dwyer, Chair of the Musquodoboit Harbour & Area Community Association; Michelle Madley; Margo Hudson; Ruby Webber; Catherine

Berry; Vince Purcell; Chrystal Harrigan Gray; John Cascadden; Cindy Harrigan; James Stoner; Greg Aikins; Deborah Jones; Terry Casavechia; Caroline A. King; Eliz Holly Woodill; Kim Velcoff; Karen Robinson, The Sandy Lake Conservation Association; Sarah Dube; James M. Boyer and David W. Richey, Canadian Association of Retired Persons of Nova Scotia; Derek Simon; Marla MacLeod, Ecology Action Centre; Paul MacKinnon, Executive Director, Downtown Halifax Business Commission; Walter Regan, President, Sackville Rivers Association; Doug Rigby, Wyse Society for Sensible Urban Development; Henry and Judy Bird; Alan Ruffman; Elizabeth McCarthy; Tristan Cleveland, Our HRM Alliance; Joy Pennick, Stella Lord, Judith Tulloch, Iris Shea, William Lord, the Ad Hoc Committee to preserve and Protect the Northwest Arm; Chris Millier, Armco Capital.

Mr. Bob Bjerke, Chief Planner and Mr. Austin French, Manager of Regional & Community Planning provided the staff presentation. Their presentation included an overview of the focus of the Five Year Regional Plan review, public engagement, and recent changes made to the Plan by Council. Mr. French then outlined the four areas where proposed changes have been recommended, i.e. Sustainable Solutions, Enhanced Regional Centre, Improved Community Design, and Mutually Supportive Land Use and Transit/Active Transportation.

There were no questions of clarification

Mayor Savage reviewed the Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings and opened the public hearing for anyone wishing to address Council.

David Barrett, Beaverbank, advised that in his view the Plan is mainly focussed on downtown Halifax and he was concerned with the density proposed for the downtown. He indicated he was not supportive of the proposed Plan.

Karen Mitchell, Musquodoboit Harbour, suggested that Musquodoboit Harbour was in an economic decline and has very few amenities and no potable water. She pointed out that in the 2006 plan Musquodoboit Harbour was slated to be a growth centre. Ms. Mitchell advised that in order for the area to grow, a water supply is needed, attracting new people and business.

In response to a question from Councillor Karsten with regard to any changes she would want in the Plan, Ms. Mitchell advised that the Plan recommends Musquodoboit be downgraded to a 'Local Growth Centre' from a 'District Growth Centre' and that she wanted their designation of a District Growth Centre to remain.

Deidre Dwyer, Musquodoboit Harbour, advised that Musquodoboit Harbour is the hub of the Eastern Shore and requested that Musquodoboit Harbour retain its designation as a rural district growth centre and Council consider providing piped water to the core of Musquodoboit.

David Kerr advised that he was representing the Musquodoboit Community Association, and he was requesting that Council maintain their designation as a District Growth Centre, and consider

the request for piped water. Mr. Kerr advised that he participated in the original 2006 Regional Plan and the vision for Musquodoboit Harbour at that time was as a growth centre. He added that the residents of the area want growth but in the context of a village.

Colin Cameron, Musquodoboit Harbour, advised that although Musquodoboit Harbour is a designated growth area, he doesn't see any encouragement for economic growth, and added that the area needs water and sewer services in the core to develop. Mr. Cameron pointed out that the proposed Plan has the community of Hubbards considered for water and sewer, but Musquodoboit has been asking for it for 12 years. He added that the Finance Department was asked to look at an area rate for this and it concluded that the cost for water and sewer for individual homes is far less than putting in wells and septic service. Mr. Cameron noted the importance of providing water service for the community by noting that the High School has to truck in water, and that none of the businesses have drinkable water. He added that the impact of providing 2 km of sewer and water lines would enable them to have higher density development, a major grocery store, and the area would become a more walkable community.

Paula Milsom, Musquodoboit Harbour, urged Council to reject the downgrading of Musquodoboit Harbour from a District Growth Centre to a Local Growth Center. She pointed out that the 2006 Plan targeted growth for the core of Musquodoboit Harbour and indicated that the lack of piped water has stalled growth. She noted that she has a half-hour drive in order to buy her groceries. Ms. Milsom advised that promises for the area in the 2006 Plan failed, and she expressed concern that the MLA for the area has now commented that facilities in the area would be moved out.

Janet Fraser, Musquodoboit Harbour, spoke in support of maintaining Musquodoboit Harbour's current designation of a District Growth Centre and for putting water service on HRM's Capital Projects list. Ms. Fraser pointed out that many of the residents are seniors and want to stay within their community, however, when it comes time for them to downsize their living accommodations there are no appropriate facilities for seniors unless they leave the community.

Suzanne Brown addressed Council and read a submission on behalf of her daughter, Natalie Stephens. In her remarks she expressed concern about the proposed downgrading from District Growth Centre to a Local Growth Centre. She advised that having water and sewer service is key to having Musquodoboit Harbour grow and noted that the area lost a potential grocery store and development potential because of the lack of water services. She added that the community is interested in growth and needs support from HRM Planning and from Regional Council. She expressed concern that the MLA for the area has proposed a plan to move the rink and a seniors care facility out of the community, and this has resulted in renovations to the school and rink being put on hold.

Dwayne Sawchyn, Musquodoboit Harbour, advised that the proposed downgrading of the area's designation in the Plan means \$300,000 of investment in Musquodoboit Harbour is at stake. He asked Regional Council to reconsider the proposed designation and consider piped water for the area. In closing his remarks, Mr. Sawchyn advised that he felt that staff did not adequately engage the residents of the Eastern Shore in the RP+5 process.



Dal A. Loiselle, Musquodoboit Harbour, advised that he supports the designation of Musquodoboit Harbour as a Rural District Growth Centre with piped water. Mr. Loiselle explained that he is a real estate agent and that he has 91 acres in West Jeddore which he intends to develop in a sustainable manner. He explained that his development will be targeting young families and active seniors who are looking for a village type of community that is affordable. He indicated that he needs a commitment from HRM to maintain the District Growth Centre designation in order for the area to grow, and that the area needs piped water to the core and for the schools to remain, and in order to attract people to live in the community.

Lisa Bonang, Musquodoboit Harbour advised that she was a family physician in the area and asked for Council's support in retaining District Growth Centre designation. She indicated that the health of the community depends on Council's decision because it will impact on their ability to grow in the future.

Steve Brine, addressed Council advising that, as a former resident of Musquodoboit Harbour, he supports maintaining the designation. Mr. Brine added that the area needs to be vibrant in order to maintain their rural way of life and that many developers are holding off building their projects because they need sewer and water service.

Peter McInroy, Musquodoboit Harbour, indicated that the area wasn't engaged well enough in this process, and he suggested that the conclusion of the study which stated that putting in water to the area would be too expensive was flawed. He advised that there were other options for installing water service which have not been considered, and he suggested that Council give Musquodoboit Harbour a chance and to take another look at the matter.

At 7:31 p.m. Council recessed.

At 7:46 p.m. Council reconvened.

Alf Hopkins advised that he had a business in Musquodoboit Harbour and suggested that the recommendation to downgrade the status to a Local Growth Centre was very misguided and it will quash the hope of growth in the area. He encouraged Council to reject the downgrading.

Jamie O'Haire, Musquodoboit Harbour, advised that he was also concerned about the change in designation. He added that he felt the facts have been ignored, noting that the area has five times the number of residents as stated in the CBCL report. Mr. O'Haire quoted from sections of the CBCL report which he felt were flawed and led to the incorrect conclusion to downgrade Musquodoboit's status.

Michelle Madley, West Petpeswick, advised that she was Vice Chair of the Community Association and Chair of their Water and Sewage Committee. Ms. Madley advised that she felt the community engagement on the Plan missed the mark and that the residents of the Eastern Shore were not adequately engaged. She asked Council to maintain the designation from the 2006 Plan and provide central water distribution services. Ms. Madley added that without water service they will be unable to attract families to live there and Musquodoboit Harbour will regress.

David Patriquin advised that he was a resident of peninsular Halifax. He indicated that overall the Regional Plan embodies the principles it has established but that it should have the Eastern Shore as a District Growth Centre. Mr. Patriquin explained that as a resident of downtown Halifax, he appreciates the proximity to the rural areas and was pleased with protected areas and conservation areas as expressed in the Regional Plan.

John Cascadden, Hatchett Lake, spoke in support of the Plan advising that it will be an effective revised Plan and he hoped it was approved as soon as possible. He suggested that the success of the Plan will be determined by the Plan's deliverables and, therefore, it is essential for the implementation process to include tracking of the Plan's deliverables and it should be online where it can be publicly viewed.

Karen Robinson, Sandy Lake Conservation Association, asked Council to approve the Plan because it will provide clear direction on where development can happen. She noted that the Association has been facing situation of uncontrolled clear cutting of old growth forest on one side of the Lake.

Geoff Leboutillier, French Village, indicated that he was supportive of the proposed Plan.

Catherine Drosbeck, Halifax, advised that she was representing the Heart and Stoke Association. She thanked all involved in the process for the time they put into the review, and she spoke about the important role in health benefits that long term planning, like this, has on the health of individuals and in creating a healthy vibrant community.

Nanci Lee, Halifax, indicated that she has lived in some of the largest cities in the world and knows what makes a great city. She advised that she supported the revised Regional Plan, and that she supports the retention of Musquodoboit Harbour as a District Growth Centre. Ms. Lee added that she appreciates that she can live in a vibrant city and have the proximity she has to green space that is within HRM.

Tristan Cleveland, Halifax, advised that he was with Our HRM Alliance. He spoke in support of the Plan explaining that it will have the area growing in a way that is preferable and that is intentional, and is a major step in the right direction to becoming a progressive city. Mr. Cleveland also noted that the Alliance supports Musquodoboit Harbour retaining its designation as a District Growth Centre.

Karla Nicholson addressed Council and advised that she was the General Manager of the Quinpool Road Business Association and requested that Council approve the Plan. She pointed out that there needed to be growth in the Regional Centre but it was now time for staff to focus on other business such as the Centre Plan. She emphasized that the Quinpool District and other business districts need development that will help move the Municipality's economy forward.

Walter Regan advised that he was a volunteer with the Sackville Rivers Association. He stated that although he was asking Council to pass the Plan he was concerned that the review does not go far enough. He explained the buffer zone around water bodies should have been expanded to

30 metres and that it be in public ownership to enable public access. He also advised that a greenbelt should be in place to control urban sprawl but not stop development, adding that it will help direct growth and not stop growth. Additional points of concern Mr. Regan raised were as follows: commercial business sprawl and subsidized uncontrolled development must stop; there needs to be a waste management zone; the Storm Water Functional Plan is unfinished as well as the Grading Bylaw; there should be a downtown fund established of at least \$20 million; lot services charges of \$50,000 per new lot implemented; Active Transportation Plan must be tasked and funded; all applications for development should require a hydrogeological assessment; and floodplain mapping and river gauging should be carried out.

Catherine McKinnon advised that she was speaking on behalf of the Backlands Coalition. She advised that she was very encouraged with the inclusion of the Greenbelting Plan in the Regional Plan and will be following this with great interest and that she hoped the Purcell's Cove voice will be included in this Greenbelt.

Peter Lund, Glen Haven, advised that he was very impressed with the RP+5 as it relates to the rural areas. He noted that he empathized for the residents of Musquodoboit Harbour who spoke this evening and suggested that more discussion should happen on how to make this area and others, like St. Margaret's, healthy, walkable communities. Mr. Lund pointed out that engagement around this discussion should include the youth to hear how youth view these communities and what they would like to see included to make them healthy, walkable communities.

Kathleen Hall, representing the Williams Lake Conservation Company spoke in support of the Regional Plan. She noted that the Greenbelting and Open Spaces Priorities Plan are enlightened and the Urban Reserve Designation is key to their retention. She added that the Plan will allow growth to take place at a measured pace.

Martha Leary advised that she was a member of the Williams Lake Conservation Company and the Backlands Coalition and expressed her appreciation and support for the revised Plan and added that the groups she represents look forward to working with the Municipality in the implementation of the Plan.

Raymond Plourde, Dartmouth, indicated he supported the Plan and thanked everyone who worked on it and urged Council to approve the Plan. In particular, he referred to the Greenbelting and Open Space Priorities Plan and advised that he looked forward to being involved with this. He added that he supported the request from the residents of Musquodoboit Harbour.

Mike Young, Musquodoboit Harbour, advised that he was a developer and builder in the area and that if water and sewer service is not installed, he could not develop/build anything more than that he currently does in Musquodoboit Harbour.

Brian Staple, Musquodoboit Harbour addressed Council noting that he has a commercial rental business. Mr. Staple noted the lack of economic development in the Musquodoboit Harbour area

and, in particular, the difficulty youth have in finding work. He asked Council to reconsider water and sewer services for the area.

Dr. Wanda Thomas Bernard, East Preston, addressed Council advising that she was an honorary Board Member for the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children. She added that the Board appreciates the work that has been done on the Plan and support much of it, but are concerned that the 350 acres of land owned by the Home and designated Urban Reserve in the Plan will impact on their ability to develop the land. Dr. Bernard requested that Council remove the designation and that an urgent meeting between staff and the Board be held.

Paul MacKinnon, representing Downtown Halifax Business Commission addressed Council in support of the Plan, and noted that the Plan gets to the heart of the seven (7) guiding principles. He pointed out that the Plan does not create a Greenbelt, clarify that the Plan says that it will create a Greenbelting Priorities Plan. Mr. MacKinnon added that he felt there was great public engagement and that he never felt shut out of the process.

Cathy Crouse advised that she was representing St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association and she was pleased that the new Regional Plan will provide a framework and expedite the secondary planning process. Ms. Crouse highlighted specific aspects of the Plan she felt were improvements in the areas of greenbelting and water buffer, transit for persons with disabilities and food security.

Kaitlan Pianosi, Halifax, addressed the issue of transit in the proposed Plan. She advised that there were many transit related matters in Plan that she supported but that she found there was a lack of integration between transit and land use. She suggested that there were deficiencies when it came to transit and that a plan similar to the Road Network Functional Plan is needed for transit.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Whitman that the Council meeting be extended beyond 10:00 p.m. if required, in order that all speakers have the opportunity to address Council.**

Two-thirds majority was required to approve the motion.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Council recessed at 9:18 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:32 p.m.

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Johns that, following all speakers presenting to Council this evening, Council will close the public hearing and reconvene tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. to begin debate. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

David Richey, Dartmouth, strongly encouraged Council to vote in favour of RP+5. In particular, he highlighted the Greenbelt Priorities Plan, and noted that he supported the Blue Mountain Blue

Lakes Park. He noted that the Priorities Plan and wilderness protection was important for a healthy and active life style for everyone.

Sarah Dube, Halifax, spoke in support of the Plan. In particular, she highlighted nodal development and the opportunity it provides to expand and enhance the transit system. She also noted that she supports the residents of Musquodoboit Harbour who have spoken this evening in regard to their request not to downgrade their designation.

Shalom Mandaville, Dartmouth, advised that he was representing the Soil & Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax. He made reference to his submitted comments and elaborated on his concern that the Municipality's consultants did not follow CCME guidelines for phosphorous values of various lakes tested within the HRM.

Veronica Marsman advised that she was the Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children. She explained that she was disappointed with the Urban Reserve Designation on the lands of the Home as it limits development opportunities. However, she added that even with this challenge the Home is moving forward with plans because they need a new children's facility that is on one level and not close to a highway. She also noted that the Home is considering providing affordable housing for African Nova Scotians and small options homes. Ms. Marsman pointed out that, in addition, development of their lands would provide employment for many individuals. In closing, she requested that Council remove the Urban Reserve Designation from the lands.

Frank Palermo, Halifax, indicated that despite some concerns he has with the Plan, he felt it should be approved so the Municipality can move forward. He noted that he found the Plan was too detailed in some instances and not detailed enough in other instances, such as the type of transit system the City will have. He suggested that an important aspect of the Plan is having people with the attitude of really wanting to build on the Plan. Mr. Palermo advised that he would like to see more connection with transportation and land use.

Nathan Brett, advised that he was representing the Purcell's Cove Neighbourhood Committee. He spoke in support of the Plan, in particular, on what the Plan provides with respect to Greenbelting, the protection of backlands, and preventing urban sprawl. He noted that the City has to address financial incentives that conflict with the goals of the Plan. Mr. Brett advised that he was against the downgrading of the Musquodoboit Harbour designation and supported a plan for water infrastructure for that area.

Dr. Wayne Adams, East Preston, advised that he was representing the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children, and advised that he was seeking the suspension of the Urban Reserve Designation on the lands of the Home. Dr. Adams explained the various designs and plans for the property and asked that the designation be removed or that there be an extension of a water supply from the adjacent lands that would enable development.

Linda Christiansen-Ruffman, Ferguson's Cove, advised that she supported the Plan generally and specifically on the environmental aspect and backlands protection. She added that she felt water buffers could be larger, and was disappointed that there was not more on urban forestry.

Ms. Christiansen-Ruffman also pointed out that as a sociologist, she is aware of the importance of community and public engagement and diversity in community, but this is not included in this plan. It was in this way that she supported the residents of Musquodoboit Harbour who were working on a plan.

Chris Millier, Halifax, indicated he was representing Armco Capital. He advised that it was a pleasure to be part of the process, although he had some concerns. Mr. Millier made reference to his submission pertaining to three of Armco's properties which they were requesting amendments to the Plan, prior to its adoption, in regard to servicing capacities. He noted that all three properties were adjacent to urban development and he suggested that Council needs to fully understand the implications on those properties of approving the Plan without the amendments, as requested by Armco. With regard to other aspects of the proposed Plan, Mr. Millier advised that he felt the decision of Council not to deal with the Generalized Future Land Use Map (GFLUM) boundary is a problem because HRM has had 10 years with the current GFLUM, and it will probably be another 5 to 10 years before another review is done, resulting in 20 years working under the same framework. Mr. Millier pointed out that although the majority of the public supports the proposed Plan, there are members in the community that don't agree with staff's position on land supply or cost of development. Also, he added that a focus on the urban core will be at the cost of rural development and rural communities, and although the Plan speaks to secondary planning, it has no commitments for secondary planning or for priority plans. Mr. Millier also suggested that the principles for Greenbelting are excellent but Greenbelting in the Plan is misleading because the proposal will not to create Greenbelts like those that exist in Ontario. In conclusion, Mr. Millier advised that he supports the proposed Plan with his requested amendments.

Joanne Light, Halifax, advised that she supported the proposed Plan. She noted that the Plan would reduce air pollution and a 'car culture'. She added that she found the presentation by Dr. Adams, and Dr. Bernard and Linda Christiansen-Ruffman very moving as they touched on the human element, and that she hoped a change could be made to the Urban Reserve Designation of the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children.

Dale Godsoe, Halifax, addressed Council and advised that she was Chair of the Community Design Advisory Committee. She explained that she has been involved in urban design for ten years and that the original plan was a breakthrough in urban planning for the City. She noted that previous to this, the last time planning for the City was carried out was in the 1970's. Ms. Godsoe advised that once this Plan is approved, the Municipality will move on to secondary plans, and the open space plan, which she was particularly pleased with. In conclusion, Ms. Godsoe thanked everyone involved with the process and added that two key items resulting from this process are good planning and an engaged public.

Alan Ruffman, Ferguson's Cove, advised that he supported Regional Council approving the proposed Plan and noted that he submitted a letter of concern on the Harbour District GFLUM. Mr. Ruffman suggested, on another point, that a fund be established where each year there is a budget for land acquisition, and then begin negotiations for a fair offer on three parcels of land in Susie's Lake. He explained that these parcels were isolated pieces of land and at one time in the past these parcels of land had been included in a Regional Parks Plan, but that over several

previous successive provincial governments, through land swaps, the parcels have ended up in private ownership. He added that if, over time, a fair price cannot be reached, then the Municipality should expropriate the land. In concluding his remarks, Mr. Ruffman expressed disappointment over this public hearing process, suggesting that in his view there has been a loss of democracy and that the stature of this hearing should have called for different rules.

Tom Emodi, Halifax advised that in his view the key question for Council to consider with the proposed plan is how to make a decision against competing demands, and that the next step with the Plan should be priorities. He explained that the Plan doesn't say how to discuss growth between growth centres, and noted that there are over 50 growth centres in the Plan each wanting resources but the document does not identify how to allocate the resources. On another point with regard to the proposed Plan, Mr. Emodi advised that it doesn't show the integration and relationship between various parts of the Plan. He added that, in his view, once the Plan is adopted by Council, these two aspects need to be considered.

Doug Rigney, Dartmouth, advised that he was representing the Wyse Road Society and indicated that the Society is interested in a secondary planning process in which they can participate.

Scott Guthry thanked everyone involved in preparing the proposed Plan and indicated that he supported the Plan. He also noted that he supports the request from the residents of Musquodoboit Harbour for water service, and for maintaining their designation of a District Growth Centre.

The Mayor called three times for anyone else wishing to speak on this matter; there being none, it was **MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that the public hearing close. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

At 10:42 p.m. Council recessed.

Council reconvened June 25, 2014, at 10:06 a.m. All members of Council were present except Councillor Mosher.

At the request of the Mayor, Ms. Karen Brown, Acting Municipal Solicitor, reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings.

Councillor Nicoll advised that she was prepared to put the staff recommendation on the floor, but that due to the length of the motion she was requesting, with Council's agreement, a motion to waive the Rules of Order, so that the entire motion does not have to be read aloud.

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the Rules of Order be waived in order that the entire motion does not have to be read aloud.**

This motion required two-thirds majority of Council

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

- 1. repeal the existing HRM Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and adopt the proposed HRM Regional Municipal Planning Strategy as contained in Attachment A of the January 14, 2014 staff report;**
- 2. repeal and re-adopt the 2006 Regional Plan Community Plan and Land Use By- Law Amendments (as amended) as contained in Attachment B of the January 14, 2014 staff report;**
- 3. adopt the amendments to the Secondary Planning Strategies as contained in Attachment C of the January 14, 2014 staff report and additional amendments to the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy as contained in Attachment 1 of the January 31, 2014 report from the Heritage Advisory Committee and in Attachment A of the January 30, 2014 report from the Design Review Committee;**
- 4. repeal the Halifax Regional Subdivision By-law currently in effect and replace it with a new Halifax Regional Subdivision By-law presented in Attachment D of the January 14, 2014 staff report;**
- 5. adopt the amendments to the Land Use By-laws as contained in Attachment E of the January 14, 2014 staff report and adopt the amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law, Schedule S-1, Design Manual, section 4.5.6 to replace the name “Federal Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Historic Buildings in Canada” with “Standards & Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada, 2nd Edition” as contained in Attachment 1 of the January 31, 2014 report from the Heritage Advisory Committee and Attachment B of the January 30, 2014 report from the Design Review Committee;**
- 6. adopt the amendments to By-law H-200, the Heritage Property By-Law, as contained in Attachment F of the January 14, 2014 staff report and additional amendments as contained in Attachment 1 of the January 31, 2014 report from the Heritage Advisory Committee;**
- 7. adopt the amendments to the Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Revitalization Plan, as contained in Attachment G of the January 14, 2014 staff report and additional amendments as contained in Attachment 1 of the January 31, 2014 report from the Heritage Advisory Committee;**
- 8. adopt the amendments to By-law H-500, the Heritage Conservation District (Barrington Street) By-law, as contained in Attachment H of the January 14, 2014 staff report and additional amendments as contained in Attachment 1 of the January 31, 2014 report from the Heritage Advisory Committee; and**



9. adopt the amendments approved at the February 25, 2014 meeting of Regional Council, as presented in Attachment C and accompanying maps 1 and 2 of the Supplementary Staff Report dated April 29, 2014, being:
  - A. That Schedule I of the Regional Subdivision Bylaw be amended, as per Map 1 attached to the supplementary staff report dated April 29, 2014, to include all “Future Major Roads” as shown on Map 1 (Settlement and Transportation) and Map 6 (Future Transit and Transportation) of the Regional Plan;
  - B. That the proposed amendments to the Mainland Halifax Land Use By-law as presented in Map E-8.1 of the January 14, 2014 staff report be amended to reflect the request made by the Nova Scotia Nature Trust to have four HRM owned properties rezoned to (PA) Protected Area;
  - C. That Map 12 of the revised Regional Plan – HRM Potable Water Supply Areas – circulated with Attachment A of the January 14, 2014 staff report, be replaced with a revised Map 12 as circulated on February 25, 2014;
  - D. That Objective 4 of Culture and Heritage be amended by inserting the words “and heritage” following the words “support cultural” and the words “signature cultural” on page 12 and page 85 of Draft 4 of the proposed revised Regional Plan;
  - E. That Schedule H of the Regional Subdivision Bylaw be amended, as per Map 2 attached to the supplementary staff report dated April 29, 2014, to include all lands within the Lawrencetown Plan Area within the Central/Eastern Interim Growth Management (IGM) Area; and
  - F. That the first sentence of Policy SU-28 be amended to read “HRM shall confirm the objectives of the Integrated Solid Waste Resource Strategy, and it shall review the Strategy outcomes every 5 years unless changes to program components, such as capacity or regulations, require a review be conducted in the interim”;
10. adopt the amendments, to the *Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (2014)*, the *Regional Subdivision By-law (2014)*, the *Municipal Planning Strategy for Halifax*, the *Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland*, and the *Eastern Shore East Land Use By-law*, as presented in Attachment A to the supplementary staff report dated June 2, 2014, to implement the recommendation approved at the May 20, 2014 Committee of the Whole session; and
11. adopt the amendments, to the *Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (2014)*, the *Municipal Planning Strategy for Dartmouth* and the *River Lakes Secondary Planning Strategy* being part of the *Municipal Planning Strategy for Planning Districts 14 and 17* as presented in Attachment B to the supplementary staff report dated June 2, 2014, to

**address minor errors and omissions found by staff, with the following amendment:  
replace Map 4 with the Map 4 as revised and circulated.**

Councillor Nicoll advised that after hearing the comments last evening from representatives of the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children she spoke with Mr. Bob Bjerke, Chief Planner, to see if there was a way to engage staff with the Home's Board members for discussion on the future plans for the property. She asked for Mr. Bjerke to comment.

Mr. Bob Bjerke, Chief Planner advised that staff is supportive of the aspirations of the Board and will work with them to enhance and refine their plans to the point where they could be brought forward as an application.

Councillor Watts advised that in response to concerns expressed at the public hearing from residents of Musquodoboit Harbour, she was prepared to put forward an amendment.

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason that Table 3-2 of the revised RP+5 Regional Municipal Planning Strategy be amended to move Musquodoboit Harbour from the list of Rural Growth Centres on pg. 48 to the list of Rural District Growth Centres on page 47.**

Councillor Hendsbee advised that he also had prepared an amendment to put forward; however, it included reference to central water.

Councillor Mason advised that he supported the amendment because it is what the community desires, however he noted that the Draft of the Plan has been made public since January and he emphasized that there was nothing in the Regional Plan that would block growth from the area, nor has there ever been any intent to block development. Councillor Mason added that although the comments regarding the lack of potable water in the area are a concern to him, he felt that was an issue to be decided another time.

Councillor Craig indicated that he supported the amendment and felt it should go further and 'consider' sewer and water services because the Community has expressed concern that growth has been constrained due to a lack of these services.

Councillor Karsten advised that he believed a lot of the concerns expressed by the residents of Musquodoboit Harbour with regard to rumors that the high school and rink would be moved out of their community were due to misinformation circulating in the community. He added that it was a concern to him that Councillors have received e-mails suggesting that Council wasn't above board in this process, and he emphasized that all information has been discussed openly and that this has been a clear and transparent process. He indicated that he would support the amendment on the floor as long as the community recognizes that it does not impact any possible roll-out of central water service.

Councillor Hendsbee advised that he would support the amendment on the floor, and once voted on he would put forward further amendments.

In response to a question from Councillor Mason with respect to moving Musquodoboit Harbour to Table 3-2, Mr. Austin French, confirmed that it does not guarantee that Musquodoboit Harbour will receive water and sewer service.

**THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Mosher

Councillor Adams referred to the letter Council received from Armco Capital (dated June 24, 2014) and advised that he would like for staff to comment and respond back to Armco.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the letter submitted from Armco Capital dated June 24, 2014 be referred to staff for comment and response to Armco Capital.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not Present: Councillor Mosher

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Walker that Table 3-2, page 48 of the revised RP+5 Regional Municipal Planning Strategy be amended to include under the “services” category consideration of central water distribution for the core of Musquodoboit Harbour.**

In response to a question of clarification on the amendment, Ms. Brown, the Acting Municipal Solicitor advised that Council could consider the amendment because it was nonsubstantive.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not Present: Councillor Mosher

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that Musquodoboit Harbour be included in Phase 1 of the secondary municipal planning strategy process as provided for in the Regional Plan.**

The Acting Municipal Solicitor advised that this motion was out of order and suggested that Councillor Hendsbee pursue this matter as a Notice of Motion.

**The motion was not voted on as it was ruled out of order.**

At 11:13 a.m. Councillor Rankin retired from the meeting.

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that Map 7 of the draft RP+5 Future Transit & Transportation be amended to include Rural Express Bus Services along Hwy 107 to Musquodoboit Harbour and Metro Link Services to Main Street/Hwy #7 in Westphal.**

The Acting Municipal Solicitor advised that this was a substantive amendment and that if Council proceeded with this amendment, it could be open to legal challenge. She added that if Council approves this amendment, it would require a public hearing.

At 11:15 a.m. Council recessed.

Council reconvened at 11:26 a.m.

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED** (3 in favour, 12 against)

In favour: Councillors Hendsbee, McCluskey, and Johns

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

Not Present: Councillors Mosher and Rankin

Councillor Hendsbee asked for staff to clarify how the Urban Reserve designation on the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children could be removed.

In response, Mr. Bjerke advised that staff have not yet had any significant conversation with the Home, but once they meet with them and have a better understanding of their plans staff can then do what it can to help support them.

With debate concluded, the Mayor advised that Council would now vote on the amended motion which reads as follows:

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

- 1. repeal the existing HRM Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and adopt the proposed HRM Regional Municipal Planning Strategy as contained in Attachment A of the January 14, 2014 staff report;**
- 2. repeal and re-adopt the 2006 Regional Plan Community Plan and Land Use By- Law Amendments (as amended) as contained in Attachment B of the January 14, 2014 staff report;**
- 3. adopt the amendments to the Secondary Planning Strategies as contained in Attachment C of the January 14, 2014 staff report and additional amendments to the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy as contained in Attachment 1 of the January 31, 2014 report from the Heritage Advisory Committee and in Attachment A of the January 30, 2014 report from the Design Review Committee;**

- 4. repeal the Halifax Regional Subdivision By-law currently in effect and replace it with a new Halifax Regional Subdivision By-law presented in Attachment D of the January 14, 2014 staff report;**
- 5. adopt the amendments to the Land Use By-laws as contained in Attachment E of the January 14, 2014 staff report and adopt the amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law, Schedule S-1, Design Manual, section 4.5.6 to replace the name “Federal Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Historic Buildings in Canada” with “Standards & Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada, 2nd Edition” as contained in Attachment 1 of the January 31, 2014 report from the Heritage Advisory Committee and Attachment B of the January 30, 2014 report from the Design Review Committee;**
- 6. adopt the amendments to By-law H-200, the Heritage Property By-Law, as contained in Attachment F of the January 14, 2014 staff report and additional amendments as contained in Attachment 1 of the January 31, 2014 report from the Heritage Advisory Committee;**
- 7. adopt the amendments to the Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Revitalization Plan, as contained in Attachment G of the January 14, 2014 staff report and additional amendments as contained in Attachment 1 of the January 31, 2014 report from the Heritage Advisory Committee;**
- 8. adopt the amendments to By-law H-500, the Heritage Conservation District (Barrington Street) By-law, as contained in Attachment H of the January 14, 2014 staff report and additional amendments as contained in Attachment 1 of the January 31, 2014 report from the Heritage Advisory Committee; and**
- 9. adopt the amendments approved at the February 25, 2014 meeting of Regional Council, as presented in Attachment C and accompanying maps 1 and 2 of the Supplementary Staff Report dated April 29, 2014, being:**
  - G. That Schedule I of the Regional Subdivision Bylaw be amended, as per Map 1 attached to the supplementary staff report dated April 29, 2014, to include all “Future Major Roads” as shown on Map 1 (Settlement and Transportation) and Map 6 (Future Transit and Transportation) of the Regional Plan;**
  - H. That the proposed amendments to the Mainland Halifax Land Use By-law as presented in Map E-8.1 of the January 14, 2014 staff report be amended to reflect the request made by the Nova Scotia Nature Trust to have four HRM owned properties rezoned to (PA) Protected Area;**
  - I. That Map 12 of the revised Regional Plan – HRM Potable Water Supply Areas – circulated with Attachment A of the January 14, 2014 staff report, be replaced with a revised Map 12 as circulated on February 25, 2014;**

- J. That Objective 4 of Culture and Heritage be amended by inserting the words “and heritage” following the words “support cultural” and the words “signature cultural” on page 12 and page 85 of Draft 4 of the proposed revised Regional Plan;
  - K. That Schedule H of the Regional Subdivision Bylaw be amended, as per Map 2 attached to the supplementary staff report dated April 29, 2014, to include all lands within the Lawrencetown Plan Area within the Central/Eastern Interim Growth Management (IGM) Area; and
  - L. That the first sentence of Policy SU-28 be amended to read “HRM shall confirm the objectives of the Integrated Solid Waste Resource Strategy, and it shall review the Strategy outcomes every 5 years unless changes to program components, such as capacity or regulations, require a review be conducted in the interim”;
- 10. adopt the amendments, to the *Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (2014)*, the *Regional Subdivision By-law (2014)*, the *Municipal Planning Strategy for Halifax*, the *Land Use By-law for Halifax Mainland*, and the *Eastern Shore East Land Use By-law*, as presented in Attachment A to the supplementary staff report dated June 2, 2014, to implement the recommendation approved at the May 20, 2014 Committee of the Whole session; and
  - 11. adopt the amendments, to the *Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (2014)*, the *Municipal Planning Strategy for Dartmouth* and the *River Lakes Secondary Planning Strategy* being part of the *Municipal Planning Strategy for Planning Districts 14 and 17* as presented in Attachment B to the supplementary staff report dated June 2, 2014, to address minor errors and omissions found by staff, with the following amendment: replace Map 4 with the Map 4 as revised and circulated.
  - 12. amend Table 3-2 of the revised RP+5 Regional Municipal Planning Strategy to move Musquodoboit Harbour from the list of Rural Growth Centres on pg. 48 to the list of Rural District Growth Centres on page 47.
  - 13. amend Table 3-2, page 48 of the revised RP+5 Regional Municipal Planning Strategy to include under the “services” category consideration of central water distribution for the core of Musquodoboit Harbour.

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

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

Against: Councillor Hendsbee

Not Present: Councillors Mosher and Rankin

Council recessed at 11:43 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

At this time, Mayor Savage announced that the Metro Centre was renamed the Scotiabank Centre and thanked HRM staff for their work on this file. He further announced at City Hall would be flying the flag of Iqaluit on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **11.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE**

### **11.2.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 18, Expanded Acceptance of Credit Cards and Amendment of Administrative Order 18 - Revenue Collections Policy**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Audit & Finance Standing Committee dated June 13, 2014
- Revised copy of the cover page of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated June 13, 2014

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

- 1. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 18 Revenue Collections Policy to put into effect the expanded acceptance of credit cards per Attachment 2 of the staff report dated April 29, 2014.**
- 2. Approach Halifax Water to recover the merchant discount costs associated with permits and fees collected on their behalf at the HRM Customer Service Centres.**

Councillor Hendsbee suggested expanding the policy further in order to accept debit payments to address concerns raised by residents on having to pay in cash at the Otter Lake facility.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Rankin

### **11.2.2 Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve (MLSER) Grant Report 2014**

This matter was addressed during the June 24, 2014 Council session.

## **11.3 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE**

### **11.3.1 Proposed Administrative Order 2014-009-OP, Community Garden Administrative Order**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee dated June 10, 2014

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason that Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order 2014-009-OP, the *Community Garden Administrative Order*, as set out in Attachment 1 of the May 30, 2014 staff report.**

Council entered into discussion with staff responding to questions around the policy process for establishing a community garden.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Rankin

### **11.3.2 Hope Blooms Greenhouse Project**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee dated June 10, 2014

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Halifax Regional Council authorize and direct staff (the CAO, or his delegate) to negotiate and execute and agreement with Hope Blooms in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in Table I of the May 30, 2014 staff report respecting the operation of a greenhouse to be built at Murray Warrington Park.**

Councillor Watts spoke in support of the motion and how Hope Blooms was an educational tool for the community on how greenhouses work, as well as a participation program.

Staff responded to a question around insurance, which the applicant is responsible to produce.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Rankin

### **11.3.3 NSE Solid Waste Regulation Review – Municipal Stakeholder Input**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee dated June 10, 2014

**MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that Halifax Regional Council send a letter to the provincial Environment Minister requesting extension of deadline for feedback on framework from 10 July to 7 November 2014 and request the establishment of an opportunity for the municipality to review recommended regulations prior to advancement through cabinet.**



**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Rankin

**11.4 GRANTS COMMITTEE**

**11.4.1 Community Grants Program 2014 – Arts & Crafts Sector – Recommended Awards**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Grants Committee dated June 9, 2014

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Halifax Regional Council approve ten (10) awards for a combined total of \$50,600 as detailed in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated May 1, 2014 from operating account M311-8004 Community Grants program. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Rankin

**11.5 SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**11.5.1 Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve (MLSER) Grant Report**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Special Events Advisory Committee dated June 11, 2014
- A revised page 22 of the April 22, 2014 staff report.

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

- 1. Approve 16 MLSER Event Grants for a revised total of \$552,500 (an increase of \$31,900) from the 2014/15 Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve (MLSER) (Q31 5) as per the following amendments:**
  - a) \$1,500 for 2014 Founder's Cup Jr. B, an increase of \$250**
  - b) \$3,500 for Baseball Canada U21 Championships, an increase of \$3,500**
  - c) \$5,500 for Gottingen 250 Festival, an increase of \$400**
  - d) \$14,500 for the Atlantic Fringe Festival, an increase of \$6,250**
  - e) \$18,000 for Halifax Comedy Fest, an increase of \$10,250**
  - f) \$25,000 for the Multicultural Festival, an increase of \$10,000**
  - g) \$8,000 for Word on the Street, an increase of \$1,250**
- 2. Pending the approval of the 2015/16 budget, approve 1 MLSER Event Grant to Feast of the East (Tall Ships 2015) for a total of \$100,000 as identified in Table 2 of**

the April 22, 2014 staff report from the 2015/16 Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve (MLSER) (Q315).

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Rankin

**11.6 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**11.6.1 Councillor Nicoll – Transport and Dumping of Fill in Residential Areas**

The following was before Council:

- A staff information report dated May 20, 2014
- Proposed motion for Council's Consideration from Councillor Nicoll

Councillor Nicoll indicated that there was an overview on page 3 of the May 20, 2014 staff information report respecting the next steps.

**MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to complete a best practice review of other jurisdictions and engage with the development and construction industry to assess the potential impacts on their business operations as it relates to the transport and dumping of fill in residential areas and provide recommendations for Council's consideration resulting in an amendment to the current in use by-law.**

Councillor Nicoll spoke to the origin of the motion and a brief discussion was held on the information provided in the May 20, 2014 staff report.

Councillor Hendsbee asked that the report address truck routes through residential areas in regards to accessing the fill site, excavation of material in and out of residential areas, possible noise violations, use of J brakes, dust control, mitigation of emission problems.

Councillor Karsten asked that the report address the differences between obtaining a lot grading permit and an infill permit in relation to any portion of a lot outside the serviceable boundary. As well, he asked that the report look at HRM's fee structure.

Councillor Adams noted that information regarding a similar matter had been brought to Council before and suggested staff do a key search using *West of the Harrietsfield Irving* as a reference and basis of the report.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Rankin

**12. MOTIONS**

**12.1 Councillor Hendsbee**

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Antonius Nolet

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that due to the fact that the existing Community Facility Master Plan does not include sufficient data for a full assessment of the recently announced school project in the Eastern Shore of HRM and the timing does not permit the project to be considered in the upcoming Community Facility Master Plan (CFMP) review, I request that Halifax Regional Council request staff to prepare a report regarding the Eastern Shore school project including a possible community enhancement, potential partnerships with the Province and possible infrastructure funding opportunities.**

During the discussion Councillor Watts asked staff to include in their report a table explaining the relationship between the Province, the municipality and the local community in terms of the funding arrangements and the benefits that have happened with school enhancements. She went on to explain that the table would include the Provincial contribution, municipal contribution and the local community contribution which have occurred with these school enhancements. She further asked that how the community's contribution had been met be included in the table.

In response to a question from Councillor Nicoll, Ms. Schofield advised that a Working Group including Provincial Department of Environment, School Board and municipal representatives has been meeting to scope out all the various and complex issues of these arrangements, Ms. Schofield indicated that this work was intended to assist in future arrangements.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Rankin

**12.2 Councillor Hendsbee**

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Johns that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to return with a report detailing the scope of the review of the parkland dedication fees and subdivision By-law for the purpose of determining policies:**

- 1. To incorporate possible allocation of parkland fees to develop and/or enhance off-site (but nearby) parkland and playground sites;**
- 2. Dealing with prorating of parkland fees to be assessed in phases as development is started or to be applied as a lien on the properties designated for the proposed development; and**
- 3. Consider if the parkland fees can be assessed to any change in use in density of properties under redevelopment whereby new P.I.Ds are created and be treated as newly created lots.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Rankin.

Council agreed to address Notices of Motion at this time.

**15.1 Councillor Mason**

**Take notice** that at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on July 22, 2014, I propose to move the following: “That Regional Council request a staff report regarding the effectiveness and appropriateness of appointing a municipal manager, serving as traffic and right of way manager, as the provincially mandated Traffic Authority, and to make recommendations regarding:

- a) potential administrative changes to this structure inside current statutory requirements; and
- b) potential statutory changes that may be proposed for consideration by the province, if any.”

**15.2 Councillor Watts**

**Take notice** that at the next meeting regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on July 22, 2014, I propose to:

1. move First Reading of By-Law C-501, the purpose of which is to repeal and replace ByLaw C-500, *Respecting Commerce and Vending on Municipal Lands*;
2. repeal Administrative Order 37, *Respecting Commerce and Vending on Municipal Lands*; and
3. amend Administrative Order 15, *Respecting License Permit and Processing fees*.

The purpose of which is to (1) facilitate the positive growth of the mobile food service industry in HRM, (2) to outline options for protective canopies for artisans, and (3) address some general housekeeping items in the by-law and the administrative orders.

**15.3 Councillor Hendsbee**

**Take notice** that at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on July 22, 2014, I propose to move First Reading of By-Law O-110 amending By-Law O-109, *Respecting Open Air Burning*, the purpose of which is to bring the by-law in line with new Provincial Open Air Burning Regulations.

**15.4 Councillor Watts**

**Take notice** that at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on Tuesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2014, I propose to move a Motion to request a staff report:

on the status of the African Nova Scotian Affairs office with specific reference to options for strengthening the delivery of municipal services to residents of African descent within the Municipality and how these options are articulated in the budget and business plan process and how it advances the commitment made in the Africville Agreement.

At this time the Mayor reviewed Council's summer schedule.

**13. IN CAMERA**

**13.1 Personnel Matter**

**Citizen and Councillor appointments to boards and committees in keeping with the Public Appointment Policy adopted by Regional Council in August 2011, to be found at**

**<http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/documents/Citizenrecruitmentpolicy.pdf>**

**13.1.1 Citizen Appointments to Heritage Advisory Committee – *Private and Confidential Report***

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential recommendation report from the Chair of Community Planning and Economic Development dated June 13, 2014

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

- 1. Approve the Appointments to the Heritage Advisory Committee as outlined in the Private and Confidential Report from the Community Planning & Economic Development Sanding Committee dated June 13, 2014.**
- 2. It is further recommended that the citizen appointments be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidates.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker to convene into In Camera to address a matter pertaining to contact negotiations and legal advice. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Council convened into In Camera at 1:37 p.m. and reconvened at 1:47 p.m.

**13.2 Contract Negotiations**

**A matter pertaining to contract negotiations and legal advice.**

**13.2.1 Agreement on Water and Wastewater Services at Halifax Stanfield International Airport and Aerotech Business Park – *Private and Confidential Report***

This matter was addressed during an earlier In Camera session and was now before Council for ratification.

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

- 1. Approve the agreement between the HIAA (Halifax International Airport Authority), HRM (Halifax Regional Municipality) and HRWC (Halifax Regional Water Commission) as attached to the private and confidential staff report dated May 30, 2014.**
- 2. It is further recommended that this report can be released to the public after Council has approved the recommendation.**

Councillor Dalrymple advised that this agreement allows for the HIAA, HRWC and Aerotech Business Park to do some work to address water and wastewater treatment capacity issues.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**14. ADDED ITEMS**

**14.1 Audit and Finance Standing Committee – Approval of Increased Project Funding – Cow Bay Road Storm Sewer Project**

This matter was addressed during the June 24, 2014 Council session.

**14.2 Audit and Finance Standing Committee – Approval of Increased Project Funding Award – Unit Price Tender No. 14-207, North Park Street Upgrades – North Park Street (Cogswell - Cunard) – West Region**

This matter was addressed during the June 24, 2014 Council session.

**14.3 Audit and Finance Standing Committee – Davis Cup and We Day Events**

This matter was addressed during the June 24, 2014 Council session.

**14.4 Audit and Finance Standing Committee – Scotia Bank Hockey Day in Canada**

This matter was addressed during the June 24, 2014 Council session.

**14.5 Councillor Hendsbee - Purchase of Waterfront Lot in Conrod Settlement**

This matter was addressed during the June 24, 2014 Council session.

**15. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**15.1 Councillor Mason**

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting, see page 44.

**15.2 Councillor Watts**

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting, see page 44.

**15.3 Councillor Hendsbee**

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting, see page 44.

**15.4 Councillor Watts**

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting, see page 44.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett  
Municipal Clerk