

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES
October 31, 2006

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Kelly
Deputy Mayor Russell Walker
Councillors: Steve Streach
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
Reg Rankin
Gary Meade

REGRETS:

Councillors: Krista Snow
Gary Martin

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 2:00 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Karsten.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 10, 2006

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Smith, that the minutes of October 10, 2006 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Additions

11.1 Property Matter - Temporary Construction Easement - Former Water Transmission Line and Industrial Lands - Goodwood

11.2 Personnel Matter - Membership Selection Committee - Councillor Appointments

Mayor Kelly requested to write a letter of condolence to Ms. Cheryl Newcombe on the loss of her son.

Mayor Kelly requested to write a letter of thanks to ICAN for their contribution of computers to the George Dixon Centre.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, 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. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence - None

8.2 Petitions - None

9. REPORTS

9.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

9.1.1 Tender 06-124 - Installation of Three (3) HRM Supplied New Hydraulic In-Ground Hoists at the Metro Transit Facility, 200 Ilsley Avenue

- A report dated October 18, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Kent, that Council award Tender No. 06-124, for the Removal of the Existing In-Ground Hoists and the Installation of Three (3) HRM Supplied New In-Ground Hoists to Carquest Dartmouth Ltd. for a Tender Price of \$151,631.00 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CB300834 as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the October 18, 2006 staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.2 Request for Proposal 06-109 - Consulting Services - HRM Regional Transit Plan - Park & Ride, Express and Rural Transportation Service

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

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Meade, that HRM approve the award of RFP-06-109, Consulting Services - HRM Regional Transit Plan - Park & Ride, Express and Rural Transportation Services, to the highest scoring proponent, Entra Consultants Inc. at a cost of \$136,060.84 (net HST included) from Capital Account #CVU00877 - Strategic Transit Projects, with funding approved as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the October 6, 2006 staff report.

In response to questions of Council, Mr. Dave McCusker, Regional Transportation Planning, advised:

- HRM will be looking to purchase strategic properties as they become available,
- The study includes two phases, one is the detailed analysis of the rural express transit service as proposed in the Regional Plan which would be three express spines, one out the Eastern Shore as far as Musquodoboit Harbour, second out highway #102 to the airport and Enfield and the third out to Tantallon via highway #103,
- Services above this, such as an extension past Musquodoboit Harbour along the Eastern Shore, would be done as part of phase two,
- Cow Bay would be included as part of phase two.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Planning Strategy and Peninsula Land Use By-Law to allow by development agreement two eight storey multiple unit residential buildings containing a total of 122 units at 6955 Bayers Road, Halifax (PID #40824005); and

- 2. Instruct that the Municipal Planning Strategy amendment process include a public participation program in accordance with the Public Participation Resolution adopted by Halifax Regional Council on February 25, 1997.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.5 Case 00929 - Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law Amendment - Sackville Drive

- A report dated September 26, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

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

- 1. Approve the request to initiate the process to consider amending the Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to allow Council to consider permitting auto body shops on PID #40608549;**
- 2. Request staff to follow the public participation program as approved by Council in February 1997.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.6 Cost Shared Paving of O'Connell Drive - East Region, Construction Agreement No. 2006-22

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

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Kent, that:

- 1. 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. 2006-022 between HRM and the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Work (NSDOT & PW) to pave O'Connell Drive - East Region, as outlined in the Discussion section of the October 30, 2006 staff report.**

2. **Increase the Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget in Account No. CXU00715, New Paving of Subdivision Streets Inside the Core Area in the amount of \$230,000 to cover the costs for the paving of the HRM owned portion of O'Connell Drive (from school entrance to end) with no net cost to HRM as per the Budget Implications section of the October 30, 2006 staff report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.7 First Reading By-Law S-420, An Amendment to By-Law S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements - New Paving Projects Outside the Core Area - 2005

- A report dated October 11, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Council approve in principle and begin the formal process for adoption of By-Law S-420 Respecting Charges for Street Improvements from Capital Account No. CXU00585, New Paving of Subdivision Streets Outside the Core Area. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.8 First Reading By-Law T-218, An Amendment to By-Law T-200, Respecting Tax Exemptions for Non Profit Organizations - 2006/2007

- A report dated October 26, 2006 from the HRM Grants Committee, was before Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Walker, seconded by Councillor Kent, that Regional Council:

1. **Set a date for a public hearing to approve the recommended exemptions or partial exemptions set out in Attachment 2 of the October 26, 2006 report (Schedule 26 and Schedule 29); the removal of accounts as set out in Attachment 3; and records management changes as detailed in Attachment 4, effective April 1, 2006, unless otherwise noted.**
2. **The tax exemption or partial exemptions provided under By-Law T-200 for the fiscal year 2005-2006 shall also apply for the fiscal year 2006-2007.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

9.2.1 Councillor Streach - Request for Staff Report re: Park Dedication Options for Small Scale Subdivision Development

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that staff provide a report exploring options through the Regional Subdivision By-Law to provide relief from the 10% parkland dedication requirements for small scale or family-type subdivision. (Three lot exemption)

Councillor Hendsbee requested the report clarify that if a fourth lot is created would the fee charged for the fourth lot be based on the price of the total property or the price of that fourth lot.

Councillor Younger stated there needs to be a way to solve the problem without creating a problem with small infill developments.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2.2 Councillor Uteck - Request for Staff Report re: Policy Change regarding Permit Parking, Cornwall Street Area

MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker, that staff be requested to look at the possibility of a change to the Permit Parking policy to allow for on street permit parking for the staff of Cornwallis Junior High.

Councillor Sloane requested the report also address the matter of why residents on Charles Street cannot obtain permits to park in front of their homes.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. MOTIONS - NONE

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.1 Property Matter - Temporary Construction Easement - Former Water Transmission Line and Industrial Lands - Goodwood

- This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Halifax Regional

**Council not accept the offer from the developer to carry out a voluntary environmental assessment for the location of an asphalt plant in the Goodwood area.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

11.2 Personnel Matter - Membership Selection Committee - Councillor Appointments

- This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker, that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the Councillor appointments to Boards/Committees/Commissions as outlined in Attachment 1 of the October 31, 2006 Private and Confidential staff report, with the following amendments:**
 - (a) Councillor Karsten be appointed to the Investment Policy Advisory Committee, in place of Councillor Meade, and that Councillor Meade be appointed to the Volunteer Award Recipients Committee**
 - (b) That the terms of reference of the Audit Committee be amended to five (5) Councillors, to allow for the appointment of Councillor Karsten.**
- 2. Approve nominations to the Trade Centre with four members, one of which will be the Mayor from this point on. (Effective the October 31, 2006 appointments)**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Municipal Clerk

The following information items were circulated to Council.

1. Proclamation - Insurance Information Week - November 6 - 10, 2006
2. Proclamation - Jer's Vision Day, November 3, 2006
3. Memorandum from Traffic Authority dated October 11, 2006 re: Petition - Crossing Light on North Street at Maynard Street / Fuller Terrace
4. Memorandum from Acting Director, Finance dated October 20, 2006 re: 2005 - 2006 Deficit for Bedford & County Supplementary Education
5. Memorandum from Acting Director, Finance dated October 20, 2006 re: Deployment of Parking Meters
6. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated October 27, 2006 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - Heritage Gas Limited

Date of Request(s)	Name of Delegation(s)	Disposition of Request(s)
October 23 - 27, 2006	Heritage Gas Limited re: Natural gas system on Peninsula Halifax (i) Ray Ritcey, President (ii) Harvey Fedyk, Vice President of Engineering & Construction	Referred to the Municipal Solicitor for follow-up.