



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES  
February 23, 2016**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Barry Dalrymple  
Brad Johns

STAFF: Mr. John Traves, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. Martin Ward, Acting Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Mr. Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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*The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m., and adjourned at 11:40 a.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order in Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – January 13 & 20, 2016**

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**THAT the minutes of January 13 & 20, 2016 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**3. Proposed Administrative Order 2015-004-OP Respecting Traffic Calming**

The following documentation was before Committee of the Whole:

- An extract of minutes from Regional Council October 20, 2015
- A staff report dated October 2, 2015
- A supplementary staff report dated January 28, 2016
- A staff presentation dated February 22, 2016

Mr. Taso Koutroulakis, Manager of Traffic Management introduced Mr. Roddy MacIntyre, Traffic Services Supervisor, and provided a presentation in relation to Proposed Administrative Order 2015-004-OP Respecting Traffic Calming.

Councillor Mosher joined the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Councillor Hendsbee joined the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Mayor Savage thanked Mr. Koutroulakis and Mr. MacIntyre for their presentation and invited questions of clarification from members of Halifax Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT Halifax Regional Council Administrative Order #2015-004-OP, the Traffic Calming Administrative Order as outlined in attachment A of the staff report dated October 2, 2015 with the following amendment:**

**That section 31 is amended to replace the reference to “section 29” with a reference to “section 30” so it reads: “If traffic calming measures are removed from a street in accordance with section 30, subsequent traffic calming requests shall not be considered”.**

In response to questions and comments raised by Committee of the Whole, staff clarified that:

- The proposed traffic calming measures are intended to be applied in areas where the integrated mobility plan or complete streets program do not apply.
- That corporate communications staff will proceed with a comprehensive communication strategy outlining the details of the traffic calming by-law if the proposed Administrative Order is approved by Regional Council.
- When changes to the Municipal Red Book (Engineering Standards) are made, an information report outlining the details will be provided to Council.
- The proposed Administrative Order allows for staff to proceed with changes to traffic calming measures without a resident vote if there is a demonstrated speeding issue within an area and that staff has the ability to remove a traffic calming measure if there is an identified safety issue.

Councillors further discussed the impact of the proposed traffic calming Administrative Order. The discussion included the following:

- That exemptions for Emergency Routes be considered within the Administration Order
- That further consideration be given to alternate accesses for urban/rural streets
- That further consideration for traffic calming options in school zones be investigated

In response to concerns raised by Committee of the Whole in relation to traffic calming measures in school zones, Councillor Craig proposed the following amendment:

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Watts

**THAT section 3 (e) be amended to remove the words (includes major school bus route).**

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.**

The motion before Committee of the Whole now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve Administrative Order #2015-004-OP, the Traffic Calming Administrative Order, as outlined in Attachment A of the Transportation Standing Committee report dated October 2, 2015 with the following amendments:**

**That section 31 is amended to replace the reference to “section 29” with a reference to “section 30” so it reads: “If traffic calming measures are removed from a street in accordance with section 30, subsequent traffic calming requests shall not be considered...” and**

**That section 3 (e) be amended to remove the words (includes major school bus route).**

**AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Kevin Arjoon  
Municipal Clerk