

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION
April 15, 2004**

PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

Councillor Brad Johns

STAFF:

Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Acting Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Jan Gibson, Acting Municipal Clerk
Ms. Patti Halliday, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

2. INTERIM GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, REGIONAL PLANNING - Proposed Amendments District 1, 2 & 3 - First Reading and Set Date for Public Hearing

C A staff report prepared for Betty MacDonald, Director, Governance and Strategic Initiatives, regarding the above, was before Council for its consideration.

Deputy Mayor Streach spoke in support of the proposed amendments and put forth the following motion:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Streach, seconded by Councillor Snow, that Council give First Reading and set a Public Hearing date to discuss the amendments contained in Attachments 4 through 10, inclusive, of the staff report dated April 14, 2004, to permit 10 lots per area of land, instead of 12 lots, on a new public local road with restrictions on the length of road construction and to provide a six month review period as per the amendments. As per the Attachments, these amendments apply to the previous land use planning areas for Districts 1, 2 and 3.

Councillor Uteck stated she could support the motion on the condition that if there is a loophole discovered where someone can take advantage of the amendments, that the process be ended immediately without going back to a public hearing.

Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, noted the staff report did not provide a staff recommendation as the staff recommendation is the same as previously presented. The report is in response to a request for further information.

Mr. Kurt Pyle, Planner, responded to questions of Council regarding the amendments.

During the discussion, Councillor Cooper suggested the number of lots be changed from ten to eight. Both the Mover and Seconder agreed. The amendment motion now read as follows:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Streach, seconded by Councillor Snow, that Council give First Reading and set a Public Hearing date to discuss the amendments contained in Attachments 4 through 10, inclusive, of the staff report dated April 14, 2004, to permit 8 lots per area of land, instead of 12 lots, on a new public local road with restrictions on the length of road construction and to provide a six month review period as per the amendments. As per the Attachments, these amendments apply to the previous land use planning areas for Districts 1, 2 and 3.

Councillor Mosher requested that the motion be split to vote on each of the three Districts separately. Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Acting Municipal Solicitor, stated Council could give first Reading to the entire motion and it could be split at Second Reading.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Acting Municipal Clerk