



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
April 12, 2016**

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

REGRETS: Councillor: Bill Karsten

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

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*The meeting was called to order at 3:17 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 4:20 p.m. and reconvened at 5:08 p.m. Council adjourned at 5:11 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:17 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 Mosher** – Standing Committee Authority

17.2 **Ratification of Motion of Committee of the Whole** – Halifax Transit Moving Forward Together Plan

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

*Council may rise and go into a private In Camera session, in accordance with Section 19 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, for the purpose of dealing with the following:*

**Private and Confidential Information Items**

4. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: 2016 Municipal and School Board Election Appointment of Returning Officer

Councillor Walker requested In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: St. Patrick's Alexandra School Property, be added to the April 26, 2016 agenda, to which Council agreed.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

**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 – 6:00 P.M. – NONE**
12. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**
- 12.1 **Correspondence**

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for: Committee of the Whole Item 3. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

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

## **12.2 Petitions**

### **12.2.1 Councillor Adams**

Petition submitted containing 19 signatures requesting Halifax Regional Council maintain Route 402 Sambro and continue its operation as a transit service vital to local residents of all ages.

### **12.2.2 Councillor Adams**

Petition submitted containing 206 signatures from residents of Spryfield asking for a crosswalk on Dentith Road so that people can cross safely.

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

## **14. REPORTS**

### **14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

#### **14.1.1 Award – Unit Price Tender No. 16-224, Street Planer Patching Phase 1 - Various Locations**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 21, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Mason

**That Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 16-224, Street Planer Patching Phase 1 - Various Locations, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$860,464 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No. CR000005 – Street Recapitalization, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated March 21, 2016.**

The following corrections were noted for page 2 of the March 21, 2016 staff recommendation report:

- #21 Starboard Drive - Larry Uteck Boulevard - Civic 317 is in **District 16**
- #22 Lucasville Road – Hammonds Plains Road – Trailer Park is in **District 13**

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

Not present: Councillor Karsten

#### **14.1.2 Alternative Voting Dates & Returning Officer Appointment – 2016 Municipal and School Board Elections**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 21, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Craig

**That Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Set the dates for alternative voting to commence on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 8:00am and run continuously through to Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm.**

2. Rescind item 4 of the motion of the December 1, 2015, which appointed the Returning Officer for the 2016 Municipal and School Board Elections in the Halifax Regional Municipality, effective January 2, 2016.
3. Appoint Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk, as the Returning Officer to conduct the 2016 Municipal and School Board Elections in the Halifax Regional Municipality, effective immediately.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Karsten

**14.1.3 Councillor Appointment – Liaison to the HRM Acadian /Francophone Community**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 30, 2016

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**That Halifax Regional Council appoint Councillor Tony Mancini to act as an official liaison between Council and the HRM Acadian/Francophone Community.**

Councillor Mosher asked staff to provide verification data on the percentage of Acadian and Francophone residents for each HRM District.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Karsten

Councillors Mason and Johns exited the meeting at this time.

**14.1.4 Second Reading, Proposed By-Law T-705, Amendments to By-Law T-700 Respecting Tax Deferrals and Administrative Order 10, Respecting Partial Tax Exemption for Residential Taxation**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 2, 2016
- An extract of draft minutes from the Regional Council meeting of March 22, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mosher

**That Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Adopt By-Law T-705, which includes amendments to By-Law T-700, Respecting Tax Deferrals, as set out in Attachment B to the staff report dated February 2, 2016; and**
2. **Adopt proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 10, Partial Exemption for Residential Taxation, as set out in Attachment E to the staff report dated February 2, 2016.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Dalrymple, Karsten, Mason and Johns

**14.2 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

#### 14.2.1 Use of Accessible Transportation to Support Access-A-Bus Services

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee dated April 1, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Craig

**That Halifax Regional Council direct Halifax Transit staff to develop an Expression of Interest to explore the viability of a partnership with HRM Accessible Transportation service providers to support Halifax Transit Access-A-Bus service.**

During the discussion it was asked that the report outline whether the partnership with HRM Accessible Transportation fully utilizes the available resources to meet the needs of the accessible community.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Dalrymple, Karsten, Mason, Johns

#### 14.3 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

##### 14.3.1 Case H00429 – Request to Register 50 Woodlawn Road, Dartmouth as a Municipal Heritage Property

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee dated March 31, 2016 with attached staff report dated January 26, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**That Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the heritage registration of 50 Woodlawn Road, Dartmouth as shown on Map 1 of the January 26, 2016 staff report.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Karsten, Mason and Johns

##### 14.3.2 Case H00432 – 2016/17 Heritage Incentives Program

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee dated March 31, 2016 with attached staff report dated March 10, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

**That Halifax Regional Council approve the recommended grants to the properties listed in Attachment A of the March 10, 2016 staff report, and further approve those properties recommended as 'standby' as listed in Attachment B of the March 10, 2016 staff report, conditional upon the applicants' compliance with section 29 through 35 of Administrative Order Number 2014-002-ADM (Attachment C of the March 10, 2016 staff report).**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Mason and Johns

**14.4 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**14.4.1 Councillor Rankin – Renaming District 12**

The following was before Council:

- A Councillor Request form dated April 12, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Adams

**That Halifax Regional Council approve the renaming of District 12 to become Timberlea – Beechville – Clayton Park – Wedgewood and direct staff to bring forward amendment to Administrative Order 48 to reflect the new name.**

It was noted that the renaming of District 12 is to provide greater clarity to describe the communities it encompasses. Concern was raised that the renaming may create some confusion with the Clayton Park community (District 10).

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Karsten, Mason and Johns

**14.4.2 Councillor Hendsbee – Building Permits on Rural Lots of 10 Hectares/25 Acres in Size**

The following was before Council:

- A Councillor Request form dated April 12, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

**That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report commenting on the advisability of on an amendment to the rule which provides that HRM no longer provides building permits on lots of land that are 10 hectares/25 acres in size.**

During the discussion it was asked that the report have a very clear statement respecting the relationship to the Regional Plan.

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

In favour: Deputy Mayor Whitman, Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, McCluskey, Mancini, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Rankin, Craig and Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Nicoll and Watts

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Mason and Johns

**14.4.3 Councillor Mosher – Staff Report Request – Notification Distance for Variance Appeals**

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

The following was before Council:

- A Councillor Request form dated April 12, 2016

**That Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Request a staff report regarding the implications of increasing the notification distance for variance appeals from the current thirty (30) meter radius to fifty (50) and up to one hundred (100) meters, including potential amendments to the Halifax Municipal Charter; and**

2. **That the report be provided directly to Regional Council without review by the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.**

Two-thirds majority vote required.

During the discussion it was asked that the report separate out true minor variances from those variances that can have significant impact.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Karsten, Mason and Johns

**15. MOTIONS – NONE**

**16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE (or list the items)**

**16.1 Legal Advice**

A matter pertaining to legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege.

**16.1.1 Halifax Water Amendments – *Private and Confidential Report* – Deferred from April 5, 2016**

This matter was addressed later in the meeting, see page 11.

**16.2 Property Matter**

A matter pertaining to providing instruction and direction to officers and employees of the Municipality pertaining to the acquisition/sale of land in regard to

**16.2.1 Councillor Mancini – Property Matter – Acquisition of Real Estate, Dartmouth – *Private and Confidential Report***

This matter was addressed later in the meeting, see page 11.

**17. ADDED ITEMS**

**17.1 Councillor Mosher – Standing Committee Authority**

The following was before Council:

- A Councillor Request form dated April 12, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

**That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report evaluating how reports are dealt with at standing committees. The report shall consider staff report requests that originate from Regional Council and are assigned to a standing committee. The report shall include a policy recommendation regarding the process by which the originating body ultimately deals with the report following consideration by the standing committee.**

During the discussion it was asking that the report include an education piece around what matters have been defeated at Standing Committee level

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Mason and Johns

**17.2 Ratification of Motion of Committee of the Whole – Halifax Transit Moving Forward Together Plan**

This matter was dealt with in Committee of the Whole and ratified as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Mosher

**That Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve the 2016/2017 Halifax Transit Annual Service Plan;**
- 2. Approve the Moving Forward Together Plan as the strategic direction for the growth and development of the Halifax Transit network, with the following corrections (and as outlined in the handout entitled “Omissions/Clarifications to Plan”):**
  - a) Amend the Route 1 Spring Garden description found in Attachment A, Appendix B, page B1 to reflect two way transit service on Gottingen Street, as shown on map in Appendix A;**
  - b) Amend the Route 4 Lacewood description found in Attachment A, Appendix B, page B2 to reflect routing as shown on map in Appendix A;**
  - c) Remove Table 6 Level of Service Guidelines found on Attachment A, Section 3.6, page 45; and**
  - d) Include a new table to summarize the service spans and frequencies of ferry routes on Attachment A, Appendix D, page D-1.**
- 3. Approve the Moving Forward Principles as the guiding principles for Halifax Transit over the life of the Moving Forward Together Plan;**
- 4. Direct staff to prepare for implementation of the future transit network as described in the Plan and Appendix A Network Maps (attachment B of the staff report dated March 9, 2016); and**
- 5. Adopt the Performance Measures, including the Ridership Guidelines, as described in Part 6 of the Moving Forward Together Plan (attachment B of the staff report dated March 9, 2016).**
- 6. That staff be directed to prepare a supplemental report, outlining options, financial and operational implications on the following transit matters, identified at the Committee of the Whole meeting, on April 12, 2016:**
  - a. Options providing the residents of Eastern Passage/Cow Bay transit service to Cole Harbour and possibly continuing to Portland Hills terminal.**
  - b. Consider leaving the Purcell’s Cove bus route 15 service as is.**
  - c. Extension of a portion of the airport route (320), to service the community of Fall River as part of its regular route.**
  - d. Consider that the proposed link into Cole Harbour be implemented prior to 2021.**

- e. Consider that the route numbers associated with the bus routes in North Preston and Cherry Brook remain as is.
- f. Consider the proposed alternate Route 370 (Porters Lake) as identified in the Map distributed by Councillor Hendsbee at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 12, 2016.
- g. Consider the extension of Route 55 and that the following options be evaluated:
  - i) extend Route 55 to the community of Waverley and return.
  - ii) extend Route 55 through Waverley to the Fall River Park and Ride.
  - iii) extend Route 55 through Waverley to Sackville Terminal on Cobequid Road.
- h. Existing Route 6 Quinpool be retained as is.
- i. Extend Hammonds Plains buses to Tantallon and Tantallon buses to Hammonds Plains, Peggy's Cove and Hubbards.
- j. Determine how the proposed Route 93, (Bedford), which goes through the Nottingham Community, could be expanded to service residents in the area surrounding the Sunnyside Mall and Bedford Place Mall.
- k. Determine whether the Sambro Community Transit Route 402 could be removed.
- l. Examine continuing with proposed #10 on the current route #10 on Inglis and Beaufort.
- m. Extending local bus service, such as proposed route 24, to provide service to the Joseph Howe Manor, the seniors residence located at 5515 Victoria Road.
- n. Consider the detailed report submitted by the Main Street BID as distributed at the COW meeting of April 12, 2016, with respect to adopting its recommendation for Route 63, 68, Route 55, and Route 401.
- o. Consider the Greater Burnside Business Association communication April 8, 2016 to not locate the bus terminal at Wright Avenue and Akerley Blvd. and locate it at or near the Dartmouth 4 Pad.
- p. Consider an amendment (or addition ) of a bus corridor route running North South in Dartmouth connecting Burnside, Highfield Terminal, Bridge Terminal, Downtown Dartmouth and Woodside, to improve regional connections to these locations and also make it easier to travel within Dartmouth.
- q. Consider extending service for routes associated with the service industry Downtown areas – Scotia Square/Alderney Gate and Dartmouth Crossing to coincide with working hours.
- r. Consider extending existing Route 5 (which becomes 26 Springvale Avenue) continue beyond Mumford to downtown and not terminate at the Mumford Terminal.
- s. Provide a history of transit services (planned and actual) to the community of Lucasville, including past budget commitments and changes to the transit boundaries, including options on how to extend conventional service to the community, present options to provide a peak time service to Lucasville community and include any financial commitments Halifax Transit could commit to provide the alternate service.
- t. Identify other local routes in the proposed plan that through improved service levels or extensions may in the future provide crosstown service as part of a grid

network high frequency grid [Potentials include the 29, the 72, the 84 from Sackville and the 32 – all numbers in the new plan].

- u. Implications of the proposed Roslyn Rd route for #1 bus during afternoon peak hours that included rationale for this route, alternatives considered, options for peak hour service, options for identifying traffic calming and how this proposal relates to the Integrated Mobility Plan.
- v. Extension of Route 32 Cowie Hill Express (which becomes the Route 124 Leiblin Link) continue to travel on Summer Street and not on Robie Street.
- w. Consider enabling East-West routes to run across north end peninsula including identifying physical improvements to roads and installation of enhanced shelters at key transfer points in order to allow more riders convenient connections from Bayers Road and Mumford terminals to Barrington Street.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Mason and Johns.

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Outhit

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report (recommendation) to Transportation Standing Committee regarding a public engagement model, to allow citizens to advise Halifax Transit on public transit issues.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Mason and Johns.

**18. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**18.1 Councillor Hendsbee**

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on April 26, 2016, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 45, Respecting Private Road Maintenance, the purpose of which is to amend Schedule 1 to increase the annual road maintenance fee for the Petpeswick Drive Improvement Society from \$200.00 to \$300.00 effective with the 2016-17 fiscal year.”

**18.2 Councillor Outhit**

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on April 26, 2016, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 12, Respecting the Appointment of the Traffic Authority, the purpose of which is to appoint a new Deputy Traffic Authority and repeal the appointment of the existing Deputy Traffic Authority.”

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private).**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 4:20 p.m. and reconvened at 5:08 p.m. to ratify the In Camera (In Private) motions.

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

**16.1 Legal Advice**

A matter pertaining to legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege.

**16.1.1 Halifax Water Amendments – *Private and Confidential Report* – Deferred from April 5, 2016**

This matter was dealt with In Camera. The following motion was ratified in public session:

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Craig

**That Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Ratify the motion as held In Camera (In Private) on April 12, 2016 regarding the drafting instructions with respect to the Halifax Regional Water Commission Act; and**
- 2. It is further recommended that the private and confidential report dated March 31, 2016 not be released to the public.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Karsten and Mason

**16.2 Property Matter**

A matter pertaining to providing instruction and direction to officers and employees of the Municipality pertaining to the acquisition/sale of land in regard to

**16.2.1 Councillor Mancini – Property Matter – Acquisition of Real Estate, Dartmouth – *Private and Confidential Report***

This matter was dealt with In Camera. The following motion was ratified in public session:

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the possible acquisition of the property as outlined in the private and confidential Councillor Request Form.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Mason

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon  
Municipal Clerk