



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
December 1, 2015**

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

STAFF: Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and recessed at 3:10 p.m. Council reconvened at 3:21 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 4:50 p.m. and reconvened at 6:09 p.m. Council adjourned at 6:16 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and Council stood for a moment of reflection.

**2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE**

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

Additions:

- 17.1 Councillor Mason – Construction Mitigation
- 17.2 Councillor McCluskey – Amendment to By-Law M-100

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Mason,

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

Two-third majority vote required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

- 5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**
- 6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**
- 7. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**
- 8. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**
- 9. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**
- 10. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE**
- 11. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

**12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**12.1 Correspondence – None**

**12.2 Petitions**

**12.2.1 Councillor Mason**

Councillor Mason presented a petition with 29 signatures requesting a bus stop outside the residence at 5515 Victoria Road, and he requested it be forwarded to Halifax Transit for comment during their quarterly report to the Transportation Standing Committee.

**13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

**14. REPORTS**

**14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**14.1.1 Award Request for Proposal (RFP) No.15-150 – Dartmouth 4 Pad Arena Design-Build-Operate**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 10, 2015

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Karsten

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Award RFP No.15-150 (design-build component) to the highest scoring proponent, EllisDon Corporation with a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$40,773,729 (HST fully refundable) with funding from Project No. CB000049 – Dartmouth Multi-Pad, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of this report, and authorize and direct the CAO or his delegate to negotiate and execute the design-build agreement on behalf of Halifax Regional Council which achieves the key business terms set out in Attachment B to this report to the satisfaction of CAO or his delegate, subject to review by Legal Services;**
- 2. Award RFP No.15-150 (operate component) for pre-opening and operating services, and furniture, fixtures, and equipment acquisition, to the highest scoring proponent, Nustadia Recreation Inc. at a cost of \$1,683,210 (HST fully refundable) with funding from Project No. CB000049 – Dartmouth Multi-Pad, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of this report, and authorize and direct the CAO or his delegate to negotiate and execute an operating agreement on behalf of Halifax Regional Council which achieves the key business terms set out in Attachment C to this report to the satisfaction of the CAO or his delegate, subject to review by Legal Services;**
- 3. Authorize and direct the CAO to execute agreement(s) with Nova Scotia Environment and others in respect of wetland compensation requiring HRM to set aside lands adjacent to the building site from future development, in form and content necessary to meet the terms and conditions of the Wetland Alteration Approval to be issued by Nova Scotia Environment;**
- 4. Direct staff not to include any or all of the optional building components at the estimated additional total cost of \$ 1,940,000.00 (HST fully refundable) as outlined in the discussion section of this report in the design of the Dartmouth Multi-pad as per the approved May 26th 2015 Regional Council report; and**
- 5. Direct staff and the building operator to continue to explore potential partnership components at an estimated total cost of \$935,000.00 (HST fully refundable) through cost recovery agreements as outlined in the Discussion section of this report with any required negotiations to be completed by March 1, 2016 in order to be included in the design of the building.**

Council briefly discussed the merits of the optional design enhancement to “increase structural/Snow load” as described on page 8 of the staff report. Mr. Gallagher advised that snow loading issues could be more effectively mitigated through operational protocols including keeping roof drains marked and clear. He advised that the protocols would be applied to all municipal-owned facilities and included in any management contracts.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**THAT the motion be amended to include \$790,000 for increased structural enhancements for snow load and \$400,000 for the roof deck viewing platform in the design of the Dartmouth Multi-Pad.**

Several Councillors suggested that considering national building standards and staff's mitigation strategy for snow loading, increased structural enhancements are not warranted.

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that if enhancements are added to the building design, they would need to be included in the capital budget.

Providing procedural advice, Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, advised that if the question is called and the motion to amend is put and defeated, Council would need to pass a motion of rescission in order to consider it again. He advised that if the motion to amend is withdrawn, it could be brought back to Council before March 1, 2016.

Councillor Hendsbee indicated that he wished to withdraw the motion to provide time for staff to review engineering drawings.

**MOTION TO AMEND WITHDRAWN**, with the agreement of Council.

**MAIN MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage

**14.1.2 Award – Tender No. 15-169R Halifax City Hall Energy Efficiency Upgrade and Interior Fit Up**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 27, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 15-169R Halifax City Hall Energy Efficiency Upgrade and Interior Fit Up to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dora Construction Management Ltd. for a Tender Price of \$1,269,683 (net HST included) plus approved disbursements with funding from Project Account No. CBX01046 - Halifax City Hall and Grand Parade Restoration as outlined in the Financial Implications section of this report.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Mosher

**14.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE**

**14.2.1 2016 Municipal and School Board Election**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated November 20, 2015 submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Audit & Finance Standing Committee; attached was a staff recommendation report dated November 4, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Authorize the withdrawal from Q313 Municipal Elections Reserve to fund municipal and school board election expenses incurred in A125 Elections. Withdrawal amounts not to exceed \$2,200,000 as outlined in the Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated November 20, 2015.**
- 2. Adopt Option 1, as outlined in Appendix A of the staff report dated November 4, 2015, as the method of voting in the 2016 Municipal and School Board Elections, which is to utilize both e-voting and in-person polls for a shorter period of time**

during the entire period of advanced polling and retain in-person polls with paper ballots only on Election Day.

3. Direct the use of the provincial electors' list for the purpose of conducting the 2016 municipal and school board elections with the Halifax Regional Municipality, effective January 2, 2016.
4. Appoint the proponent, as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated November 16, 2015, as Returning Officer for the 2016 Municipal and School Board Elections in the Halifax Regional Municipality effective January 2, 2016.
5. Delegate duties and responsibilities as provided for under the Municipal Elections Act as follows:
  - a. To the Returning Officer: Set the date for the second day of advanced polls.
  - b. To the Municipal Clerk: Appoint Assistant Returning Officer(s) as required.
  - c. To the Municipal Clerk: Make, revise and amend the tariff of fees and expenses and provide for the method of rendering and verifying accounts for payment.

Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk, advised that since the writing of the report, staff have become aware that the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) has filed a notice of action regarding a debt owed by electronic voting system vendor Intelivote Systems Inc., which was selected by Council for the 2016 Municipal and School Board Elections. She indicated that this new information is not directly related to the motion before Council, but there are implications that should be examined by staff. As such, staff recommend the deferral of recommendations 1 and 2 pending further investigation and consideration of how to proceed in the best interest of the municipality.

Councillor Craig indicated that he had a question regarding recommendation 4 that could not be answered in public session. Council agreed to defer consideration of the entire motion until after an In Camera (In Private) session. Please see page 11 for details.

#### **14.2.2 Expanded Scope of Planning & Development Studies – Land Use By-Law Simplification Phase I**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated November 20, 2015 submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Audit & Finance Standing Committee; attached was a staff recommendation report dated September 17, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Walker

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve a new multi-year Planning & Development strategic study, Land Use By-Law Simplification, Phase I - Background Studies, to be funded from the Strategic Studies Reserve, 0330, at a cost of \$120,000, as described in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated September 17, 2015.**

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

**THAT upon completion of the “Land Use By-Law Simplification Phase I,” staff will return to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee an informed By-Law Simplification Plan that includes recommendations, complete with timelines, to implement Land Use By-Law simplifications.**

Councillor Craig spoke to the proposed amendment, indicating that it would be important to take the time to review each step of the process in order to avoid unintended consequences, and analysis from the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee would be valuable.

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

Councillor McCluskey declared she had intended to vote against the motion and Council agreed to record her vote as such.

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

Against: Councillors Dalrymple, McCluskey, Mosher, and Johns.

Not present: Mayor Savage

The motion now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Walker

**1. THAT Halifax Regional Council approve a new multi-year Planning & Development strategic study, Land Use By-Law Simplification, Phase I - Background Studies, to be funded from the Strategic Studies Reserve, 0330, at a cost of \$120,000, as described in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated September 17, 2015.**

**2. THAT upon completion of the “Land Use By-Law Simplification Phase I,” staff will return to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee an informed By-Law Simplification Plan that includes recommendations, complete with timelines, to implement Land Use By-Law simplifications.**

**MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage

#### **14.2.3 Budget Increase CP110002 – Cole Harbour Turf**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated November 20, 2015 submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Audit & Finance Standing Committee; attached was a staff recommendation report dated November 4, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to include additional funding in the amount of \$1,600,000 for Project No. CP110002 - Cole Harbour Turf for consideration in the 2016/17 capital budget.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage

#### **14.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE**

##### **14.3.1 Development Proposals at Birch Cove, Bedford Waterfront and Paper Mill Lake**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated November 20, 2015 submitted by the Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee; attached was a staff recommendation report dated November 5, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Outhit

**THAT further public engagement and preparation of plan amendments to the Birch Cove, Bedford Waterfront, and Paper Mill Lake lands be deferred until Council has reviewed the various transportation plans and a course of action agreed upon.**

A brief discussion was held regarding the need for a firm project timeline. Mr. Carl Purvis, Supervisor, Community & Regional Planning, indicated that the timeline is dependent on the completion of other studies as outlined in the staff report, which is difficult to determine at present.

Mr. Bob Bjerke, Director, Planning & Development, added that staff are moving forward quickly on an Integrated Mobility Plan that should be completed before moving forward to understand the impact of further plan amendments.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Rankin

**THAT the matter be brought back to Regional Council by April 2016.**

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.** (11 in favour, 3 against)

In favour: Councillors Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Mason, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Rankin, Johns and Craig.

Against: Deputy Mayor Whitman, Councillors Watts and Outhit.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Dalrymple

The motion now reads:

**THAT further public engagement and preparation of plan amendments to the Birch Cove, Bedford Waterfront, and Paper Mill Lake lands be deferred until Council has reviewed the various transportation plans and a course of action agreed upon and the matter be brought back to Regional Council by April 2016.**

**MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Dalrymple

Council recessed at 3:10 p.m., and reconvened at 3:21 p.m.

#### **14.3.2 Canada's Diversity Advantage Project – United Nations Association in Canada**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated November 20, 2015 submitted by the Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee; attached was a staff recommendation report dated November 5, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council send a letter of support to Sarah Kambites, Director of Education and Community Initiatives of the UNA-Canada, indicating the municipality's willingness to serve as a Regional Partner for Canada's Diversity Advantage in Halifax.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Mosher

### 14.3.3 Off-Leash Parks Strategy Review

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated November 20, 2015 submitted by the Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee; attached was a staff recommendation report dated November 9, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Establish the Off-Leash Park Program as permanent service to be considered as part of annual HRM business planning and budgeting process;**
2. **Direct staff to develop an Off-Leash Dog Parks Administrative Order (AO) that will replace the Off-Leash Dog Parks Strategy 2007 by establishing: policy objectives, service level requirements, and minimum criteria and procedures for the provision of off-leash facilities based on the Off Leash Dog Parks Strategy 2007 with the changes and actions outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 9, 2015.**

Councillor Hendsbee requested a staff presentation on the matter. Council agreed to return to this item later in the meeting to provide staff with time to prepare. Please see page 9 for details.

## 15. MOTIONS

### 15.1 Councillor Johns

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Mosher

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to adopt a policy that vehicles bearing the veterans' licence plates have year round free parking at all HRM parking locations including meters.**

Councillor Johns advised that for a period ending in March 2006, By-Law P-500 provided free parking to those with registered veterans' license plates, and he urged Council to support the motion.

Some Councillors raised the concern that the proposed policy could create problems with downtown parking, and suggested that such a policy be viewed in context of the overall parking roadmap.

Councillor Karsten proposed a friendly amendment to the motion on the floor **to replace the phrase "to adopt a policy" with "to consider adopting a policy," and to add "the report to include budgetary implications."** Council agreed to accept the amendment as friendly.

The question was called on the motion as follows:

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to consider adopting a policy that vehicles bearing the veterans' licence plates have year round free parking at all HRM parking locations including meters, and for the report to include budgetary implications.**

**MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.** (13 in favour, 2 against)

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

Against: Councillors Mason and Watts

Not present: Mayor Savage

### 14.3.3 Off-Leash Parks Strategy Review

At this time Council continued consideration of item 14.3.3, with Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Policy and Planning, delivering a presentation regarding the Off-Leash Parks Strategy Review. He highlighted the success of the pilot project and provided commentary with respect to the strategic multi-district, multi-function approach to planning and development of off-leash areas in the municipality.

In response to question of clarification, Mr. Bigelow advised that:

- Under the *Provincial Parks Act*, dogs must be on leash in provincial designated parks; however, on other provincial lands to which the *Parks Act* does not apply, the By-Laws referenced on page 2 of the staff report would be applicable.
- Animal control officers regularly check for licensing of dogs using municipal dog parks.
- There is a deficiency in Purcell's Cove-Armdale-Spryfield and Eastern Passage/Cow Bay, so these areas will be prioritized once the Administrative Order is developed and adopted.
- Due to considerable community engagement over the past year, staff does not intend to hold a public hearing regarding the Administrative Order, but Council may direct otherwise.
- The process for addressing deficiencies is initiated by a request for service, in response to which staff conduct assessments and prepare a recommendation for the area Community Council.

Councillor Nicoll spoke in favour of an education campaign to be carried out in tandem with the implementation of By-Law A-700 Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership. Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor, advised that a separate motion and notice of motion would be required.

### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Johns

Council agreed to consider added items prior to In Camera (In Private) items.

## **17. ADDED ITEMS**

### **17.1 Councillor Mason – Construction Mitigation**

The following was before Council:

- A "Request for Council's Consideration" form submitted by Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Adams

#### **THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Ensure that the staff report requested by the Transportation Standing Committee meeting of June 25, 2015 regarding construction mitigation is completed and presented to the Standing Committee meeting of January 28, 2016.**
- 2. Provide a staff report regarding the possible adoption of a policy to require compensation for 'injurious affection' and/or other forms of compensation to businesses affected by longer term closures of streets abutting their locations to the Committee and then to Council.**

Councillor Mason spoke to the impact of street closures on surrounding businesses and urged Council to support the motion.

Mayor Savage joined the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Several Councillors spoke to the complexity of the issue, citing concerns with respect to short versus long term impacts, street versus sidewalk closures, the municipality's legal position to provide remuneration for loss of income, and how business would demonstrate loss of income.

Councillor Dalrymple requested that the motion be split for voting, to which Council agreed.

Mayor Savage recognized the difficulty experienced by businesses due to the impacts of nearby construction and expressed interest in receiving information regarding policies of other jurisdictions and other creative solutions to provide support to affected small businesses.

The vote on the main motion was split, as requested.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Adams

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Ensure that the staff report requested by the Transportation Standing Committee meeting of June 25, 2015 regarding construction mitigation is completed and presented to the Standing Committee meeting of January 28, 2016.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 2. Provide a staff report regarding the possible adoption of a policy to require compensation for 'injurious affection' and/or other forms of compensation to businesses affected by longer term closures of streets abutting their locations to the Committee and then to Council.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (14 in favour, 2 against)

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

Against: Councillors Dalrymple and Karsten

#### **17.2 Councillor McCluskey – Amendment to By-Law M-100**

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report respecting an amendment to By-Law M-100, the Standards for Residential Occupancies By-Law, that increases the indoor temperature from 20 degrees Celsius to 21 degrees Celsius in all areas of the dwelling unit from the 15th day of September in each year to the 1st day of June in the following year in all rental units in which the landlord pays for the heat, and return to the Regional Council for consideration of the amendment.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

##### **16.1 Property Matter**

##### **16.1.1 Industrial Parks – Lot Inventory Additions and Minimum Unit Pricing – *Private and Confidential Report***

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Adams

**THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to an In Camera (In Private) session to address items: 14.2.1, 16.1.1, 16.2.1, and 16.3.1.**

Council recessed at 4:50 p.m. to move In Camera (In Private). Councillor Johns left the meeting.

Council reconvened to public session at 6:09 p.m.

**14.2.1 2016 Municipal and School Board Election**

At this time Council continued consideration of item 14.2.1.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Watts

**THAT parts 1 and 2 of the main motion be deferred pending further information.**

**MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Dalrymple, Nicoll and Johns

The question was called on parts 3, 4 and 5 of the motion as follows:

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 3. Direct the use of the provincial electors' list for the purpose of conducting the 2016 municipal and school board elections with the Halifax Regional Municipality, effective January 2, 2016.**
- 4. Appoint the proponent, as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated November 16, 2015, as Returning Officer for the 2016 Municipal and School Board Elections in the Halifax Regional Municipality effective January 2, 2016.**
- 5. Delegate duties and responsibilities as provided for under the Municipal Elections Act as follows:**
  - a. To the Returning Officer: Set the date for the second day of advanced polls.**
  - b. To the Municipal Clerk: Appoint Assistant Returning Officer(s) as required.**
  - c. To the Municipal Clerk: Make, revise and amend the tariff of fees and expenses and provide for the method of rendering and verifying accounts for payment.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Dalrymple and Johns

The following items were considered during the In Camera (In Private) session convened earlier in the meeting and were before Council for ratification.

**16.1 Property Matter**

**16.1.1 Industrial Parks – Lot Inventory Additions and Minimum Unit Pricing – *Private and Confidential Report***

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve the inventory additions and minimum unit pricing for the Phase 12-5 lots in Burnside Industrial Park as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated October 27, 2015;**
- 2. Approve the minimum unit pricing for the existing lot inventory as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated October 27, 2015; and**
- 3. It is further recommended that the private and confidential staff report dated October 27, 2015 not be released to the public.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Dalrymple and Johns

**16.2 Personnel Matter**

**16.2.1 Personnel Matter – *Private and Confidential Report***

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**THAT Halifax Regional Council proceed on this matter as outlined in the private and confidential Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated November 20, 2015 as amended.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Dalrymple and Johns

**16.3 Contract Negotiations**

**16.3.1 New Era Report – *Private and Confidential Report***

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Rankin

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve an increase to the budget of the newly established capital project CW000008 – New Era Facility Purchase as outlined in the financial implications of the staff report.**
- 2. Approve and authorize the Mayor and Clerk’s Office to execute the Settlement Agreement with New Era Technologies Ltd. and Hatch Ltd. attached as Appendix “A” hereto, providing for the purchase of the composting facility located at 61 Evergreen Place through capital project CW000008 – New Era Facility Purchase and for the operation of the composting facility for a period of up to September 30th, 2016 based upon the terms and conditions and financial implications as outlined in the staff report.**
- 3. Approve a withdrawal from Q103 Capital Surplus Reserve to fund capital project CW000008 – New Era Facility Purchase as outlined in the financial implications of the staff report.**
- 4. It is further recommended that in accordance with the Settlement Agreement between Halifax, New Era Technologies Ltd. and Hatch Ltd this report not be released except as provided by law.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Dalrymple and Johns

**18. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**18.1 Councillor Nicoll**

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on December 8, 2015, I propose to move a motion requesting a staff report on implementing an education campaign with regard to By-Law A-700 Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership and the proposed Off-Leash Dog Parks Administrative Order.”

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon  
Municipal Clerk