

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 16, 2007

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Kelly
Deputy Mayor Sue Uteck
Steve Streach
Krista Snow
David Hendsbee
Harry McInroy
Gloria McCluskey
Andrew Younger
Bill Karsten
Becky Kent
Jim Smith
Mary Wile
Patrick Murphy
Dawn Sloane
Sheila Fougere
Russell Walker
Debbie Hum
Linda Mosher
Stephen Adams
Brad Johns
Robert Harvey
Gary Martin
Reg Rankin
Gary Meade

STAFF:

Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Randolph Kinghorne, HRM Solicitor
Ms. Jan Gibson, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Mosher.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Sloane thanked everyone who had come to the Dixon Centre to help with the building of the rink.

Councillor Adams thanked the Mayor and Councillor Mosher for their attendance at the opening of the new Spryfield Recreation Centre.

Councillor Younger advised there will be a public safety meeting at Ecole duCarrefour on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Hum advised there will be a neighbourhood meeting at Grosvenor Wentworth Park School on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Hendsbee thanked the organizers and participants in the take back the community parade and rally.

Councillor McCluskey noted the Fraser Conrad Bridge was now open and thanked those who were instrumental in this achievement.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

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

Additions

- 12.1 Council Focus Area - Public Safety
- 12.2 Private Roads Maintenance Costs Recovery Policy - Bill C-70
- 12.3 Legal Matter - Settlement of Claim
- 12.4 Personnel Matter - Citizen and Councillor Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions

Councillor Adams requested "Long Lake Provincial Park Parking Lot" be added to the agenda.

MOVED by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence - None

9.2 Petitions - None

10. REPORTS

10.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

10.1.1 Tender 06-279- Paving Renewal and Proposed Storm Sewer, Ralston Avenue - East Region

- A report dated December 14, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Council award Tender No. 06-279 to Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$366,863 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CYU00784, Paving Renewal and Capital Account No. CGI00787, Ralston/McCurdy Avenue - Storm Sewer, Dartmouth, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the December 14, 2006 staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.2 Halifax Inland Terminal Plan - Federal Agreement

- A report dated December 22, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Snow, that this item be deferred for one week to January 23, 2007.

Councillor Hendsbee requested that the freeing of the lands of the Dartmouth Marshalling Yards be taken into consideration.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.3 Transit Funding Agreement

- A report dated January 8, 2007, on the above noted was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that council authorize Mayor Kelly and the Municipal Clerk, on behalf of the Halifax Regional Municipality, sign the Transit Funding Agreement between the Province of Nova Scotia and Halifax Regional Municipality. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.4 2011 Canada Winter Games Budget

- A report dated December 8, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Regional Council approve the Canada Games Hosting Standards as set out in Appendix C of the 2011 Canada Winter Games Submission Guide attached to the December 8, 2006 staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10.2.1 Councillor Kent - Request for Report re: Facilitation of McNabs Island Clean-Up With Other Levels of Government

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Council direct staff to create a strategy to facilitate the one-time clean-up of debris and garbage from McNabs Island through possible partnerships with other levels of government.

Councillor Kent stated the amount of debris on the island can no longer be ignored. She advised she was asking Council to request that staff co-ordinate its removal from the island by taking the next step and create a partnership with other stakeholders and levels of government.

Councillor Hendsbee suggested staff also contact private organizations/groups to assist with

the clean up.

Councillor McInroy speaking against the motion noted there are many areas within the municipality that needs to be cleaned up.

Councillor Streach noted that the island has been a provincial park for twenty four years and question of what has been done in that twenty four years needs to be addressed in the report.

Councillor Kent noted there has not been an opportunity to dispose of this debris noting the debris is being cleaned up and stockpiled by the property owners and now needs a means of disposal. She further noted the island is visited annually and expressed concern with the fact that this debris may pose a safety hazard.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. MOTIONS - NONE

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1. Council Focus Area - Public Safety

- This item was addressed at an earlier Committee of the Whole session and was now before Council for ratification

MOVED by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Regional Council continue to support the direction, as set by Council in the approved 06/07 Business Plan, as follows:

1. Long term police strategy,
2. By-Law & Enforcement Services level review and improvement,
3. Fire Services Strategies aligned with the approved service delivery standard,
4. Endorse City Watch as a vital tool in providing public safety and to have Council and staff approve policies for City Watch's future direction.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.2 Private Roads Maintenance Costs Recovery Policy - Bill C-70

Councillor Meade declared a Conflict of Interest on this item.

- This item was addressed at an earlier Committee of the Whole session and was now before Council for ratification

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Snow that Regional Council approve the maintenance cost recovery policy as attached to the staff report to the Private Roads Committee, dated October 24, 2006, with a one time charge of \$200.00. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 Legal Matter - Settlement of Claim

- This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera session and was now before Council for ratification

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Fougere that:

1. **Halifax Regional Council approve the settlement of this matter on the basis that the present owner sell the property to a purchaser to be approved by HRM and that outstanding taxes and \$150,000.00 be paid on closing from the proceeds of the sale; and**
2. **The Private and Confidential staff report dated January 8, 2007 not be released to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 Personnel Matter - Citizen and Councillor Appointments to Boards, Committees & Commissions

- This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera session and was now before Council for ratification

MOVED by Councillor Wile, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve the Citizen and Councillor appointments to HRM Boards/Committees/Commissions as outlined in Attachment 1 of the January 11, 2007 staff report;**
2. **Approve that expressions of interest from Councillors to serve on the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities will go before the Membership Selection Committee on a go forward basis.**
3. **The report may be released to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.5 Councillor Adams - "Long Lake Provincial Park Parking Lot"

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that staff provide a report examining possible partnerships with the provincial government or have the property transferred to HRM. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Municipal Clerk

The following information items were circulated to Council.

1. Proclamation - World Religion Day - January 21, 2007
2. Memorandum from Director, Transportation and Public Works dated December 29, 2006 re: New Design for Asphalt / Concrete Sidewalks for Suburban and Rural Areas
3. Memorandum from Director, Community Development dated January 16, 2007 re: 2011 Canada Winter Games Bid
4. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated January 12, 2007 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None