

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 8, 2007

PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

Councillors: Gloria McCluskey

STAFF:

Mr. Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Jan Gibson, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Murphy.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Smith advised a clean up has been scheduled for District 9 on Saturday, May 12th starting at 9:00 a.m. He advised the name of the event has been changed to the Jack George Clean Up and Community Day.

Councillor Karsten advised the Halifax launch of the North American Health and Safety Week was on Monday, May 7th.

Councillor Younger advised the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia will be hosting an exhibit in support of the Shubenacadie Canal Commission on Wednesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Kent reminded the residents of District 8 of the Youth and Community Partnership meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Tallahassee School. She further noted an event was being organized for Saturday, May 12th to clean up McNabs Island.

Councillor Johns advised a festival was being planned for District 19 on August 25th entitled "We Are Rocking".

Councillor Sloane advised of an event entitled "Make Yourself Famous Day" being held at the North End Library on Thursday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Mosher advised there will be a community police meeting on Wednesday, May 9th at the John W. MacLeod Elementary School and at Chebucto Heights on Monday, May 14th.

Councillor Snow advised there will be a meeting of the Fall River Community Liaison Group scheduled for Wednesday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Ash Lee Jefferson School on the Community Visioning Project. Further, there will be an auction at the school on Friday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 24, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the minutes of April 24, 2007, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions

- 13.1 Councillor Adams - BMX Park Policy
- 13.2 Councillor Murphy - Process on Bloomfield - Update

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Fougere, 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. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.1 Case #H00198: De-registration of 1790 Granville Street, Halifax (A Municipally Registered Heritage Property)

- An extract of the April 3, 2007 Regional Council minutes was before Council.
- A report dated March 21, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

Ms. Maggie Holm, Heritage Planner, presented the report to Council noting that the building had been demolished and as the lot is now vacant staff is recommending de-registration of the site.

Mayor Kelly called three times for anyone wishing to speak either in favour of or opposition to the proposed de-registration. Hearing none, the following motion was placed.

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that the public hearing close. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Fougere, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Regional Council approve the de-registration of 1790 Granville Street, Halifax, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated February 20, 2007.

Councillor Sloane noted HRM had worked with the property owner in trying to save the building but was unable to do so.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence - None

10.2 Petitions - None

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Tender 07-215 - Paving and Water Main Renewal, Alton Drive - West Region

- A report dated April 19, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Adams, that Council award Tender No. 07-215, Paving and Water Main Renewal, Alton Drive - West Region to Dexter Construction Company Limited for material and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender Price of \$101,050.13 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CYU00784 - Paving Renewal Program, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the April 19, 2007 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.2 Tender 07-232 - Paving, Storm Sewer and New Sidewalk, Shore Drive - Central Region

- A report dated April 26, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Council:

- 1. Approve the recovery of Local Improvement Charges for the new concrete sidewalk and new concrete curb and gutter on Shore Drive - West Region by an area rate to the urban area of District 21.**
- 2. Award Tender No. 07-232, Paving, Storm Sewer and New Sidewalk, Shore Drive - Central Region to Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$373,688.98 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CYU00784 - Paving Renewal Program and CJU00785 - New Sidewalks, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the April 26, 2007 report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.3 Tender 07-235 - Traffic Signal Upgrades, Alderney Drive at Ochterloney Street - East Region

- A report dated April 23, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Council award Tender No. 07-235, Traffic Signal Upgrades, Alderney Drive at Ochterloney Street - East Region to Black & MacDonald Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender Price of \$147,539.40 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CTU00422 - Traffic Signal Compliance Program as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the April 23, 2007 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.4 Tender 07-220 - Commodore Drive and John Savage Avenue, City of Lakes and Burnside Business Parks

- A report dated April 26, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Kent, that Council:

- 1. Award Tender No. 07-220, City of Lakes Business Park and Burnside Business Park Phase II-5 Development to Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$2,624,962 (no HST included) from Capital Account CQ300741, Burnside and City of Lakes Development, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the April 26, 2007 report.**
- 2. Approve an increase in the Gross Budget of Capital Account CQ300741 by \$54,022.50 (no HST included) with no change to the Net Budget to reflect the cost sharing of the installation of a natural gas pipeline from Heritage Gas as per the Budget Implications section of the April 26, 2007 report.**
- 3. And furthermore, that Council authorize, as per the Budget Implications Section of the April 26, 2007 report, the appointment of CBCL Ltd. for construction inspection services for an estimated fee of \$126,305 (no HST included); the appointment of Jacques Whitford Ltd. for construction inspection and lot certification for an estimated fee of \$12,000 (no HST included), and authorize a payment of \$200,000 (no HST included) to Nova Scotia Power Inc. for the extension of overhead electrical transmission lines.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.5 Tender 07-071 - Herring Cove Road Community Pocket Park

- A report dated April 27, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that Regional Council award Tender 07-071, Herring Cove Road Community Pocket Park to Elmsdale Landscaping Ltd., in the amount of \$120,062.25 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account CDV00734, Streetscaping in Hubs and Corridors, as outlined in the budget implications section of the April 27, 2007 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.6 Tender 07-073, Aerotech Lagoon Sludge Dredging and Dewatering

- A report dated April 26, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Kent, that Council award Tender No. 07-073, Aerotech Lagoon Sludge Dredging and Dewatering, to Consolidated Giroux Environment Inc. for material and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender Price of \$107,501.52 (net HST included) with funding from Operating Account No. R260-6399 - Aerotech Lagoon as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the April 26, 2007 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.7 Request for Proposal 07-328 - Consulting Engineering Services, Wellington Inflow & Infiltration Reduction Program

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

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Regional Council award RFP No. 07-328, Consulting Engineering Services - Wellington Inflow & Infiltration Reduction Program, to the highest scoring proponent, Conestoga - Rovers & Associates, at a cost of \$107,056.26 (net HST included), with funding from Capital Account No. CSU00327 - Wellington STP, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the May 8, 2007 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.8 Sanitary Sewer Treatment at Station Road, Hubbards - Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) Options

- A supplementary report dated April 13, 2007, on the above noted, was before

Council.

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the Mayor write to the Federal and Provincial governments, with a copies to MLA's Judy Streach and Gerald Keddy, to seek funding for sewer upgrades to be cost shared with property owners with no cost to HRM for sanitary sewer treatment at Station Road, Hubbards.

In response to Councillor Hendsbee, Mr. John Sheppard, Manager, Environmental Management Services, advised servicing for Station Road is intended to be designed and developed in concert with the Hubbards servicing plan which will be a public system.

In response to Councillor Johns, Mr. Sheppard advised Station Road was designated as a low priority, priority four, because HRM does not have responsibility with respect to sewage problems on private systems. The priority rating process that was approved by Council was clearly defined to apply to capital projects with capital funding provided by HRM and was also clearly defined to apply to external funding. From that point of view, the priority rating process would not support external funding to priority four projects.

Councillor Hum suggested the funding be outside the MRIF funding program and placed the following motion.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Meade, that the funding be outside the MRIF funding program. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The motion as amended.

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the Mayor write to the Federal and Provincial governments, with a copies to MLA's Judy Streach and Gerald Keddy, to seek funding outside the MRIF Program for sewer upgrades to be cost shared with property owners with no cost to HRM for sanitary sewer treatment at Station Road, Hubbards. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.1.9 First Reading - Project 00856 - By-Law D-300, Respecting Derelict Buildings

- A report dated April 13, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Halifax Regional Council approve in principle By-Law D-300, Respecting Derelict Buildings, as shown in Attachment "A" of the April 13, 2007 staff report and schedule a public hearing. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11.2.1 Case H00197: Application to Consider 76 Peregrine Crescent, Golf Links Park, Bedford as a Municipally Registered Heritage Property

- A report dated March 21, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Regional Council set the date of June 19, 2007 for a Heritage Hearing to consider the registration of 76 Peregrine Crescent, Bedford (Golf Links Park) under the Heritage Property Program. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. MOTIONS - NONE

13. ADDED ITEMS

13.1 Councillor Adams - Request for Report re: BMX Park Policy

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Meade, that staff provide a report outlining a policy to develop BMX parks in HRM.

Councillor Johns requested the report confirm whether the BMX park in Berry Hill was built to standard.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13.2 Councillor Murphy - Process on Bloomfield - Update

MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that staff provide information on when Phase 3 of the Bloomfield process will be started. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Municipal Clerk

The following information items were circulated to Council.

1. Proclamation - Black Invitational Basketball Tournament Week - May 14 - 20, 2007
2. Proclamation - Emergency Preparedness Week - May 6 - 12, 2007
3. Proclamation - National Public Works Week - May 20 - 26, 2007
4. Memorandum from Transportation and Public Works dated April 26, 2007 re: National Public Works Week - May 20 - 26, 2007
5. Memorandum from Transportation and Public Works dated April 30, 2007 re: Overview of Street and Road Repair Strategy
6. Memorandum from Acting Director, Finance dated May 1, 2007 re: 2007 - 2008 Budget and Business Plan Questions from Committee of the Whole
7. Memorandum from Acting Director, Finance dated May 1, 2007 re: Fourth Quarter Report Capital District Building Communities Funds
8. Memorandum from Director, Environmental Management Services dated April 26, 2007 re: Pesticide By-Law, Response to Council Questions
9. Memorandum from Director, Environmental Management Services dated April 26, 2007 re: Biomass for Alternate Energy - Community Energy Plan
10. Memorandum from Municipal Clerk dated May 4, 2007 re: Citizen Appointments to Agencies, Boards and Commissions
11. Memorandum from Director, Community Development dated April 24, 2007 re: Halifax Public Gardens Phase II and Phase III Update
12. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated May 4, 2007 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None