

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
June 20, 2006

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Kelly  
Deputy Mayor Russell Walker  
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  
Sue Uteck  
Sheila Fougere  
Debbie Hum  
Linda Mosher  
Stephen Adams  
Brad Johns  
Robert Harvey (evening session)  
Len Goucher  
Reg Rankin  
Gary Meade

STAFF:

Mr. Dan English, 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 Mosher.

**CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

The Citizenship Awards were presented during the evening session. (See page 13)

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE**

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

Additions

Councillor Younger requested item 10.1.10 be addressed prior to item 10.1.1.

Councillor Murphy requested information Item #2, H00108 - Demolition Permit - Kelly Building, 1790 Granville Street, a Registered Heritage Property be brought forward to the agenda.

Deputy Mayor Walker requested the motion of June 13, 2006 re withdrawal of \$260,773 from Q309 Snow & Ice Control Reserve to reflect actual costs in 2005/06 be added to the agenda during the evening session.

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker, 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. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**8.1 Project 00382 - Bedford West Master Planning Study**

This item was addressed during the evening session. (See page 13)

**9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

**9.1 Correspondence - None**

**9.2 Petitions - None**

**10. REPORTS**

**10.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

As agreed under the approval of the Order of Business, Council addressed item 10.1.10 at this time.

**10.1.10 2008 Atlantic Acadian Games**

- A report dated June 13, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that Council approve Alternative 1 which states Halifax Regional Council approve “in principle”, pending Halifax Regional Council approval of the 2008/09 budget, the total amount of funding requested by the organizers (\$50,000 + and estimated \$5,000 in sporting facility rentals), \$30,000 deficit contingency in the form of a \$85,000 HRM Special Events Reserve grant out of the fiscal budget year 2008/09 contingent on the Conseil Communautaire du Grand - Havre confirming matching or greater funding from the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada.**

Councillor Younger noted the deadline for submissions is Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Deputy Mayor Walker expressed concern with a contingency being recommended and placed the following motion.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Walker, seconded by Councillor Snow, that this matter be referred back to the Chief Administrative Officer for a staff report on the recommendation.**

Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer, advised staff would provide a report for the evening session.

Councillors expressed concern with the recommendation of a contingency amount.

Councillor Younger advised that the report is stating that if there is a deficit, HRM will cap the deficit at \$30,000.

**MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.**

At a later point in the meeting staff provided a supplementary report to Council on this matter and the following motion was placed.

**MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Council approve support for the conseil Communautaire du Grand-Harvre's (Acadian Community Centre) bid to host the Atlantic Acadian games in 2008 by approving "in principle", pending Halifax Regional Council approval of the 2008/09 budget, a maximum of \$55,000 HRM Special Events Reserve grant out of the fiscal budget year 2008/09 contingent on the Conseil Communautaire du Grand-Harve confirming matching or greater funding from the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.1 Tender 06-065, Supply of Three (3) Two Post Modular In Ground Lift Systems**

- A report dated June 7, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Walker, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Council award Tender No. 06-065, for Three (3) Two (2) Post Modular In-Ground Lift Systems to Carquest Canada Ltd. for a Tender price of \$287,730.00 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CBR00750 as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the June 7, 2006 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.2 Tender 06-243, Cavalier Drive (School Entrance to Polara Drive) - Central Region**

- A report dated June 9, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that Council:**

- 1. Approve an increase in the Gross Budget for Capital Account No. CJU00785, New Sidewalks by \$11,661 with no change to the Net Budget to reflect cost sharing of the water main related work from the Halifax Regional Water**

**Commission.**

2. **Approve the recovery of Local Improvement Charges for the new concrete sidewalk on Cavalier Driver - Central Region by an area rate for District 20.**
3. **Award Tender No. 06-243, Cavalier Drive (School Entrance to Polara Drive) - Central Region to Ocean Contractors Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$303,047 including net HST from Capital Account No. CJU00785, New Sidewalks, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the June 9, 2006 report.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.3 Tender 06-245, Sidewalk Renewals - West Region**

- A report dated June 9, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Uteck, that Council award Tender No. 06-245, Sidewalk Renewals - West Region to Ocean Contractors Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender price of \$152,507 including net HST from Capital Account No. CKU00783, Sidewalk Renewals, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the June 9, 2006 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.4 Tender 06-251, Resurfacing and New Sidewalk, Purcell's Cove Road - West Region**

- A report dated June 9, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Adams, that Council:**

1. **Approve the recovery of Local Improvement Charges for the new concrete curb and gutter on Purcell's Cove Road - West Region by levy of frontage charges. There are no Local Improvement Charges for the new sidewalk due to the existing sidewalk on the opposite side of the Purcell's Cove Road.**
2. **Award Tender No. 06-251, Resurfacing and New Sidewalk, Purcells Cove Road - West Region to Lafarge Canada Incorporated for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$535,659 including net HST from Capital Account No. CZU00782, Resurfacing and Capital Account No.**

**CJU00785, New Sidewalks, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the June 9, 2006.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.5 Paving of Subdivision Streets Outside the Core, Construction Agreement No. 2006-004**

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

**MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that His Worship the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk be authorized, by resolution of Regional Council, to sign on behalf of Halifax Regional Municipality, Construction Agreement No. 2006-004 between HRM and the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works (NSDOT&PW), to pave 3 “J” class subdivision roads as outlined in the Discussion section of the June 14, 2006 staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.6 2006/07 Business Plans and Budgets for Recreation Area Rates**

- A report dated June 13, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Snow, that the 2006-07 Business Plans and Budgets for Area-Rated Recreation Services contained in the Appendix to the staff report dated June 13, 2006, be approved.**

Councillor Hendsbee referenced the Mineville Community Association report and clarified that the amount of \$20.00 should be for parcel of property. He further noted the reference to East Preston facility and advised that it is a flat \$0.05 area rate per \$100.00 assessment

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.7 Parking Meter Rate Increase**

- A report dated June 7, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Uteck, that Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve an increase to parking meter rates as follows:**
  - in the former City of Halifax, from \$1.00 per hour to \$1.50 per 90 minutes

- in the former City of Dartmouth, from \$0.75 per hour to \$1.00 per hour
  - both effective July 1, 2006
2. Approve an addition to Administrative Order 15(AO15) to include the rates for parking meters and that this report serve as notice of amendment to AO15.
  3. Additional revenues to be designated to the Capital District improvements for the areas in which they are earned.
  4. A study to be enacted on the possibility of the installation of toll booths at the entrances and egresses of Bayers Lake Retail Park for a toll amount of \$1.00.

Councillor Sloane requested that each item be voted on individually.

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Uteck, that Council approve a parking meter rate in the former City of Halifax, from \$1.00 per hour to \$1.50 per ninety (90) minutes effective July 1, 2006.**

Discussion ensued with the following points being noted by members of Council:

- HRM is trying to encourage and promote the Downtown shopping and a rate increase would be a discouragement,
- Keeping the same rate would have an effect on the budget,
- The rate increases are in keeping with rates in other municipalities across the country,
- There needs to be a turnover on the meters in the Downtown,
- The potential for turnover is lessened thus HRM will not be able to earn the same amount in revenue per day with ninety minutes than you are with sixty minutes,
- The rates be placed on the front of the meters so they are easier to read,
- HRM has to look at new sources of funding,
- The same amount should be charged in both Dartmouth and Halifax.

**MOTION DEFEATED.**

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Uteck, that Council approve a parking meter rate in the former City of Dartmouth, from \$0.75 per hour to \$1.00 per hour effective July 1, 2006. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Uteck, that additional revenues to be designated to the Capital District improvements for the areas in which they are earned.**

Councillor Sloane noted that the Capital District needs work and maintenance and, if possible, HRM take the additional revenue designated by the Capital District Improvements and roll it into the Capital District Reserve when this is implemented.

Ms. Geri Kaiser, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, advised the decisions to put those revenues into the Capital District would have the same impact as had the revenues not happened.

Councillor Sloane suggested that if there is an increase to \$2.00 she is requesting that a quarter of that amount go into the actual fund for the Capital District Reserve.

Ms. Kaiser advised staff would have to analyse the implications of the suggestion as put forward by the Councillor.

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

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker, that Council suspend the rules in order to address the original motion. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker, that Council approve an increase to parking meter rates in the former City of Halifax, from \$1.00 per hour to \$1.50 per hour effective July 1, 2006. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The following motion was before Council for continuation of debate.

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Uteck, that additional revenues to be designated to the Capital District improvements for the areas in which they are earned.**

Councillor Fougere stated she did not perceive a problem with the provision of a staff report that looks at the potential for regenerating some of that money into a District that already pays a huge amount in commercial tax and in an area rate levy to improve an area that is visited by a huge percentage of citizens, for events and for businesses.

Councillor Sloane noted that it is only to go for a study or report and not to pass at this time. She stated the report would look at all percentage aspects and reiterated that a number of the Councillors were also members of the Capital District.

**MOTION DEFEATED.**

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Uteck that a study to be enacted on the possibility of tool booths installed for Bayers Lake Retail Park entrances and egresses at a toll amount of \$1.00.**

Mayor Kelly ruled the motion out of order.

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Sloane that staff provide a report on the current deployment of parking meters, location of meters and what frequencies they are. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker, that Regional Council approve an addition to Administrative Order 15 (AO15) to include the rates for parking meters and that the report dated June 13, 2006 serve as notice of amendment to AO15. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **10.1.8 GIS Data Dissemination Policy**

- A report dated June 15, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Johns, that Regional Council endorse the draft Geographic Data Dissemination Policy attached to the June 15, 2006 report to provide corporate direction on the distribution of hard copy and digital geographic data created and managed by HRM. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **10.1.9 Deputy Mayor Selection Process**

- A report dated June 5, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Walker, seconded by Councillor Johns, that Regional Council approve Option 1 - maintain the current HRM process of election by all members of Council through secret ballot for a term of one year. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **10.1.10 2008 Atlantic Acadian Games**

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting. (See page 5)

#### **10.1.11 2006/2007 Waste Water Funding - Budget Re-allocation**

- A report dated June 20, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer, advised the report outlines how staff intends to increase the wastewater capital budget which entails reallocating funds from certain capital areas to fund the \$2.4 million.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Walker, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Council approve a reallocation within the proposed 2006/07 Capital Budget, as described in the budget section of the June 20, 2006 report, to increase the wastewater capital funding for 2006/07 by \$2.4 million dollars. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councilor Younger, that an amount of \$177,000 be added to the parking lot to keep the King Street fire station open and reduce the capital budget amount for the former museum building in Dartmouth.**

Ms. Cathie O'Toole, Acting Director, Financial Services, advised the amount for the museum is in the Parkland Reserve and could not be moved to fund something in the fire operating budget and still be compliant with the reserve business case.

Councillor Sloane stated she would like to know the state and status of the West Street and University Avenue stations.

In response, Mr. English, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that when Fire Services was discussed there was discussion around closure of certain stations at certain time to cut back on overtime and the stations just mentioned were not amongst those.

**MOVED by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that discussion/debate on budgets be deferred. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.1.12 Project 00904 - Amendments to Administrative Order 15 Respecting Licence, Permits and Processing Fees - Heritage Planning Applications**

- A report dated May 16, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that Administrative Order No. 15 Respecting Licence, Permit and Processing Fees be amended as shown in Attachment "A" of the May 16, 2006 staff report:**

- 1. To include fees for applications for demolition and de-registration of registered heritage properties, such fee amounts to be as proposed in the May 16, 2006 report;**

2. To insert updated definitions of “Major” and “Minor” type planning applications; and,
3. To insert a reference and definition for new “Intermediate” type planning applications.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

**10.2            NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**10.2.1        Case 00723: Mixed Use Development Bedford Highway and Moirs Mill Road**

- A report from the North West Community Council, dated June 13, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker, that Regional Council give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law as provided in Attachment “A” to the June 13, 2006 staff report and, give Notice of Motion to consider the proposed development agreement provided as Attachment “B” and schedule a public hearing with North West Community Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**RECESS**

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Johns, that Council recess. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m. with the following members of Council present: Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Walker and Councillors Streach, Snow, Hendsbee, McInroy, McCluskey, Younger, Karsten, Kent, Smith, Wile, Murphy, Sloane, Uteck, Fougere, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Goucher and Rankin.

**CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

Deputy Mayor Walker welcomed the students to Council.

Mayor Kelly and Council presented Citizenship Awards to students from various schools throughout the Municipality

At this time Council agreed to add Snow and Ice Control Reserve to the agenda as an added item at the request of Deputy Mayor Walker.

**8.1 Project 00382 - Bedford West Master Planning Study**

- A report dated April 27, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council
- A report from the Chebucto and North West Community Council's, dated April 25, 2006, was before Council.
- Correspondence from the Soil and Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax, was before Council.

Mr. Paul Morgan, Planner, presented the staff report to Council.

Councillor Smith left the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

In response to questions of clarification from members of Council, Mr. Morgan advised:

- The transportation loop road is to serve the surrounding community and it is intended to be two lanes with a turning at major intersections with driveway access being kept at a minimum,
- The policy allows for six dwelling units per acre in the residential development and there would be an allowance for higher density in the Community Commercial designation,
- The trunk sewer is still being examined and if it is determined that they have to be enlarged then that would be done at the expense of the developers who would be using it,
- If Council approves the amendments, the applicant still cannot start development as the infrastructure charges would have to be approved by Council through the Regional Subdivision By-Law,
- The development cannot proceed until capital cost charges are approved by Council,
- There is no cap set on building heights because of the density restriction of six units per acre,
- Kearney Lake Road will be upgraded to four lanes throughout this development to the intersection of the connector,
- One of the criteria for a development agreement is sufficient capacity in the sewage systems,
- No capacity has been reserved for any development,
- The Business Campus zone is not intended to be a retail centre.
- The dams will not be under the ownership of HRM.

Mayor Kelly called for those wishing to speak either in favour of or in opposition to the proposed amendments.

**Mr. Shalom Mandaville**, Dartmouth, representing Soil and Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax, addressed the issue of lakes in the proposed development area and requested HRM establish a lake carrying capacity of phosphorus for Kearney Lake of six micro grams per litre and Paper Mill Lake of seven micro grams per litre. Following his presentation Mr. Mandaville provided a copy for the record.

**Mr. David Nantes**, Bedford, representing Annapolis Group, noting:

- They feel Bedford West will be an asset.
- It is consistent with the Regional Plan and 50 percent is in suburban areas over the next 50 years,
- Bedford West is cost effective for HRM,
- It is transit friendly,
- The Business Campus zone will create a place of offices,
- Twenty percent of the land will be reserved as green spaces and environmental protection zones,
- The three dams in the area have been rebuilt,
- They will continue to work with the Public Participation Committee,
- Approval of each phase by development agreement will allow for public input and participation.

**Mr. Ernie Brennan**, Ketch Harbour, expressed concern with the drainage corridors and streams as well as the potential for trails to be established under power line network.

**Mr. Walter Regan**, President, Sackville Rivers Association, noted:

- Bedford West should have undergone a full environmental impact study,
- There are no fish passages installed in the dams,
- HRM should insist on lot service charges to cover increases in HRM provision of services,
- Storage of storm water should not be behind dams but in reservoirs,
- Watercourses should be maintained,
- Buffers should be 100 metres wide and under HRM ownership,
- Watershed management should be on the entire watershed,
- Sanitary sewer lines should be extended to Hyland Park.

Mayor Kelly called three times for any additional speakers. Hearing none, the following motion was placed.

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

**MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Rankin, that Regional Council approve the proposed amendments presented in Attachments A, B, C of the**

**report dated April 27, 2006.**

Councillor Hum advised there is a concern with such things as the development of the Kimberley Lloyd and Hemshaw lands as well as the road infrastructure. She advised reassurances need to be provided through the application process that the residents will not be negatively impacted.

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

**MOVED by Councillor Fougere, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker, that the following policy added be to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy immediately following Policy Z-24 of the implementation section:**

**Policy Z-25 Applications for a development agreement or rezoning on file prior to Council's first notice of it's intention to adopt or amend this Plan shall be considered under the policies in effect at the time the application was received. Where any such application is withdrawn, significantly altered, or rejected by Council, any new application shall be subject to all applicable policies of this Plan**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Snow left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Council recessed from 8:05 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

Councillor Sloane expressed concern that the Capital Cost Contribution is not in place and a determination has to be made as to whether there is sewage treatment capacity. In response, Council was advised that if approval is given at this time, no development will occur until a Capital Cost Contribution is approved by Council through a public hearing process.

The motion, as amended, was now before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Rankin, that Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve the proposed amendments presented in Attachments A, B, C of the report dated April 27, 2006.**
- 2. Approve the following policy added be to the Bedford Municipal Planning**

**Strategy immediately following Policy Z-24 of the implementation section:**

**Policy Z-25 Applications for a development agreement or rezoning on file prior to Council's first notice of its intention to adopt or amend this Plan shall be considered under the policies in effect at the time the application was received. Where any such application is withdrawn, significantly altered, or rejected by Council, any new application shall be subject to all applicable policies of this Plan**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

**10.3 PENINSULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**10.3.1 Case 00839: Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law Amendments and Development Agreement - 6273 Quinpool Road**

- A report from the Peninsula Community Council dated June 13, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.
- A supplementary staff report, dated June 13, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Fougere, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Regional Council give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-Law as provided in Attachments "A" and "B" of the staff report dated May 19, 2006 and schedule a joint public hearing with Peninsula Community Council.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.3.2 Case 00891: Municipal Planning Strategy Amendment for South East Corner of Creighton & Gerrish Streets**

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

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Regional Council give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-Law as contained in Attachments "A" and "B" of the staff report dated May 18, 2006, and schedule a public hearing. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.4 MARINE DRIVE, VALLEY AND CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**10.4.1 Proposed New Area Rate - Fall River Recreation Centre**

- A report from the Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council dated may 29, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that an area rate of \$0.063 per \$100 of assessed value be approved to be applied against the taxable assessment within the mapped area depicted in Appendix A of the staff report dated may 19, 2006 effective with the 2006-07 fiscal year for the purpose of financing the construction of the Fall River Recreation Centre. The area rate will be reviewed if additional funding is obtained through the Canada-Nova Scotia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Program, and when the construction tender is awarded. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.5 AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**10.5.1 Illegal and Irregular Conduct Policy & Ethical Conduct Policy Amendments**

- A report dated May 31, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve, in principle, the adoption of the Illegal and Irregular Conduct Policy to apply to staff, agencies, boards, commissions and Members of Council and request staff to arrange for the formal introduction of Administrative Order 40.**
- 2. Approve, in principle, the amendments to the Human Resources Policy on Ethical Conduct to provide for the inclusion of Members of Council and request staff to arrange for the formal introduction of Administrative Order 41.**

Ms. Cathie Osborne, Manager, Business Systems and Control, outlined the report.

Deputy Mayor Walker referenced page 8 of the policy and requested it be definite on what happens when a false claim is made. He stated he would like to see it strengthened to indicate consequences. The Deputy Mayor further noted the document does not address what happens when you don't report things such as a bribe.

Councillor Mosher referenced section 6 "Obligations to Citizens", page 2, appendix 2, and stated this is ambiguous.

In response to Councillors Adams and Fougere regarding letters of reference, Ms. Osborne advised she would provide some guidelines to members of Council on this matter.

Councillor Fougere referenced the ethical portion and stated that if there is no sanction included there is no recourse.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.6            MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**10.6.1        Councillor Mosher - Pedestrian Signal Indicators**

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Younger, that staff provide a report on "intelligent pedestrian" signal indicators. Further, staff contact other municipalities with respect to their experience with this equipment. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.            MOTIONS - NONE**

**12.            ADDED ITEMS**

**12.1        Proclamation - Amateur Radio Week - June 18 - 26, 2006**

The proclamation was circulated for information.

**12.2        Councillor Murphy - Information item #2, H00108 - Demolition Permit - Kelly Building, 1790 Granville Street, a Registered Heritage Property**

**MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Council approve Alternative 2 of the report which states "Council could direct staff to request the owners to defer demolition pending negotiation of an agreement regarding facade retention".**

Mr. Paul Dunphy, Director, Planning and Development Services, advised staff have been in conversation with the property owners and subsequent to the preparation of the report, there is an indication that there may not be a high cost to stabilize the facade.

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

**MOVED by Councillor Adams that no municipal money is spent on the preservation.**

No seconder, motion lost.

In response to Councillor Adams regarding a staff report on cost implications with respect to the stabilization, Mr. Dunphy advised he would provide a verbal update on June 27, 2006.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.3            Deputy Mayor Walker Snow and Ice Control Reserve**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Walker, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Council approve a withdrawal of \$260,773 from Q309 Snow & Ice Control Reserve to reflect actual costs in 2005/06. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13.            NOTICES OF MOTION**

**13.1           Councillor Karsten**

Take Notice that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2006, I propose to introduce for adoption Administrative Order 40 and 41, the purpose of which is to establish an Illegal and Irregular Conduct Policy and amend the Human Resources Ethical Code of Conduct applicable to Members of Council and all employees of Halifax Regional Municipality and Boards, Agencies and Commissions over which Council has authority.

**14.            ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Jan Gibson  
Municipal Clerk

**The following information items were circulated to Council:**

1. Memorandum from the Traffic Authority, dated June 5, 2006 re Request for Overhead Flashing Lights - Pleasant Street at North Woodside Community Centre
2. Memorandum from Director, Planning & Development Services dated June 13, 2006 re: Case H00108: Demolition Permit - Kelly Building, 1790 Granville Street, a Registered Heritage Property
3. Memorandum from Director, Transportation and Public Works dated May 8, 2006 re: Public Notification Process - Work in Street Right of Way
4. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated June 16, 2006 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None