

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
February 24, 2004

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter J. Kelly  
Deputy Mayor Steve Streach  
Councillors: Krista Snow  
David Hendsbee  
Ron Cooper  
Harry McInroy  
Brian Warshick  
Bruce Hetherington  
Jim Smith  
John Cunningham  
Dawn Sloane  
Sue Uteck  
Sheila Fougere  
Russell Walker  
Debbie Hum  
Linda Mosher  
Stephen Adams  
Brad Johns  
Robert Harvey  
Len Goucher  
Reg Rankin  
Gary Meade

ABSENT  
WITH REGRETS:

Councillors: Condo Sarto  
Jerry Blumenthal

STAFF:

Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Jan Gibson, Acting 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 Smith.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 10, 2004**

**MOVED by Councillor Warshick, seconded by Councillor Adams, that the minutes of February 10, 2004 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Additions

12.1 Personnel Matter - Employment Contract - Chief Administrative Officer

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

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

**5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

**6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE**

**7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

**8.1 Correspondence - None**

**8.2 Petitions**

Councillor Goucher submitted correspondence from the Bedford Watershed Advisory Board requesting that a copy be circulated to members of Council.

**9. REPORTS**

**9.1            CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**9.1.1        Award RFP 04-007 - Halifax Public Gardens Restoration Masterplan, Phase I**

- A report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, dated February 20, 2004, on the above noted, was before Council.

Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Real Property Planning, presented the staff report.

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that RFP 04-007, Halifax Public Gardens Restoration Masterplan, Phase I be awarded to the highest ranking evaluated proposal, Vollick McKee Petersman and Associates Ltd. for a project cost of \$91,760 plus applicable HST from account #2160 HRM Infrastructure Renewal Fund with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9.1.2        Marketing Opportunity - Grey Cup**

- A report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, dated February 13, 2004, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that Council opt not to participate in the 92<sup>nd</sup> Grey Cup as a Premier Sponsor.**

Councillor Uteck requested that the item be referred to the Destination Marketing Organization for further review and consideration.

Council agreed to amend the motion.

The amended motion now reads:

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that:**

- 1. Council opt not to participate in the 92<sup>nd</sup> Grey Cup as a Premier Sponsor,**
- 2. The report be referred to the Destination Marketing Organization for further review and consideration.**

At the request of Councillor Rankin, Council agreed to split the motion.

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Hetherington that Council opt not to participate in the 92<sup>nd</sup> Grey Cup as a Premier Sponsor. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Those voting **in favour** of the motion were Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Streach and Councillors Snow, Cooper, McInroy, Hetherington, Smith, Cunningham, Sloane, Uteck, Fougere, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Johns, Harvey and Goucher.

Those voting **against** the motion were Councillors Hendsbee, Warshick, Adams, Rankin and Meade.

Councillors Sarto and Blumenthal were absent.

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that the report be referred to the Destination Marketing Organization for further review and consideration. MOTION DEFEATED.**

Those voting **in favour** of the motion were Mayor Kelly and Councillors Hendsbee, Cooper, Warshick, Sloane, Uteck, Fougere and Harvey.

Those voting **against** the motion were Deputy Mayor Streach and Councillors Snow, McInroy, Hetherington, Smith, Cunningham, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Goucher, Rankin and Meade.

Councillors Sarto and Blumenthal were absent.

**MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that Council be provided, by an e-mail to Councillors, a full accounting of the Marketing Levying Fund and what has been spent to date. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **9.1.3            Update Re: Blizzard Clean Up**

Mr. Rick Paynter, Director of Public Works and Transportation Services, provided an update on the snow removal program to date as well as the proposed ongoing schedule for sidewalk snow clearing for Downtown Dartmouth and Halifax.

Councillors were provided an opportunity to advise staff of areas of concern in their individual districts as well as receiving clarification on timelines for clean up.

Councillor Adams suggested the procedure for snow clearing be provided in a water bill mailout and requested clarification as to when a taxi can be allowed out after a curfew is in

place.

Councillor Uteck requested an information report from EMO to Councillors as to what HRM can second or not second under a state of emergency as well as what happens once the arterial collectors, emergency routes and hurricane downlines are addressed.

Mayor Kelly commended Mr. Paynter and staff on their efforts.

## **9.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

### **9.2.1 Amendment to the Terms of Reference**

- A report from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, dated February 17, 2004, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Council revise the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities as follows:**

1. **The second sentence in sub section 7.1 of Section 7 MEETINGS, be revised from “The Council will provide Municipal Clerk resources for six meetings a year and additional support...” to:**

**“The Council will provide Municipal Clerk resources for all regular meetings and special meetings of the Committee and additional support.....”**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **10. MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

### **10.1 Councillor Sloane - Safety Concerns - Former Halifax Infirmary Building**

Councillor Sloane advised the former Halifax Infirmary building is accessed by squatters and there is a concern that someone may be trapped inside if there is a fire as well as the possibility of it spreading to the adjacent student residential housing.

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Mayor Kelly contact the Province of Nova Scotia, with a copy to Minister Barnett, on behalf of Regional Council, requesting information on what steps will be taken to ensure the securing of the former Halifax Infirmary building whether demolition or conversion into another use. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11. MOTIONS**

**11.1 Councillor Hetherington - Amendment to Administrative Order Number One**

**MOVED** by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Regional Council amend Administrative Order Number One such that Section 8 of said Administrative Order Number One is amended by adding immediately following subsection (8) thereof the following subsection:

- (9) The Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer jointly or two-third of the Council may cancel any meeting of Council where the proposed agenda is such that in their judgment, the holding of the meeting is not justified or for any other reason which in their judgment appears appropriate.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12. ADDED ITEMS**

**12.1 Personnel Matter - Employment Contract - Chief Administrative Officer**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Streach, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that Halifax Regional Council approve the employment contract between Halifax Regional Municipality and George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer as amended by Appendix I of the Private and Confidential report fo the CAO Review Committee and by resolution of In Camera Council, and further the contract not be released until it is executed. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Jan Gibson  
Acting Municipal Clerk