



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 10, 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
Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillors: Bill Karsten
Steve Craig

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

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and recessed at 3:07 p.m. Council reconvened at 3:27 p.m. and recessed at 5:00 p.m. Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Savage noted that there will be a presentation of the 2016 Citizenship Awards at 6:00 p.m.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 5 & 12, 2016

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the minutes of April 5 & 12, 2016 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 17.1 Councillor Mason – Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis

Deletions:

- 11. HERITAGE HEARING – 1:00 P.M.
 - 11.1 Case H00414 – Request to Register 280 Portland Street, Dartmouth as a Municipal Heritage Property

Deputy Mayor Whitman requested Item 13.1 Councillor Karsten – Review of 2007 Crosswalk Task Force Policy be deferred to the May 24, 2016 meeting of Regional Council, to which Council agreed.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Johns

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. HERITAGE HEARING – 1:00 P.M.

11.1 Case H00414 – Request to Register 280 Portland Street, 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 8, 2016, with attached staff report dated January 18, 2016
- An extract of minutes from the March 22, 2016 meeting of Regional Council

This matter was deleted from the agenda during the setting of the order of business.

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

12.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items 14.1.5, 15.1, and 17.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council. For a detailed list of correspondence received, please refer to the specific agenda item.

12.1.1 Fly-Past Request – 2016 Battle of Britain Parade and Ceremony

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence dated April 30, 2016 from Paul MacDonald

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council grant permission for a SeaKing or Cyclone fly-past at an altitude of 500 feet on Sunday, September 18, 2016 at approximately 2:10 p.m. over Sullivan's Pond, Dartmouth in conjunction with the 2016 Battle of Britain Parade and Ceremony.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

12.2 Petitions

12.2.1 Councillor Watts

Petition submitted containing 1041 signatures requesting that Regional Council direct municipal staff to explore options for: a) preventing the demolition of a large number of properties near Robie and North Streets, and/or b) preventing the expansion of the car sales lot around Colonial Honda (located at 2657 Robie Street) into adjacent lots; and, c) ensuring that the primarily residential character of the neighbourhood is retained.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council request an information report regarding the request contained in the petition.

A brief discussion ensued. Ms. Karen Brown, Acting Solicitor advised that if Council wishes to provide direction to staff on matters arising from a petition, notice of motion should be provided or waived.

The motion was withdrawn with the consent of Regional Council.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – April 26, 2016

13.1 Councillor Karsten – Review of 2007 Crosswalk Task Force Policy

The following was before Council:

- A staff information report dated March 15, 2016

This matter was deferred to the May 24, 2016 meeting of Regional Council during the approval of the order of business.

14. REPORTS

14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

14.1.1 Award – Q16M022 Maintenance Agreement for Facility Emergency Generators

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 4, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

THAT Halifax Regional Council award RFQ number Q16M022 to Eastern Alternative Power Systems for a total tender price of \$1,797,616 (net HST included), with funding from W213, W203, W169, R680, R681, R683, B034, and P425 as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated April 4, 2016 for a five-year term from 01 May 2016, to 30 April 2021, pending Ministerial Approval.

In response to a question regarding what conditions necessitate seeking Ministerial Approval, Ms. Jane Pryor, Manager of Procurement indicated that she would consult the legislation and provide this information to Council at a later date.

Ms. Diane Moulton, Manager, Municipal Facilities Maintenance and Operations responded to questions of clarification regarding the costs associated with emergency generators. Highlights include:

- There are fifty-two municipal facilities with emergency electrical power supply generators that receive weekly, semi-annual, and annual inspections; and
- The municipality does not currently have the in-house expertise or capacity to conduct the inspections on these generators.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

THAT the matter be deferred to the May 24, 2016 meeting of Regional Council pending staff providing additional information regarding possible alternatives for maintenance of facility emergency generators.

Mr. John Traves, Acting Chief Administrative Officer indicated that if the matter is deferred a report could be provided that would outline alternatives and challenges regarding completing the work in-house.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 2 against)

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

Against: Councillors McCluskey and Walker.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

14.1.2 Award – Unit Tender Price No. 16-210, Resurfacing and New Sidewalk, Smallwood Avenue & Gander Avenue – East Region

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 31, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve a budget increase of \$57,044 (net HST included) to Project Account No. CR000005 – Street Recapitalization, funded through cost sharing with Halifax Water.
2. Award Tender No. 16-210, Resurfacing and New Sidewalk, Smallwood Avenue and Gander Avenue – East Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$603,504 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account Nos. CR000005 - Street Recapitalization and CTU00420 – New Sidewalks, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated March 31, 2016.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

14.1.3 Award – Unit Price Tender No. 16-214, Street Recapitalization & Water Main Renewal – Tillock Drive and Tillock Court – Central Region

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 11, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve a budget increase of \$256,059 (net HST included) to Project Account No. CR000005 – Street Recapitalization, funded through cost sharing with Halifax Water; and
2. Award Tender No. 16-214, Street Recapitalization & Water Main Renewal - Tillock Drive and Tillock Court – Central Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Sackville Trenching Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$607,532 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No. CR000005 – Street Recapitalization, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated April 11, 2016.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

14.1.4 Award – Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 15-344 Supply and Deliver Up To 60 Buses over a Three Year Period with Option to Renew for up to 40 Additional Buses over Two One Year Periods

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 21, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Award RFP P15-344 for up to 60 buses over a three year period with option to renew for up to 40 additional buses over two additional one year periods to the highest scoring proponent, Nova Bus Ltd;
2. Authorize a total purchase of \$16,900,996 (net HST included) with funding from CM020002 - MetroX Replacement and CV020004 - Conventional Bus Replacement for the purchase of 30 buses as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated April 21, 2016; and
3. Authorize staff to purchase up to a total of 30 - 12.2 meter Transit Buses in years two and three of the agreement with funding from CV020003 - Conventional Bus Expansion and CV020004 - Conventional Bus Replacement, subject to approval of the 2017/18 and 2018/19 Project Budgets by Halifax Regional Council.

Responding to questions of clarification, Mr. David Reage, Acting Director, Halifax Transit advised that the staff recommendation is to award an initial three year contract for sixty buses, with the option to extend to five years and an additional forty buses. He advised that if the full five year contract is awarded, this would bring Halifax Transit to an almost fully accessible fleet for those using mobility aids.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

14.1.5 Potential Capital Contribution to the Army Museum

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 3, 2016
- Correspondence dated May 6, 2016 from Bruce Gilchrist

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council not provide the funding requested by the Army Museum, Halifax Citadel.

In response to questions of clarification, Mr. John Traves, Acting Chief Administrative Officer advised that if Council wishes to consider a capital grant of less than \$75,000 it may forward the matter to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee for consideration and identification of a funding source.

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

In favour: Deputy Mayor Whitman, Councillors Dalrymple, Walker and Rankin.

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Mancini, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Adams, Johns, and Outhit.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council request Audit and Finance consider the Army Museum request for a one time capital grant up to \$25,000 contingent on receipt by the municipality of a proposal including a business case as well as successful fundraising by the proponent from Federal and or Provincial Sources and subject to identification of an appropriate funding source.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

14.1.6 Community Interest Sale – 220 Lake Loon Road

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 3, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council schedule a public hearing to consider the sale of 220 Lake Loon Road (PID #00624486) and a portion of 266 Cherrybrook Road (PID #00624155) to the Lake Loon Cherry Brook Development Association for the total proposed purchase price of \$1.00.

Councillor Nicoll provided commentary with respect to the history of the property and consultations with area residents. She spoke in favour of holding a public hearing to provide further opportunity for residents to have their voices heard on the matter.

Mr. John Traves, Acting Chief Administrative Officer advised that at the proposed public hearing, the terms of the proposed sale arrangement and contribution agreement would be subject to discussion.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

14.1.7 Flyer Distribution and Litter Strategy

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 11, 2016

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council recommend that the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of the Environment to:

- 1. Provide Support for the litter reduction strategy,**
- 2. Request a review of the litter reduction strategy's effectiveness and to work with stakeholders to improve the plan,**
- 3. Ensure adequate resources are provided to enforce the litter provisions of the Environment Act of Nova Scotia,**
- 4. Continue to issue Environmental Warning Reports to offenders.**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the motion be amended to provide:

- 5. Request that the Litter Reduction Strategy include "On properties where junk mail is accepted it must be placed:
a) in a mail box;
b) in a mail slot;
c) in a receptacle identified for this purpose;
d) on a newspaper rock or hooked to it;
e) in an apartment building lobby; or
f) on the door handle if the junk mail is delivered in a bag."**

A brief discussion ensued, with Councillors suggesting that staff consider including some information contained in the report dated February 11, 2016 on the municipal website.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

The question was called on the main motion, as amended.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

Council recessed at 3:06 p.m. and resumed at 3:27 p.m.

14.1.8 Proposed Amendment to Administrative Order 48, Respecting the Creation of Community Councils – Renaming District 12

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 14, 2016

Notice of Motion was given on April 26, 2016.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Watts

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 48, Respecting the Creation of Community Councils, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated April 14, 2016.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, McCluskey, Craig and Outhit.

14.1.9 Council Resolution for *Diverse Voices for Change* Project

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 15, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council pass the resolution in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated April 15, 2016 to endorse HRM's participation and invite Council's participation in Federation of Canadian Municipality's (FCM) *Diverse Voices for Change* from March 8, 2016 to August 2018.

Responding to questions of clarification, Ms. Maggie MacDonald, Managing Director, Government Relations and External Affairs advised that Members of Regional Council would be invited to participate on the project steering committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

14.2 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Devonshire Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee dated May 2, 2016, with attached staff report dated March 21, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the installation of 1.3 km of bicycle lanes and related pedestrian improvements as described in the staff report dated March 21, 2016, on both sides of Devonshire Avenue and on Duffus Street between Novalea Drive and Isleville Street.

Concern was expressed regarding the feasibility of a bicycle lane considering the curbs on both sides of the street as well as heavy truck traffic.

It was noted that members of the cycling community had been consulted by staff and provided strong support for the project.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Walker.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Johns and Craig.

14.2.2 2016/2017 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee dated May 2, 2016, with attached staff report dated April 1, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the 2016-2017 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, included as Attachment 1 to the staff report dated April 1, 2016.

Mr. Taso Koutroulakis, Manager, Traffic Management responded to questions of clarification, noting the following:

- Council has previously provided direction to paint road lines twice a year in the downtown and on arterials, where required, and that durable markings may be applied in some areas; and
- Staff plan to test some solar powered rapid flashing beacons, but that these must be sited appropriately with consideration given to tree canopy.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

14.2.3 Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee (CSAC) Continuance

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee dated April 29, 2016, with attached staff report dated April 15, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Determine that the work of the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee, as outlined in the terms of reference in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated April 15, 2016, is complete and that the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee be dissolved;**
2. **Direct staff to prepare an annual report on crosswalk and pedestrian safety for the Transportation Standing Committee as per the discussion section of the staff report dated April 15, 2016; and**
3. **Direct staff to consider amendments to Administrative Order 1 to include road and pedestrian safety as a Regional Transportation issue within the Terms of Reference of the Transportation Standing Committee.**

Members of Council provided commentary with respect to the value of the achievements of the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee and the passion and ideas brought forward by members of the Committee. It was noted that the mandate had been completed and that remaining work could be accomplished at the Transportation Standing Committee.

There was a brief discussion regarding the proposed annual report to the Transportation Standing Committee, with some Councillors suggesting that greater frequency in reporting would help to maintain focus on the issue of crosswalk safety.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT part two of the motion be amended to provide for semi-annual reporting to the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Johns and Craig.

The question was called on the main motion as amended.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Johns and Craig.

14.3 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

14.3.1 Safe Waterfront Access, PID 00560789

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Halifax and West Community Council dated April 20, 2016, with attached staff report dated April 11, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to retain the roadside property at PID#00560789 for its scenic values for users of Highway #333 and the community and not designate the site as safe water access to Prospect Bay.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Johns and Craig.

14.3.2 Herring Cove Road Traffic Concerns

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Halifax and West Community Council dated April 20, 2016, with attached staff report dated March 12, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Adams

THAT Halifax Regional Council forward the report dated March 12, 2016 to staff to consider inclusion of the recommended traffic solutions for the Herring Cove Road in the capital budget for the 2017/18 fiscal year.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

14.4 GRANTS COMMITTEE

14.4.1 Community Grants Program 2016-2017 – Recommended Awards

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Grants Committee dated May 2, 2016, with attached staff report dated April 21, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve 55 awards for a combined total of \$432,751, as detailed in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated April 21, 2016, from operating account M311-8004 Community Grants Program;**
2. **Direct staff to submit a Supplementary Report with recommendations in regard to capital funding opportunities for rural transit; and**
3. **Direct staff to submit a Supplementary Report with recommendations in regard to recreational trails, including motorized, that are not part of the HRM Active Transportation network or municipal parks programming.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Johns and Craig.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the balance of the request from the Lake Loon/Cherry Brook Development Association be referred back to the Grants Committee for further consideration.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Johns and Craig.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the balance of the request from the St. James Anglican Church – Halifax – Capital Grant/Building Upgrade be referred back to the Grants Committee for further consideration.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Johns and Craig.

14.4.2 Less than Market Value Lease Agreement to Spencer House Seniors Centre for 5596 Morris Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Grants Committee dated May 2, 2016, with attached staff report dated March 23, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a less than market lease agreement with Spencer House Seniors Centre for the leased premises located at 5596 Morris Street, Halifax, as per the key terms and conditions set out in Table 1 of the discussion section of the Staff Report dated March 23, 2016.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

14.5 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

14.5.1 Case H00412 – Request to Register 2275 Brunswick Street, Halifax as a Municipal Heritage Property

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee dated May 2, 2016, with attached staff report dated March 23, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the heritage registration of 2275 Brunswick Street, Halifax as shown on Map 1 of the March 23, 2016 staff report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

14.5.2 851 Young Avenue

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee dated May 2, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council consider expediting the municipal heritage registration process for 851 Young Avenue.

Councillor Mason spoke to the matter, indicating that the demolition of the property is too far advanced to be able to continue with the municipal heritage registration process.

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

In favour: Councillors Hendsbee, Mosher, and Rankin.

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Whitman, Councillors Dalrymple, Nicoll, McCluskey, Mancini, Mason, Watts, Walker, Adams, Johns and Outhit.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

14.5.3 Map 6 Heritage Resources – Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy – Moratorium

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee dated May 2, 2016
- Correspondence dated May 9, 2016 from Janet Morris

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report with regard to placing a moratorium on the demolition of buildings inventoried as properties which have potential for registration as municipal heritage properties or inclusion in municipal heritage conservation districts, as identified in the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, Map 6: "Heritage Resources", forming part of the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, pending consideration of, and incorporation of a strategy for preserving these buildings in the Regional Plan revisions (RP+5).

A brief discussion ensued. Some Councillors expressed concern regarding the basis for applying a moratorium and the level of investment that would be required to undertake a full inventory of buildings fitting this description. It was suggested that incentives to registration be provided, and that involuntary registration not be pursued.

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

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

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Whitman, Councillors Dalrymple and Mancini.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – 2016 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Deputy Mayor Whitman welcomed all those in attendance for the 2016 Citizenship Awards. Mayor Savage and Councillors presented the awards to the following students:

Carmen VanWychen	Musquodoboit Rural High School
Kaitlyn Hiltz	Duncan MacMillan High School
Maxwell Bauer	Gaetz Brook Junior High School
Katie Gaetz	Oyster Pond Academy
Robyn Pike	Ross Road School
Amber Warner	Eastern Passage Education Centre
Laura Moore	Ellenvale Junior High School
Cole Fauteux	Eric Graves Memorial Junior High School
Trent Webb	Sir Robert Borden Junior High School
Luke Gallant	Bicentennial School
Emily MacDougall	Halifax Christian Academy
Christopher Jennings	Caledonia Junior High School
Cheyenne Hardy	John Martin Junior High School
Kate Fredericks	Halifax Central Junior High
Katie Hutten	Gorsebrook Junior High School
Blythe O'Connor	Armbrae Academy
Jessalee Luong	Cunard Junior High School
Justina Jollymore-Ward	Elizabeth Sutherland School
Trixie Seroy	Oxford School
Laurel Sajko	Saint Agnes Junior High School
Renee MacLeod	Fairview Junior High School
Judith Duru	Brookside Junior High School
Wyatt Reinhardt	Herring Cove Junior High School
Theiaj Papa	Highland Park Junior High School
Sierra Hill-Williams	Rockingstone Heights School
Yara Yazbek	Clayton Park Junior High School
Sydney Paris	Park West School
Elizabeth Graham	Ridgecliff Middle School
Rebecca Davis	Five Bridges Junior High School
Jaylin Frances Pothier	Millwood High School
Kailey Webber	Sackville High School
Carol Toma	Bedford Academy
Victoria Christianson	Madeline Symonds Middle School
Shirin Mehrpooya	Rocky Lake Junior High School
Oratile Mogae	Sandy Lake Academy

Recipients not in attendance:

Mary Cate Driscoll-Sangster	Sacred Heart School of Halifax
Janie Morency	Halifax Grammar School
Stefano DiQuinzio	Fountain Academy

14.6 SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

14.6.1 Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve Grant Report 2016

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Vice Chair of the Special Events Advisory Committee dated April 27, 2016, with an attached staff report dated April 20, 2016.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve 15 Event Grants for a total of \$579,000 as identified in Table 1 of the Discussion section of the Committee report dated April 27, 2016 from the 2016/17 Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve (Q315);**

2. Pending the approval of the 2017/18 budget, approve 10 Event Grants for a total of \$402,500 as identified in Table 2 of the Discussion section of the Committee report dated April 27, 2016 from the 2017/18 Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve (Q315); and
3. Pending the approval of the 2018/19 budget, approve 9 Event Grants for a total of \$340,000 as identified in Table 3 of the Discussion section of the Committee report dated April 27, 2016 from the 2018/19 Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve (Q315).

Ms. Denise Schofield, Manager, Program Support Services, and Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, Manager, Culture and Events, responded to questions.

Councillor Walker indicated he was concerned with the new format as outlined in the Administrative Order 2014-020-GOV because it does not address those events that have budgets under \$300,000. He suggested that Table 1 should be amended to create two tiers with the second tier addressing those events with budgets under \$300,000.

Ms. Taylor responded that staff are aware of this gap, and are reviewing the format.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig

Councillor Walker indicated that rather than passing an amendment at this time, he would work with the Acting CAO to bring back amendments to the Administrative Order in regard to developing a second tier and addressing those groups whose budgets are under \$300,000.

15. MOTIONS

15.1 Councillor Mason

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence dated April 28, 2016 from Peggy Cunningham

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report recommending best options to establish protections to the heritage and character of historic Young Avenue, including but not limited to:

1. **Changes to the Land Use By-law related to lots size, coverage, frontage and dwelling count**
2. **Establishing a Heritage Conservation District or Heritage Streetscape.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten, Johns, and Craig.

15.2 Councillor Mason

The following was before Council:

- An extract of minutes from the November 20, 2012 meeting of Regional Council

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mosher

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding the discharge of the development agreement for the former Texpark site, between Halifax Regional Municipality

and United Gulf Developments Limited, dated November 28, 2007 and filed in the Land Registration Office as Document No. 89466073.

Having moved the motion, Councillor Mason advised that he had a friendly amendment to put forward, as follows:

Insert the phrase "*options with respect to the former Texpark Site including*" after '**That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report . . .**' so that the motion reads:

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding options with respect to the former Texpark Site, including the discharge of the development agreement for the former Texpark Site, between Halifax Regional Municipality and United Gulf Developments Limited, dated November 28, 2007 and filed in the Land Registration Office as Document No. 89466073.

Council accepted the amendment as a friendly amendment.

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

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

Against: Councillor Hendsbee

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig

15.3 Councillor Craig

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report that recommends options to protect the properties at 75, 79, and 85 Sackville Crossroads from further erosion by the Little Sackville River.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

Council did not convene in camera.

16.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – April 5 and 12, 2016

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Watts

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of April 5 and 12, 2016 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16.2 Property Matter

16.2.1 Burnside Industrial Park – Amendment to Buy-Back Agreement – Private and Confidential Report

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential recommendation report dated April 15, 2016.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Amended Agreement of Purchase and Sale and an amended Buy-Back Agreement for the subject lands, as per the terms and conditions outlined in Table 1 of the private and confidential staff report dated April 15, 2016; and**
2. **It is further recommended that the private and confidential staff report dated April 15, 2016 not be released to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten and Craig.

17. ADDED ITEMS

17.1 Councillor Mason – Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis

The following was before Council:

- A Request for Council's Consideration form submitted by Councillor Mason.
- Correspondence dated May 9, 2016 from Gary Cherwonick; May 8, 2016 from Ross Haynes; and May 6, 2016 from Arthur Irwin, Richard Gilbert, Craig Walkington, Carole MacDonald, Thomas Boyd, Joel Zemel, and Brian Loughnan.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report with recommendations regarding a public engagement process to review and advise Council regarding possible changes to the commemoration of Edward Cornwallis on municipal assets, including Cornwallis Park and Cornwallis Street.

Councillor Mason advised that his intent was to request a staff report that would enable Council to move forward and gather a panel of experts that would go out into the community with a public engagement process.

A discussion ensued with those Councillors supporting the motion expressing the view that there had been misinformation among the public about what the motion would entail. It was noted that Councillors had received concerns that Council was considering eradicating the Cornwallis name from Municipal property and removing the statue at Cornwallis Park when, in fact, the motion was simply to initiate a public engagement process. Councillors opposed to the motion expressed views that the issue wasn't within the Municipality's mandate; it was an issue that was larger than the Municipality and the Province should be involved. Concerns were also expressed in regard to the cost to carry out the process, the impact on staff, and whether this process would then initiate requests for further public engagement processes of a similar nature.

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

In favour: Mayor Savage; and Councillors: Dalrymple, Mancini, Mason, Watts, Johns, and Outhit.

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

Not present: Councillor Karsten and Craig.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

18.1 Councillor Watts

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on May 24, 2016, I propose that Regional Council request the Province to amend the HRM Charter to enable Council to implement an Interim Development Control for an area, and that the amendment include:

- (a) that Council may, by resolution, suspend or limit subdivision, development, or certain classes of subdivision or development in an identified area;
- (b) the maximum length a time the resolution may stay in effect;
- (c) that a resolution suspending or limiting may be different for different areas of the Municipality and for different periods of time providing the maximum time is not exceeded for any given area; and
- (d) that no permit or approval of any kind may be issued that is contrary to the resolution establishing the area.

18.2 Councillor Watts

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on May 24, 2016, I propose to request a staff report that identifies which zones outside the Centre Plan area of the Municipality currently allows and could be amended to allow for large-scale automotive dealerships and that staff be directed to return to Council for consideration of the report.

18.3 Councillor Watts

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on May 24, 2016, I propose to request a staff report on the status of the municipal strategy to engage with First Nations community on actions identified through the Truth and Reconciliation process and our commitment to partnership as passed in the Dec. 8, 2015 motion of Regional Council. The report is requested to provide an overall framework for engagement, steps to move forward on development of a strategy with a timeline for implementation, and a reporting framework to the Executive Committee.

18.4 Councillor Walker

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on May 24, 2016, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 58, Respecting the Delegation of Certain Authorities, the purpose of which is to delegate authority to the Chief of Police to sign agreements that last for up to five (5) years for secondments.

18.5 Councillor Dalrymple

TAKE NOTICE that at the next meeting of Regional Council which will be on May 24, 2015, I intend to introduce the following motion:

That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on extending the Water Service Boundary along the Fall River Road from the Windsor Junction Road to Highway 2 and further along Highway Two from the Fall River Road to the Highway 102 overpass.

18.6 Deputy Mayor Whitman

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 24th day of May, 2016, I propose to request a staff report to explore a pedestrian connection from St. Margaret's Bay

Elementary to the St. Margaret's Bay Rails to Trails and the HRM Ball Field, playground and Bay waterfront access.

18.7 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council I will make a motion to request a staff report regarding proposing changes to the Halifax Charter Sections 254 (1) and (2) section 256 to provide clarity that a building with non-conforming use cannot be deliberately destroyed and continue to qualify to be rebuilt, replaced or repaired.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk