

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES September 20, 2005

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Kelly
Deputy Mayor Len Goucher
Councillors: 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 Meade

ABSENT:

Councillors: Sue Uteck
Reg Rankin

STAFF:

Mr. Dan English, 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 McCluskey.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 6, 2005

MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that the minutes of September 6, 2005 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Deletions

8.3.1 Presentation - Rocky Lake Development Association

Additions

11.1 Councillor Karsten - Motorized Boating Restrictions on Russell Lake

11.2 Maitland Street Outfall Replacement - East Region

Council observed a Moment of Silence in memory of Mr. Dick MacLean, a former employee of the municipality. Mr. MacLean was an assistant to former Mayor Walter Fitzgerald.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, 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

6.1 Councillor Streach - Marketing Levy - Major Events Facilities Reserve

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Meade declared a "Conflict of Interest" and left the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Deputy Mayor Goucher, that Regional Council rescind the motion adopted by Regional Council on July 5, 2005 which states “Approve the establishment of a Major Events Facilities Reserve, funded in part by the 0.5% increase in the Marketing Levy, as per the terms outlined in the Reserve Case attached to the June 21, 2005 staff report”

Councillor Streach stated that by rescinding the motion a level playing field would be created. He noted that if the motion passed a new service agreement would be in order for both larger and smaller hotels as well as consideration given to those not in Downtown Halifax.

In response to a question, Ms. Donovan, Municipal Solicitor, clarified that even though the motion was voted on in a single vote, there were three specific parts and, therefore, the part regarding the 0.5% increase in the marketing levy could now be voted on separately.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.(16 in favour, 5 against)

Those voting **in favour** were Deputy Mayor Goucher and Councillors Streach, Snow, Hendsbee, McInroy, McCluskey, Younger, Karsten, Kent, Smith, Wile, Murphy, Sloane, Mosher, Adams and Johns.

Those voting **against** were Mayor Kelly and Councillors Fougere, Walker, Hum and Harvey.

Councillors Uteck and Rankin were absent.

Councillor Meade had declared a conflict of interest.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Sloane that this issue be referred to a working committee to bring back a workable solution where all sides are considered and all implications are dealt with.

Without a vote being taken on the motion on the floor, the following motion was placed.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Johns, that the matter be referred to the Membership Selection Committee to establish a working committee.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**
8. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**
- 8.1 **Correspondence - None**

8.2 Petitions- None

8.3 Presentations

8.3.1 Rocky Lake Development Association

This item was deleted under the approval of the Order of Business.

Councillor Meade resumed his seat at council.

8.3.2 Economic Development Strategy Update

- A report dated September 8, 2005, on the above noted, was before Council.
- A copy of the Economic Profile of Halifax Regional Municipality Chart Book, was also before Council.

Mr. Fred Morley, Greater Halifax Partnership; Mr. David Nantes, Annapolis Group; Ms. Catherine Woodman, CEO, United Way; Ms. Dale Godsoe, Vice President, Dalhousie,; Mr. Hector Jacques, Jacques Whitford; and Mr. John Lindsay, with the aid of a Powerpoint presentation, outlined the Strategy for Council noting:

- This strategy will provide an action framework for HRM and all the agencies that fund economic development
- It will help to grow the community with a strategy
- HRM has one of the lowest unemployment rates in Canada but a declining labour force
- There is a need to identify strengths and weaknesses
- There is a need to improve the information of business labour marketing needs so it is better known what is needed
- There will be a need to attract more immigrants to Canada
- Ruraleconomies and character need to be strengthened and the connection with urban areas need to be improved
- There is a need to build awareness of Halifax across the world
- There is a need to develop a strategy that is effective and distinctive as well as believable and relevant
- The goal is to have the best business climate in Canada by 2010
- There is a need to address HRM's infrastructure deficit

Councillors were provided an opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification.

Mayor Kelly thanked the presenters for their presentation.

Mr. Anstey, assumed the Chair as Acting CAO.

9. REPORTS

9.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

9.1.1 Emergency Mobile Radios - Sole Source Purchase

- A report dated August 26, 2005, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Fougere, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Regional Council authorize the sole source purchase from Aliant Telecom/Mobility to provide Integrated Emergency Services with new digital radios and system integration, in the amount of \$98,419 including net HST from Capital Account No. CHA00160, Trunked Mobile Radio System, (TMR) in the Approved 2004/05 Capital Budget, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the August 26, 2005 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.2 Tender 05-354, Ellenvale Run Drainage Improvements, Wanda Lane Channel Upgrades - East Region

- A report dated September 9, 2005, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that HRM:

- 1. Award Tender No 05-354, Ellenvale Run Drainage Improvements - Wanda Lane Channel Upgrades, to Fred M. Dunphy Excavating and Construction Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$139,008, including net HST, from Capital Account No. CGI00615, Ellenvale Run, Dartmouth, Drainage Improvements, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the September 9, 2005 report.**
- 2. Approve the appointment of CBCL Limited for contract administration and inspection services on this project for an estimated fee of \$12,772, including net HST, from Capital Account No. CGI00615, Ellenvale Run, Dartmouth, Drainage Improvements, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the September 9, 2005 report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.3 Tender 05-290, Cobequid Road New Sidewalk - Central Region

- A report dated September 14, 2005, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the recovery of Local Improvement Charges for the new concrete sidewalk and new concrete curb and gutter on Cobequid Road - Central Region, by an amount of \$55,837.08 to be applied to an area rate for District 20.**
- 2. Award Tender No. 05-290, Cobequid Road, New Sidewalk - Central Region to Dexter Construction Company Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$281,223 including net HST from Capital Account No. CJU00719 New Sidewalks, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the September 14, 2005 staff report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. MOTIONS

10.1 Councillor Mosher - RFP for National Executive Search firm to seek candidates for HRM CAO

Councillor Mosher withdrew her motion.

10.2 Councillor Wile - Closure of Walkway at the end of Berkshire Close

MOVED by Councillor Wile, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the item be deferred to September 27, 2005. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.1 Councillor Karsten - Motorized Boating Restrictions on Russell Lake

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Younger, that staff initiate a procedure to designate Russell Lake a non-motorized boating lake, and report back to Council including the process to be followed, the resources needed and budgetary implications associated with initiating this procedure.

Councillor Adams suggested the Kearney Lake model be used in preparation of the report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2 Maitland Street Outfall Replacement - East Region

- A report dated September 14, 2005, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Council:

- 1. Approve an increase to the 2005/06 Capital Budget in the amount of \$427,219 for a new capital account, Maitland South - Outfall Replacement with funding from Sewer Redevelopment Reserve Account Q104, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the September 14, 2005 report.**
- 2. Approve withdrawal from the Sewer Redevelopment Reserve Account Q104 in the amount of \$427,219.**
- 3. Award the Maitland Street Outfall Replacement project to Dexter Harbour Solutions for materials and services listed for a quoted price of \$388,381 including net HST from the above new capital account with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the September 14, 2005 report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Municipal Clerk

The following information items were circulated to Council:

1. Proclamation - Barbershop Harmony Week - September 26 - October 2, 2005
2. Memorandum from Chief Administrative Officer, dated September 16, 2005
re: Halifax Regional Municipality Immigration Action Plan
3. Memorandum from Municipal Solicitor dated September 15, 2005
re: Status of By-Law Prosecutions
4. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk, dated September 16, 2005
re: Requests for Presentations to Council

Date of Request(s)	Name of Delegation(s)	Disposition of Request(s)
September 12 -16, 2005	Halifax Ultimate Recreational League - Mark Tekamp re: 2006 National Ultimate Tournament	Referred to staff of Recreation, Tourism & Culture