



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
March 8, 2016**

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

STAFF: Mr. John Traves, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. Karen Brown, Acting Municipal Solicitor  
Mr. Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant  
Ms. Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and recessed at 2:11 p.m. Council reconvened at 2:50 p.m. Council recessed at 4:08 p.m. and reconvened at 4:21 p.m. Council recessed at 6:19 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 8:46 p.m. and reconvened at 10:09 p.m. Council adjourned at 10:20 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

**That following the Heritage Hearing, Council reconvene Committee of the Whole for further discussion on the budget.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.1 Case H00413 – Request to Register 2263 Brunswick Street, Halifax as Municipal Heritage Property**

- The following was before Council:
- Correspondence dated February 25, 2016 from Peter Browne, Financial Administrator, Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth
- A presentation from a representative of the property entitled, Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church Registration as Heritage Building
- A staff presentation on Case H00413: Consideration of 2263 Brunswick Street, Halifax as a Municipal Heritage Property
- An extract of Regional Council's minutes of January 12, 2016
- A report dated December 15, 2015 from the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee; with an attached staff report dated November 16, 2015.

Ms. Shilo Gempton, Heritage Planner provided the staff presentation with regard to the registration of St. Patrick's Church at 2263 Brunswick Street as a municipal heritage property.

Ms. Gempton, and Mr. Jacob Ritchie, Urban Design Manager responded to questions of clarification.

In response to a question, Mr. Ritchie explained that this hearing is to correct an error from 1982 when it was intended that the Church was to be registered as a heritage property but due to a clerical error, the church rectory was registered by mistake.

At this time, the Mayor invited the representative of the property to come forward.

Mr. Peter Browne, Financial Administrator for the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth addressed Council to request that Council either turn down the heritage registration or postpone consideration of registering the Church as a municipal heritage property. Mr. Browne advised that the archdiocese has been working for the past 10 years to raise funds for restoration work on the Church, with modest results. He outlined numerous issues impacting the structural integrity of the Church and explained that with the expected repair cost over \$1.5 million and that there is not a willingness at this time to embark on a fundraising campaign, they are concerned that municipal heritage status on the Church will only make it more difficult and costly to repair the building.

In response to a question concerning the property owners request for a delay in registration, Ms. Karen Brown, Acting Municipal Solicitor explained that it would be difficult to delay heritage registration because the Heritage Property Act stipulates a timeframe that Council has to make a decision. She indicated that a small delay might be possible, but a longer delay would not.

Mr. Browne responded to questions from Council. It was noted that the Church has Provincial Heritage registration, and Mr. Browne was questioned what the impact would be on the Church if it had Municipal Heritage Registration. He advised that Municipal Heritage registration would then mean that the Archdiocese will have to go through two separate processes to get approval to make non heritage type of repairs.

Councillor Watts noted that Councillors received a letter from a parishioner but the Municipal Clerk, in consultation with the Municipal Solicitor advised that it was not admissible. She indicated that the letter suggests a difference of opinion from what the Archdiocese has stated. Councillor Watts asked the Municipal Solicitor to comment on why the letter was not admissible.

The Acting Municipal Solicitor advised that under the Heritage Property Act, in the registration process, it is the assessed owner that is notified and who gets to speak at the Hearing. Further, she noted that the Act states that Council cannot register a property without hearing from the assessed owner. She also pointed out that a heritage registration process differs from a de-registration process where others are able to speak.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the Heritage Hearing close.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Karsten.

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the registration of 2263 Brunswick Street, Halifax as shown on Map 1 of the November 16, 2015 staff report, as a municipal heritage property.**

Councillor Watts advised that she supported the recommendation to register the Church because it holds a lot of significance for the community. She also pointed out that it has Provincial registration, and that in 1982 it was the intent of the Council at that time to register the Church as a municipal heritage property.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (16 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Dalrymple.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Whitman, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**That Council reconvene to Committee of the Whole.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Council recessed at 2:11 p.m.

Council reconvened at 2:50 p.m.

## **2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Council members 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 Ratification of Motion of Committee of the Whole – Full Review of Final Budget – Proposed 2016/2017 Capital and Operating Budget

IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

- 16.4.3 Approval of Agreement – Contractual Matter – Elections – *Private and Confidential Report*

- 16.5.1 International Association of Firefighters Collective Agreement – *Private and Confidential Report*

- 16.3.3 Councillor Johns – Acquisition of Real Estate – *Private and Confidential Report*

At the request of Deputy Mayor Whitman, Council agreed to deal with item 17.1 as the first order of business.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Johns

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

Two-third majority vote required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

- 17.1 Ratification of Motion of Committee of the Whole – Full Review of Final Budget – Proposed 2016/2017 Capital and Operating Budget

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Whitman, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**That Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Approve the 2016/2017 Capital and Operating Budget, as per the revised Attachment A– “Resolution for Approval of Operating and Capital Budget, and Tax Rates for Fiscal 2016/2017,” including:**
  - a. **Total Budget Approval for Multi-year Projects, as detailed in Schedule 1; and**
  - b. **The withdrawal from Reserves detailed in Schedule 2.**
2. **It is hereby further resolved that:**
  - a) **the Operating Budget in the amount of \$ 873,243,100 gross expenditures (which includes \$724,729,100 in municipal expenditures including the reserve withdrawals specified in the Operating and Capital Budget); \$ 662,333,700 in property tax revenues (including area rate revenues) and \$ 210,909,400 in other revenues be approved; and**
  - b) **the Capital Budget in the amount of \$197,934,000 be approved;**
  - c) **the general rates of taxation on residential and resource property be set at**
    - (i) **\$0.662 for the urban area**

- (ii) \$0.629 for the suburban area; and
  - (iii) \$0.629 for the rural area  
per \$100 of taxable assessment;
- d) the general rates of taxation on commercial property be set at
- (i) \$2.832 for the urban area;
  - (ii) \$2.832 for the suburban area; and
  - (iii) \$2.510 for the rural area  
per \$100 of taxable assessment;
- e) the Halifax Transit Annual Service Plan and the tax rates associated with Transit Taxation be set at
- (i) \$0.049 for the Regional Transportation tax rate;
  - (ii) \$0.102 for the Local Transit tax rate  
per \$100 of taxable assessment;
- f) (i) the boundaries of the urban, suburban and rural areas are delineated in the attached "Tax Structure Map";  
(ii) the boundary of the Regional Transportation area includes all properties within communities included within the attached "Regional Transportation Area" map;  
(iii) the boundary for the Local Transit area includes all properties within 1km walking distance of any HRM transit stop.
- g) Fire Protection rates shall be set at the rate of \$0.015 per \$100 for all residential and resource assessment and at \$0.041 per \$100 of the commercial assessment for properties which are within 1,200 feet of a hydrant that is designed and operated for public fire protection purposes.
- h) Supplementary Education, under Section 80 of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, shall be set at the rate of \$0.030 per \$100 of the residential and resource assessment and at \$0.082 per \$100 of the commercial assessment.
- i) the final tax bills will become due on Monday, October 31, 2016;
- j) the Stormwater Right-of-Way charge shall be set at \$42 per property for those properties within the Halifax Water Stormwater Service Area;
- k) the interest rate on the Special Reserve Funds, designated as requiring interest under Section 121(2) of the Halifax Charter, be set at the rate of return on funds invested by HRM for the period April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017;
- l) the interest rate on all reserves except for those identified in (k) above will be set at the rate of return on funds invested by HRM for the period April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017;
- m) an advance funding commitment is approved for the amount of \$63,030,000 for the fiscal years 2017-18 through 2020-21 for the multi-year projects listed in the attached "Schedule One - Multi-Year Projects"; and,
- n) Withdrawals from Reserves in the amount of \$110,673,100 are approved, as detailed in the attached "Schedule Two - 2016-17 Withdrawals from Reserves".
- o) And;
3. Approve the Halifax Regional Police 2016-2017 Operating Budget of \$76,964,700.00

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**
- 9.1 **Rural Benchmarks & Service Levels (Presentation)**

The following was before Council:

- A staff information report dated January 26, 2016
- A staff presentation entitled, Rural Benchmarks & Service Levels dated March 8, 2016

Mr. Chris Bryant provided the presentation in regard to establishing benchmarks and researching service levels, competitiveness and taxation in the agricultural and rural shore areas of HRM in comparison to other rural and coastal agricultural counties in Nova Scotia. This matter was initiated by motion of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee at the December 12, 2013 meeting. The Committee received an information report and presentation on January 21, 2016. At that meeting, the Committee passed a motion with four recommendations, one of which was to forward the information report to Council for a staff presentation.

Mr. Bryant reviewed the three other recommendations as follows and provided an update on their status:

- Request a staff report identifying implementation and cost implications to develop a Halifax Rural Index, including possible participation by Halifax Partnership and in coordination with the Planning and Development Rural team.

Mr. Bryant advised that staff were currently holding discussions with Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM), Department of Municipal Affairs, and Halifax Partnership.

- Engage neighboring municipalities, UNSM and the Province in identifying standards and measures that could be included in the index.

Mr. Bryant noted that St. Mary's University is working on this initiative with UNSM and the Department of Municipal Affairs and have extended an offer for HRM to join them. He also noted that the Municipality has carried out some discussion with East Hants in this regard.

- Request a staff report on the formation of a rural action committee to consult with residents in rural communities that would include HRM and neighbouring councillors, neighbouring municipal staff and representatives of rural areas.

Mr. Bryant indicated that he and staff from Planning and Development were working on this recommendation.

## **9.2 Leaf Collection Program**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 29, 2016.

Councillor Mosher advised that with the budget now passed, there is no need to approve the staff recommendation in the report. She advised that she would follow up and speak with staff directly.

**10. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE**

**11. HERITAGE HEARING**

**11.1 Case H00413 – Request to Register 2263 Brunswick Street, Halifax as Municipal Heritage Property**

This was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 2.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**12.1 Correspondence**

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items: 11.1, 14.1.4, 14.1.6, 14.2.1, 16.3.1, and 16.4.2. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

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

**12.1.1 Fly-Past Request – Deadman’s Island Remembrance Event**

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence dated February 18, 2016 from D.S. Deese, Lieutenant Commander (U.S. Navy), Senior Base Chaplain

MOVED by Mosher, seconded by Councillor Adams

**That Halifax Regional Council grant permission for a CH-124 Sea King or CH-148 Cyclone to perform a fly-past at levels as low as 500 feet over Deadman’s Island Park, Halifax on Monday, May 30, 2016 at 11:15 a.m. in conjunction with the Deadman’s Island Remembrance Event**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not Present: Councillor Johns

**12.2 Petitions – None**

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

**14. REPORTS**

**14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**14.1.1 Award – Sole Source Service Agreement for Field Monitors Mainland Commons and Burnside All Weather Fields**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 18, 2016.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**That Halifax Regional Council, in accordance with Administrative Order 35, Section 8(11A) sub-section (k) (attached as Appendix A), award a Sole Source contract to Soccer Nova Scotia for Field Monitors at Mainland Common and Burnside All Weather Fields in the amount of \$123,647 (net HST included).**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Johns

**14.1.2 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Address Policies – Case CA0101 – Street Naming from November 1 to December 31, 2015**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 3, 2016.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

**THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 29 Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated February 3, 2016 in order to approve the naming of four private lanes, four public streets and the renaming of two public streets as identified in Attachment B and Maps 1-10 inclusive of the staff report dated February 3, 2016.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Brad Johns

**14.1.3 First Reading Proposed By-Law B-701, Amendments to By-law B-700, Respecting the Regulation of Business Improvement Districts**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 12, 2016.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council move first reading of Bylaw B-701, A by-law Amending By-law B-700 Respecting the regulation of business improvement districts, as contained in Attachment B the staff report dated February 12, 2016.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Johns.

**14.1.4 Street Traffic Control Annual Pavement Marking (Painting)**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 16, 2016.
- Correspondence from Mr. Norm Collins

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:**

- 1. Where required, perform a fall season re-painting of zebra crosswalks on arterial and major collector roadways outside the downtown core; and**
- 2. Pilot the use of a variety of durable (permanent) pavement marking products in conjunction with capital works and maintenance programs in order to identify products that may prove beneficial to improving the longevity of pavement markings in various applications**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**14.1.5 Proposed Administrative Order SC-82, Respecting closure of a portion of Irving Street, Dartmouth**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 8, 2016.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**THAT Halifax Regional Council**

1. **Declare the section of Irving Street right of way west of Pleasant Street, Dartmouth, shown as PID 40936882 and PID 40935595 in Attachment "A" of the staff report dated February 8, 2016, surplus to municipal requirements, and categorize as 'Economic Development', as per Administrative Order 50;**
2. **Set a date for a public hearing to consider adopting the proposed Administrative Order, SC-82 as contained in Attachment B of the staff report dated February 8, 2016, to close that part of Irving Street that is west of Pleasant Street, Dartmouth.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Mosher

Council recessed at 4:08 p.m.

Council reconvened at 4:21 p.m.

**14.1.6 Regional Council Compensation Final Report**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 17, 2016.
- A revised copy of page 3 of the staff report was submitted.
- Correspondence was submitted from: Pat Shaw; and Helmuth Wiegert

Discussion was held on how the three recommendations in the staff report should be dealt with procedurally, with the Municipal Clerk, the Acting Municipal Solicitor, and the Acting Chief Administrative Officer providing clarification.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Craig

**THAT Halifax Regional Council**

1. **Give notice of motion to the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 17, the Council Member Remuneration Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated February 17, 2016; and**
2. **Direct staff to request that the Halifax Regional Municipality Pension Plan Office review the recommendations and, if necessary, amend the Halifax Regional Municipality Pension Plan to permit Regional Council to implement recommendations 2.1 and 2.2 of the Halifax Regional Council Compensation Committee Report regarding pensions; and**
3. **Direct staff to work with the Province to amend the Charter to grant Council broader powers respecting remuneration for Members of Council to permit Regional Council to implement recommendations 3.1 and 3.2 of the Halifax Regional Council Compensation Committee Report regarding transition allowances.**

MOVED by Councillor Johns that the question be called.

Two-third majority vote required.

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.**

Council members entered a debate with concerns expressed about the process in carrying out the review of Council compensation, and with the research and analysis and lack of supporting documentation in the report.

Mayor Savage advised that the Committee members who carried out the review were in attendance and could respond to any questions.

Mr. Gerry Walsh, Chair of the Halifax Regional Compensation Committee addressed Council and provided an overview of the Committee's report, elaborating on the formula that was used to calculate compensation; and the public engagement and councillor engagement that was carried out in their information gathering.

Mayor Savage thanked Mr. Walsh for his attendance and advised that Council would take a break for supper, and continue with debate on this matter after the supper break.

Council recessed at 6:19 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:00 p.m. Councillor Johns was not present.

Councillors resumed discussion of item 14.1.6 - Regional Council Compensation Final Report. Highlights include:

- It may be more appropriate to review compensation once per term, rather than annually;
- The compensation package for elected members of Regional Council should enable people of diverse backgrounds to consider running for municipal office;
- Remuneration for Councillors should reflect the community being served; and
- The relative budgets of the municipalities used for comparison should be considered.

Responding to a suggestion that the matter be referred back to the Halifax Regional Council Compensation Committee, Mr. Larry Munroe, Auditor General noted that the Committee had provided its best professional opinion regarding the level of compensation and he expressed concern that asking the Committee to reconsider their recommendation may undermine their independence. However, Mr. Munroe noted that the Committee had not considered the possibility of no increase in remuneration for the next eight to twelve years, and he would be comfortable asking them to determine whether this consideration would change their recommendation.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Watts

**THAT the motion be amended to revise Appendix B, Section 1 (a) of Attachment 4 of the report dated February 17, 2016 such that "base salary" reflects the average salary of a full time worker in Halifax as identified in the Statistics Canada data, plus thirty-eight percent (38%).**

In the ensuing discussion, members expressed concern that there is a lack of rationale to support the percentage selected for the remuneration formula.

Councillor Nicoll left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Karsten and Watts.

Against: Deputy Mayor Whitman, Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, McCluskey, Mancini, Mason, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Rankin, Craig and Outhit.

Not present: Councillors Nicoll and Johns.

The question was called on the main motion. Regional Council agreed to a request to vote on each part of the motion separately.

**THAT Halifax Regional Council give notice of motion to the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 17, the Council Member Remuneration Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated February 17, 2016.**

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.** (7 in favour, 8 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors: Dalrymple, Karsten, Mason, Watts, Craig, and Outhit.

Against: Deputy Mayor Whitman, Councillors: Hendsbee, McCluskey, Mancini, Mosher, Walker, Adams, and Rankin.

Not present: Councillors Nicoll and Johns.

**2. Direct staff to request that the Halifax Regional Municipality Pension Plan Office review the recommendations and, if necessary, amend the Halifax Regional Municipality Pension Plan to permit Regional Council to implement recommendations 2.1 and 2.2 of the Halifax Regional Council Compensation Committee Report regarding pensions; and**

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.** (4 in favour, 11 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Dalrymple, McCluskey, and Craig.

Against: Deputy Mayor Whitman, Councillors: Hendsbee, Karsten, Mancini, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Rankin, and Outhit.

Not present: Councillors Nicoll and Johns.

**3. Direct staff to work with the Province to amend the *Charter* to grant Council broader powers respecting remuneration for Members of Council to permit Regional Council to implement recommendations 3.1 and 3.2 of the Halifax Regional Council Compensation Committee Report regarding transition allowances.**

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.** (6 in favour, 9 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors: Dalrymple, Mason, Watts, Craig, and Outhit.

Against: Deputy Mayor Whitman, Councillors: Hendsbee, Karsten, McCluskey, Mancini, Mosher, Walker, Adams, and Rankin

Not present: Councillors Nicoll and Johns.

Councillor Johns returned to the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

#### **14.1.7 Rental Fee Structure for Ice Usage across HRM Owned Ice Surfaces**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 22, 2016.

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Outhit

**THAT Halifax Regional Council**

1. **Direct staff to include a comprehensive review of the arena rental fees as a component of the Recreation Fee Study to be undertaken in the 2016/17 fiscal year and in consideration of the October 2, 2015 Regional Council direction regarding the ongoing Multi-District review process; and**
2. **Approve the attached Recreation Fee Study Project Charter, with funding as outlined in the Financial Implication Section of the staff report dated February 22, 2016.**

Ms. Denise Schofield, Manager, Program Support Services and Mr. Brad Anguish, Director, Parks and Recreation responded to questions of clarification from Council and noted the following:

- The recommendation is to include the requested report from the June 2, 2015 Regional Council meeting as an element of the more comprehensive Recreation Fee Study that includes consultation with facilities not owned by the municipality.
- The report would consider whether to increase or decrease rates, whether the proposed rate structure would be flat or tiered, and how funds are managed once collected.

In the ensuing discussion, Councillors encouraged staff to consider the type and number of amenities at each facility, balanced against the cost of operating the facility, when developing a fee structure. Councillors also spoke in support of subsidized rates for children and recreational sports.

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

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Whitman, Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, McCluskey, Mancini, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Rankin, Johns, Craig and Outhit.

Against: Councillors Walker and Adams.

Not present: Councillor Nicoll

On a point of information, Councillor Rankin suggested that Council may wish to defer some agenda items due to time constraints.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Karsten

**THAT the following items be deferred to the Regional Council meeting of March 22, 2016:**

- 14.2.1 **Proposed Administrative Order 2015-005-GOV, Respecting the Siting of a Telecommunication Antenna Administrative Order – Case 18166 – Developing a New Telecommunication Tower Protocol**
- 15.1 **MOTIONS - Councillor Watts 16.2.1 Legal Advice – Boundaries for the Blue Mountain Birch Cove (BMBC) Regional Park – *Private and Confidential Report***

**MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.**

**14.1.8 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 20, Respecting Fees for Cemetery Services (Supplementary Report)**

The following was before Council:

- A staff supplementary recommendation report dated February 28, 2016.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker

**THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order Number 20, Respecting Fees for Cemetery Services, as outlined in attachment D of the supplementary staff report dated February 28, 2016.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Nicoll

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

**14.2.1 Proposed Administrative Order 2015-005-GOV, Respecting the Siting of a Telecommunication Antenna Administrative Order – Case 18166 – Developing a New Telecommunication Tower Protocol**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated February 29, 2016 from the Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee; attached was a staff recommendation report dated February 3, 2016.
- Correspondence dated March 4, 2016 from Thomas Austin, and March 7, 2016 from Kevin Murphy and R. Doyle Safire

Due to time constraints, this matter was deferred to the March 22, 2016 meeting of Regional Council.

**14.3 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**14.3.1 Case 18322 – Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use By-Law Amendment and Development Agreement – 6124 Coburg Road and 1460, 1462, 1470 and 1474 Seymour Street, Halifax**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated February 22, 2016 from the Chair of Halifax and West Community Council; attached was a staff recommendation report dated February 8, 2016.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

**THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the Halifax Peninsula Land Use-By-law as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated February 8, 2016 and schedule and joint public hearing with Halifax and West Community Council**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Nicoll

**14.3.2 Case 18464 – Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use By-Law Amendments and Development Agreement, Bright Place, Lady Hammond Road and Normandy Drive, Halifax**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated February 22, 2016 from the Chair of Halifax and West Community Council; attached was a staff recommendation report dated February 2, 2016.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Walker

**THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-Law (LUB) as set out in attachments A and B of the staff report dated February 2, 2016 and schedule a Joint Public Hearing with Halifax and West Community Council.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Nicoll and Mosher

**14.4 GRANTS COMMITTEE**

**14.4.1 Volunteer Search and Rescue Grants Program – Recommended Awards – Operating – Fiscal Year 2015-16**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated February 25, 2016 from the Chair of the Grants Committee; attached was a staff recommendation report dated October 27, 2015.

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the award of four (4) operating grants as described in the Discussion section of the attached report dated October 27, 2015 for a combined total of \$116,000.00 from Account C801-8004**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Nicoll and Mosher.

**14.4.2 Volunteer Search and Rescue Grants Program – Recommended Awards – Capital Projects – Fiscal Year 2015-16**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated February 25, 2016 from the Chair of the Grants Committee; attached was a staff recommendation report dated October 27, 2015.

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Walker

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve:**

- 1. A capital grant in the amount of \$6,500.00 to the Eastern Shore Ground and Search from Account C801-8004;**
- 2. A one-time conditional capital grant of \$15,000.00 to Halifax Ground Search and Rescue from account C801-004.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Nicoll and Mosher.

**14.5 SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**14.5.1 2018 Special Olympic Canada National Summer Games – Host Fee Request**

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated February 24, 2016 from the Chair of the Special Events Advisory Committee; attached was a staff recommendation report dated February 18, 2016.

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Approve an event grant in the amount of \$89,000.00 from the 2016/17 Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve Q315, pending budget approval, to fund the bid for the 2018 Special Olympics Canada National Summer Games, conditional on HRM securing the event and securing no less than equal funding of the Municipal host fee from the Province of Nova Scotia; and**
2. **Authorize the Mayor to provide a letter of commitment outlining the financial support to the local host committee for inclusion in the bid for Special Olympics Canada National Summer Games (Attachment 2 of the staff report dated February 18, 2016).**

Councillor Craig spoke to the rationale for the Special Events Advisory Committee's recommendation to reduce the event grant from the level identified by staff. He noted that the Committee is mandated to consider seasonality and room nights, which do not support an event grant request of \$300,000. Councillor Craig noted further that Regional Council may choose to amend the grant amount.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mancini

**THAT the motion be amended to increase the event grant to \$300,000.**

The Mayor stepped down from the Chair to speak to the amendment. Deputy Mayor Whitman assumed the Chair.

Mayor Savage indicated that he would not be in favour of the amendment because if the event does not come to Halifax Regional Municipality, it would go to Antigonish instead, which has excellent facilities and has hosted the event in previous years.

Mayor Savage resumed the Chair at 8:40 p.m.

Councillor Watts withdrew the amendment with the consent of Regional Council.

**MAIN MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Mancini declared that he had intended to vote in favour of the motion related to item 14.5.1 and Council agreed to note his vote as such.

Not present: Councillors Nicoll and Mosher

**15. MOTIONS**

**15.1 Councillor Watts**

Due to time constraints, this matter was deferred to the March 22, 2016 meeting of Regional Council.

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

**16.1 Personnel Matter**

Council agreed to consider item 16.1.2 as the next item of business.

**16.1.2 Citizen Appointment to Community Design Advisory Committee– Private and Confidential Report**

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential recommendation report dated February 27, 2016 from the Chair of The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Outhit

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Approve the appointments to the Community Design Advisory Committee as set out in the Discussion Section of the March 8, 2016 private and confidential staff report from the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee.**
2. **Release the names of the appointments to the Community Design Advisory Committee following Council's decision and notification of the successful candidate.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Nicoll

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Rankin

**THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to an In Camera (In Private) session to address items: 16.1.1, 16.3.1, 16.3.2, 16.3.3, 16.4.1, 16.4.2, 16.4.3, and 16.5.1.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Council recessed at 8:46 p.m. to move In Camera (In Private) and reconvened to public session at 10:09 p.m. Councillors Rankin and Mosher left the meeting.

**16.1.1 Citizen Appointment to Design Review Committee – Private and Confidential Report**

This matter was considered In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public session as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Approve the appointments to the Design Review Committee as set out in the Discussion Section of the March 8, 2016 private and confidential staff report from the Executive Standing Committee, as amended during the In Camera session on March 8, 2016.**
2. **Release the names of the appointments to the Design Review Committee following Council's decision and notification of the successful candidate.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Nicoll, Mosher and Rankin

**16.1.2 Citizen Appointment to Community Design Advisory Committee– Private and Confidential Report**

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See pages 15-16 for details.

**16.2 Legal Advice**

**16.2.1 Legal Advice – Boundaries for the Blue Mountain Birch Cove (BMBC) Regional Park – Private and Confidential Report**

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential staff recommendation report dated February 16, 2016, with revised page 2

Due to time constraints, this matter was deferred to the March 22, 2016 meeting of Regional Council.

### **16.3 Property Matter**

#### **16.3.1 Industrial Lot Inventory Repurchase – Private and Confidential Report**

This matter was considered In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public session as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Karsten

- 1. That the development timelines be extended, conditional upon the purchaser agreeing to a payment as an alternative to the Buy-Back as outlined in the closed session report dated February 1, 2016 for the extended period of two years.**
- 2. It is further recommended that this report not be released to the public.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (12 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Whitman, Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, McCluskey, Mancini, Walker, Adams, Johns, Craig and Outhit

Against: Councillors Mason and Watts

Not present: Councillors Nicoll, Mosher, and Rankin

#### **16.3.2 Councillor Hendsbee – Acquisition of Real Estate– Private and Confidential Report**

This matter was considered In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public session as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request staff to investigate the acquisition of significant real estate that would contribute to the fulfillment of several municipal projects as outlined in the private and confidential Councillor Request for Consideration form dated March 8, 2016, and any other parcels that may be associated with this offering.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Nicoll, Mosher, and Rankin

#### **16.3.3 Councillor Johns – Acquisition of Real Estate – Private and Confidential Report**

This matter was considered In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public session as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to investigate the acquisition of lands as outlined in the private and confidential Councillor Request for Consideration form dated March 8, 2016.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Mancini declared that he had intended to vote in favour of the motion related to item 16.3.3 and Council agreed to note his vote as such.

Not present: Councillors Nicoll, Mosher, and Rankin

**16.4 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

**16.4.1 Settlement Report – Halifax Transit – Private and Confidential Report**

This matter was considered In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public session as follows:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the settlement negotiated between Halifax Transit and New Flyer Industries. It is further recommended that the terms of the settlement and the private and confidential staff report dated February 24, 2016 not be released to the public as the terms of settlement are confidential.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Nicoll, Mosher, and Rankin

**16.4.2 Memorandum of Agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia – Halifax Convention Center – *Private and Confidential Report***

This matter was considered In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public session separately as follows:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Whitman, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to amend the existing Halifax Convention Centre (HCC) Memorandum of Agreement with the Province and Halifax Regional Municipality as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated February 29, 2016;**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (12 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Whitman, Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, McCluskey, Mancini, Walker, Adams, Johns, Craig and Outhit

Against: Councillors Mason and Watts

Not present: Councillors Nicoll, Mosher, and Rankin

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Whitman, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 2. Authorize staff to notify the Province before the deadline, as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated February 29, 2016;**
- 3. Direct staff to return to a subsequent meeting of Regional Council as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated February 29, 2016; and**
- 4. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated February 29, 2016 until the terms and conditions outlined in the report have been met.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Nicoll, Mosher, and Rankin

**16.4.3 Approval of Agreement – Contractual Matter – Elections – *Private and Confidential Report***

This matter was considered In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public session as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute a Consent to Assignment, approving the Assignment Agreement executed by Intelivote Systems Inc. (ISI), and ScytI Canada for the provision of E-voting Services, for the 2016 Municipal Election, and any special elections or plebiscites to April 17, 2020. It is further recommended that the private and confidential report dated March 3, 2016 not be released to the public.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Nicoll, Mosher, and Rankin

**16.5 LABOUR RELATIONS**

**16.5.1 International Association of Firefighters Collective Agreement – *Private and Confidential Report***

This matter was considered In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public session as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

**THAT Halifax Regional Council ratify the collective agreement attached as Appendix A to the private and confidential staff report dated March 8, 2016 with an effective date of February 26, 2016 and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the collective agreement on behalf of the Municipality.**

**It is further recommended that the private and confidential report dated March 8, 2016 not be released to the public.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Nicoll, Mosher, and Rankin

**17. ADDED ITEMS**

**17.1 Ratification of Motion of Committee of the Whole – Full Review of Final Budget – Proposed 2016/2017 Capital and Operating Budget**

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See pages 4-5 for details.

**18. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**18.1 Councillor Karsten**

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on March 22, 2016, I propose to: move First Reading of proposed By-law T-705, which proposes amendments to By-law T-700, Respecting the Tax Deferral By-law; and introduce proposed amendments to Administrative Order 10 Respecting Partial Tax Exemption for Residential Taxation the purpose of which is to change the Low-Income Tax Exemption program application deadline to December 31, streamline process between HRM

and the Province of Nova Scotia, and to make other housekeeping amendments to both Administrative Order 10 and By-law T-700.”

**18.2 Deputy Mayor Whitman**

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of March, 2016, I propose to request a staff report regarding free transit on election day.”

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon  
Municipal Clerk