

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES
September 19, 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
Brad Johns
Robert Harvey
Gary Martin

REGRETS:

Councillors: Stephen Adams
Reg Rankin
Gary Meade

STAFF:

Ms. Geri Kaizer, 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 Streach.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 5, 2006

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker, that the minutes of September 5, 2006 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Additions

8.3.2 Community and Race Relations Advisory Committee - Work Plan

11.1 Proclamation - National Family Dinner Night - September 21, 2006

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Murphy, 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

7.1 Bikeways Committee Annual Report

- A report dated June 26, 2006 from the Bikeways Advisory Committee, was before Council.

Councillor Fougere, Chair, HRM Bikeways Advisory Committee, presented the annual report to Council noting:

- The recommendations made by the Committee in the previous year,
- The work underway creating bicycle lanes throughout HRM as well as replacement of street drainage grates and placement of signage noting bicycle lanes,

- Ten bike lockers were installed at Portland Hills and Sackville transit terminals,
- Bike parking racks were installed at community and recreation centres,
- Activities held during HRM Bike Week,
- HRM police have an on line bicycle registry,
- Some of the initiatives being pursued in the upcoming year.

Councillors were provided an opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification with regard to the presentation.

Mayor Kelly thanked Councillor Fougere for her presentation.

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence - None

8.2 Petitions

Councillor Murphy served a petition on behalf of the residents of Districts 11 and 12 requesting a crossing light at North Street, Maynard Street and Fuller Terrace. The Councillor noted there is heavy traffic coming off the Macdonald bridge and any study being conducted with regard to traffic be undertaken during the school year and not the summer months.

8.3 Presentation

8.3.1 Halifax 2014 Commonwealth Games Society

Mr. Scott Logan, Chief Executive Officer and Ms. Deborah Hashey, Director of Communications, provided an update with regard to both the information and advertising campaigns.

Deputy Mayor Walker assumed the Chair.

Following discussion, Deputy Mayor Walker thanked the presenters for their presentation.

8.3.2 Community and Race Relations Advisory Committee - Work Plan

Ms. Betty Thomas, Chair, advised an action has been developed and outlined the mandate and objectives of the Committee noting some of the initiatives undertaken by the Committee. Ms. Thomas advised she would be available to make a presentation at the Community Council level if requested.

Deputy Mayor Walker thanked Ms. Thomas for her presentation.

Item 9.1.3 was brought forward on the agenda to be addressed at this time.

9.1.3 Call for Coalition of Canadian Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination - Canadian Commission for United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

- A report dated August 25, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that:

- 1. The Halifax Regional Municipality support this UNESCO initiative in principle, and sign the Declaration to Join the Coalition of Canadian Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (Appendix A)**
- 2. The Halifax Regional Municipality share with the Coalition the initiatives undertaken to day by HRM to broaden awareness and reinforce action against racism and discrimination (Appendix D)**
- 3. The Halifax Regional Municipality develops an Action Plan to advance its work in areas relating to the common commitments (Appendix B)**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. REPORTS

9.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

9.1.1 Request for Proposal 06-328 - Consultant Engineering Design Services; Roach's Pond Pumping Station Upgrade and Forcemain Replacement

- A report dated August 30, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Hum, that Regional Council award the Engineering Design Services, Roach's Pond Pumping Station Upgrade and Forcemain Replacement, as called for in RFP#06-328, to SNC Lavalin for a total cost of \$113,668 including net HST, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the August 30, 2006 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.2 Tender 06-372 - Duke Street Outfall - Sewer Rehabilitation, Halifax

- A report dated September 6, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

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

1. **Approve an increase to the 2006/07 Capital Budget in the amount of \$600,000 for a new capital project, Duke Street Outfall - Sewer Rehabilitation with funding from the Sewer Redevelopment Reserve Account Q104, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the September 6, 2006 report.**
2. **Award Tender No. 06-372, Duke Street Outfall - Sewer Rehabilitation to Brycon Construction Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$496,460 including net HST from the new capital account with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the September 6, 2006 report.**
3. **Enter into the agreement attached to the September 6, 2006 report with the Armour Group Limited, and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the agreement.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.3 Call for Coalition of Canadian Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination - Canadian Commission for United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting. (See page 6)

9.1.4 Temporary Borrowing Resolution & 2006 Fall Debenture

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

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that:

1. **Halifax Regional Council approve a Temporary Borrowing Resolution, based on the 2006/07 Capital Budget, as well as other changes approved during the year in the amount of \$43,724,404.**
2. **Halifax Regional Council approve a Temporary Borrowing Resolution in the**

amount of \$10,862,382 for renewal of the expiring Temporary Borrowing Resolution 03/04-01.

- 3. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk be authorized to sign the Resolution for Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance Subject to Interest Rate confirmation, not to exceed 6.5%, to enable the Halifax Regional Municipality to issue a 10 year debenture in the amount of \$10,150,000.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.5 Community Visioning Pilot Project

- A report dated August 30, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

Mr. Andrew Whittemore, Acting Manager, Community Development, presented the report to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Martin, that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Initiate a Community Visioning Pilot Project, as set out in the August 30, 2006 report, for the communities of Musquodoboit Harbour, Fall River and Bedford-Mill Cove/Waterfront;**
- 2. Approve performance measures generally outlined in the August 30, 2006 report as the basis of evaluating the pilot project.**

Councillor Johns suggested Sackville be one of the areas looked at as part of the pilot project and placed the following motion.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the report be referred back to staff for consideration of Sackville as one of the areas to be considered as part of the pilot project. MOTION DEFEATED.

Mayor Kelly resumed the Chair.

Mr. Whittemore outlined the selection process, noting there was a need to represent rural, urban and suburban issues.

Following discussion, it was suggested staff provide information on the criteria and weighting measures used in choosing the three areas.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the question now be put. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MAIN MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 CHEBUCTO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

9.2.1 Increase in Notification Distance - Variances

- A report dated July 12, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Halifax Regional Council request the Province to amend the Municipal Government Act to increase the notification distance for Variances from 30 metres to 50 metres. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Younger expressed concern that it is only the owner and not the tenants in apartment buildings that are not notified and placed the following motion.

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that staff provide a report with regard to notification of tenants in apartment buildings. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.3 NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

9.3.1 Case 00938 - Bedford West Business Campus Amendment

- A report dated September 12, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker, that Regional Council give First Reading and schedule a public hearing date for October 10, 2006 to consider an amendment to the Regional Subdivision By-Law. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. MOTIONS - NONE

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.1 Proclamation - National Family Dinner Night - September 21, 2006

A proclamation proclaiming September 21, 2006 as National Family Dinner Night in the Halifax Regional Municipality was circulated to Council.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION - NONE

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Municipal Clerk

The following information items were circulated to Council.

1. Memorandum from Director, Legal Services dated September 7, 2006 re: Status of By-Law Prosecutions
2. Memorandum from Chief Administrative Officer dated September 1, 2006 re: Improving HRM's Community Relations - An Assessment of HRM's Past and Present Public Engagement Exercises
3. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated September 15, 2006 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - Halifax 2014 Commonwealth Games Society

Date of Request (s)	Name of Delegation(s)	Disposition of Request(s)
September 11 - 15, 2006	Halifax 2014 Commonwealth Games Society re: Preview of Communication Campaign (i) Scott Logan, Chief Executive Officer (ii) Deborah Hashey, Director of Communications	Presentation scheduled for September 19, 2006