

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
November 13, 2007

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Kelly
Deputy Mayor Stephen Adams
Councillors: Steve Streach
Krista Snow
David Hendsbee
Harry McInroy
Gloria McCluskey
Andrew Younger
Bill Karsten
Jim Smith
Mary Wile
Patrick Murphy
Dawn Sloane
Sue Uteck
Sheila Fougere
Russell Walker
Debbie Hum
Linda Mosher
Brad Johns
Robert Harvey
Gary Martin
Reg Rankin
Gary Meade

STAFF:

Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Acting Municipal Clerk
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, 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 Younger.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Smith noted that the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities annual general meeting was held from November 6 - 9, 2007 at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel. He congratulated Councillor Walker on the completion of his term as President, and noted members appreciation for his work for UNSM over the past year. Councillor Smith also thanked Councillor Hum for working with the planning committee for the event.

Councillor Sloane advised that she and the Mayor attended a reception thanking members of the Halifax Community Liaison Committee for their part in the Harbour Solutions Project. She thanked the CLC for over 1000 hours of volunteer service. Councillor Sloane also reminded residents of the Parade of Lights this weekend.

Councillor Snow advised that Mr. Ronald Amey, former Town Crier of Waverly, passed away on November 4, 2007 and sent condolences to his family. She asked for a minute of silence in his memory at this time.

Councillor Murphy noted the grand opening of the Alexandra Children's Centre on Devonshire Avenue and also noted the opening of the Italian Centre on Agricola Street.

Councillor Hum also thanked Councillor Walker for his work on behalf of UNSM. She noted thanks to Councillor's support staff, UNSM staff, and the CAO for their assistance with the event. Councillor Hum advised that HRM and the Province are meeting with condominium owners to discuss condo concerns and that a steering committee has been struck to deal with these issues.

Deputy Mayor Uteck advised that there is an upcoming meeting of the University Neighbourhood Watch Association on November 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m at École LeMarchant St. Thomas School. She also noted that the Uteck Bowl will be held this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary's University.

Councillor Martin reminded residents of the Bedford Parade of Lights this Sunday.

Councillor Hendsbee note that two "Imagine Our Schools" workshops will be held to discuss the future direction of schools in HRM.

Councillor Fougere noted that the "Imagine Our Schools" workshop for Peninsula Halifax will be held at the Nova Scotia Community College on Leeds Street at 6:00 p.m. on November 14, 2007. She also noted that a Public Information Meeting on future land use options for the Queen Elizabeth High School site is scheduled for November 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's Boat Club.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 23, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Council approve the minutes of October 23, 2007 as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions

- 14.1 Councillor Sloane - Request for staff report regarding Temporary Sign By-Law
- 14.2 Contractual Matter - Crossing Guard Negotiations (In Camera Recommendation - October 30, 2007)
- 14.3 Contractual Matter (In Camera Recommendation - November 7, 2007)
- 14.4 Legal Matter - Nova Scotia Power Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board Application for Tufts Cove 6 Combined Cycle Conversion Project
- 14.5 Personnel Matter - Citizen Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions
- 14.6 Property Matter - Terrance Bay Fish Plant

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Snow, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

6. SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Streach, that Councillor Steve Adams be nominated as Deputy Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality for 2007/08.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Johns, that nominations for Deputy Mayor cease. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Adams thanked Council and accepted the nomination.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - None

8. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - None

9. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10.1 Case 00870: Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law Amendment and Development Agreement - 5784 Charles Street

C A staff report dated September 6, 2007, a District 12 Planning Advisory Committee report dated September 25, 2007, and a Peninsula Community Council report dated October 2, 2007 were before Council.

C An overview of the staff presentation was before Council.

C A submission from an area business owner in support of the proposal was before Council.

Mr. Paul Sampson, Planner, advised that this is a request by Studioworks International Inc, on behalf of Dave's Bottle Exchange Ltd., to amend the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to permit a multiple-unit residential building with commercial space at 5784 Charles Street, Halifax, by development agreement. Mr. Sampson provided an overview of the proposal for members of Council.

Mr. Sampson responded to questions of clarification of Council at this time.

Mayor Kelly called three times for those wishing to speak for or against the proposal.

Hearing none, it was **MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that the public hearing close.**

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that Regional Council adopt the amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Peninsula Land Use By-Law as contained in Attachment A of the staff report dated September 6, 2007.

Councillor Sloane commented that area residents have been very supportive of the proposal, noting that the site is currently occupied by a bottle exchange and they are pleased it will be returned to residential.

At the request of members of Council, Mr. Sampson clarified that there will be one accessible barrier free unit and an elevator. He also clarified that the “vibrant colours” for the exterior of the building will be part of the development agreement.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

11.1 Correspondence - None

11.2 Petitions

Councillor Fougere served a petition in opposition to the Chebucto Road widening project and calling for an immediate moratorium for one year which will allow the residents and staff an opportunity for review of the project.

Councillor Rankin served a petition on behalf of residents of Brookside concerned with the condition of roads in the area, specifically Brookside and Kelly Roads, requesting HRM to take measures to restore these roads.

Councillor Johns served a petition requesting the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Sackville Drive, Jubilee Lane and Beaver Bank Cross Road. He requested that the staff report responding to this petition include current traffic counts, when these counts were taken, and what other intersections have similar traffic counts to this intersection, but do have signalization.

Councillor Meade served a petition from residents of Beaver Lake Drive and Lodge Avenue interested in having municipal water extended to their streets.

Councillor Sloane submitted an online petition to have cats removed from By-Law A-300 Respecting Animals. **She requested clarification regarding whether on-line petitions are submissable.**

12. REPORTS

12.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

12.1.1 Request for Proposal 07-394 - Planning Consulting Services, Central Library Building Program and Space Requirements

- A report dated October 29, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Council award RFP No. 07-394, Planning Consulting Services, Central Library Building Program and Space Requirements to HOK, the highest scoring Proponent for a Total Price of \$424,369.18 (net HST included) with funding from CBW00978 Central Library Replacement of Spring Garden Road Library as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the September 27, 2007 report.

Mr. Wayne Anstey, Deputy CAO, Operations, and Ms. Judith O'Hare, CEO, Halifax Regional Library, responded to questions of clarification from Council at this time, noting the following:

- C The Queen Street site is dependant on a deal with the Province for the lands, which will be forthcoming in the spring of 2008;
- C Funding will include contributions from all levels of government;
- C This first study will include determination on the feasibility of having library administration staff in one building, size, numbers of floors, etc.;
- C This study will not include interior space designs, which will come at a later date through a design competition, an RFP process or through development agreement;
- C HOK completed work on the Keshen Goodman library in Clayton Park;
- C A quality consultation process will be a major focus of this study.

Councillor Karsten requested for the record that he is supportive of the project; however, he questions the cost of this phase of the project.

Mr. Stephen Terry, Senior Procurement Consultant, reviewed the RFP process with Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Cell 4A - Gas Collection System & Partial Permanent Cap Installation - Capital Budget Spending Increase

- A report dated October 30, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Meade, that Regional Council:

1. **Approve an increase to the 2007/08 Approved Capital Budget for Capital Project No. CWI00966, Half Closure of Cell 4, in the amount of \$670,000 (including net HST) with funding coming from Otter Lake Landfill Closure Reserve (Q120), as outlined in the Budget Implication Section of this report;**

2. **Approve the withdrawal from the Otter Lake Landfill Closure Reserve (Q120) in the amount of \$670,000, as outlined in the Discussion section of the October 30, 2007 report.**

At the request of Councillor Fougere, Mr. Jim Bauld, Solid Waste Resources, explained why HRM does not use the landfill gas at the Otter Lake site for energy production like is done at the Sackville landfill.

- C The Sackville landfill is a unique facility with over four million tonnes of wet mixed waste, most of which organic material;
- C Each cell at Otter Lake holds 440,000 tonnes of mixed waste minus organics going to compost facilities;
- C Any organic waste received at Otter Lake hidden in black garbage bags is processed through the waste deposition facility, which essentially rapidly over 21 days expediting the composting process;
- C Therefore gas generation in each cell at Otter Lake spikes within the first 18 months, and drops off within 2-3 years, as compared with the Sackville landfill, which has gas generation for 30-40 years.
- C The recovery of the capital cost for a landfill gas collection extraction system to generate electricity is not economically viable for the Otter Lake facility.

Mr. Bauld responded further to questions of clarification from Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.3 Withdrawal from Information & Communication Technologies (ICT) Reserve Q321

- A report dated November 6, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Regional Council:

1. **Authorize an increase of \$145,799 (including net HST) to Capital Account CHA00160 (Vehicle Tracking and Communications) to fund the replacement of Metro Transit's voice radio repeater system and select mobile radios and bus antennas with funding to be provided from the Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) Reserve (Q321) as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the November 6, 2007 staff report; and**

2. **Authorize a withdrawal of \$145,799 (including net HST) from reserve account Q321, Information and Communications Technology Reserve; and**
3. **Award Nova Communications the contract as the sole source to provide the equipment and labour as detailed in the discussion section of the November 6, 2007 staff report, at a total cost of \$145,799 (including net HST).**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.4 Fairview Overpass Design Changes

Mr. Ken Reashor, Manager, Traffic Authority, addressed Council, reviewing before and after maps of the Fairview interchange. Mr. Reashor noted the following:

- C Construction on the Fairview interchange was undertaken with the aim of providing additional capacity to the intersection of Lady Hammond Road and Windsor Street;
- C Dutch Village Road ramp access near the Fairview interchange and an extension of Lacewood Drive are also projects identified for the area that are yet to be completed;
- C The new design provides two lanes of traffic from the MacKay Bridge through toward Bedford;
- C The design also accommodates two dual left hand turns from Windsor Street and from Lady Hammond, which then merge into a single lane, and which have been double posted to identify the lane drop; and
- C The design team used the Transportation Association of Canada standards in the design.

Mayor Kelly clarified at the request of Council that at the last meeting, members of Council asked that this matter be brought forward for discussion.

Responding to questions of Council, Mr. Reashor and Mr. Dave McCusker, Manager, Regional Transportation, clarified the following:

- C In terms of public awareness of these changes, staff have been working with the media to bring these changes to the attention of the general public, have double posted the lane drop, and have added striping to add a visual cue for motorists;
- C Staff have heard from the Province that it is their intention to replace half of the overpass next year, since it was constructed in two parts and one part is considerably older than the other;
- C Staff have discussed with the Province the opportunity at that time to address a number of additional lane issues, and they will also discuss with the Province the opportunity for a capital cost contribution;

- C When staff started receiving calls with concerns from residents, staff investigated and painted the line markings and posted the second merge sign;

During discussion, members of Council made the following comments and suggestions:

- C One of the issues with the design change is velocity, and there should be a marking indicating that motorists will have to slow and merge;
- C Driver behaviour is not changing with these design changes;
- C Although it may affect capacity, it may be safer to remove the additional Bedford lane;
- C The Province had put forward commitments for the replacement of the overpass;
- C Sand or water barrels may help encourage merging;
- C A sign indicating that the motorist on the right has to yield to traffic in the left lane may also be helpful with merging;

MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that staff monitor the interchange for the next 10 days with the view of enforcement, education and Transportation Association of Canada standards, and come back to Council with recommendations for changes.

Councillor Hendsbee further suggested that a camera be installed to monitor the interchange.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council recessed at 8:00 p.m., reconvening at 8:10 p.m., with the same members present with the exception of Councillors Smith, Fougere, and Hum.

12.1.5 Harbour Solutions Project - 2nd Quarter (June to September 2007)

- An information report dated October 9, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.
- A copy of the presentation to Council was before Council.

Councillors Smith and Hum arrived at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Brad Anguish, Director, Business Planning and Information Services, presented to Council on the Halifax Harbour Solutions Project 2nd Quarter Report, 2007/08, a copy of which is on file. Mr. Anguish noted that the presentation will also be available on the HRM website for the public.

Councillor Fougere arrived at 8:31 p.m.

Members of Council thanked Mr. Anguish for seeing the project through to this stage.

Mr. Anguish responded to questions from members of Council at this time, noting the following:

- C HRM is receiving penalty funds from contractors for delays to the project
- C The Duffus Street pumping station is fully operational with two of the four pumps running, as will be normal practice;
- C The additional pipes are for extreme wet weather overflow;
- C The CFA labelling process will be submitted once there is a steady flow from the plant;
- C All contaminated soil has been moved to the site and has been capped, with some additional capacity remaining for future use;
- C Staff will keep Council advised on the status of water quality in the harbour;
- C When the dewatering plant was sized, it was designed for the current and future capacity needs for HRM, and the plant does not have the capacity to accept waste from other municipalities;
- C There were 12 private outfalls that were located and addressed by pollution prevention staff, and enforcement action will be forthcoming if they are not connected to the system;
- C Staff are working toward the grand opening of the plant and on instructional videos for the media and public;
- C The Master Plan is subject to amendment at the wishes of Council to determine where the pipes extend to.

Councillor Meade retired from the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

12.1.6 Grass Cutting and Landscape Maintenance - Season End

- A report dated November 1, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Halifax Regional Council authorize staff to:

1. **Award the second year of the four year contract for nine (9) grass mowing and landscape maintenance contracts listed in the background section of this report, with a total award of \$760,556.20 for the periods May 1 to November 1, 2008 with funding from Operating Account R710-6603, Grounds and Landscaping as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report; and**

- 2. Include the areas within the right-of-way between sidewalk and curb along the main arterials in HRM, as outlined in Attachment "B" at an additional cost of \$56,900.00.**

Mr. Denis Huck, Manager, Municipal Operations, responded to questions of clarification from Council.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey, that Sackville Drive, from Cobequid Road to Millwood Drive, and Millwood Drive, from Sackville Drive to Beaverbank Road, be included in Attachment B of the November 1, 2007 staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Johns indicated that he had received calls from residents regarding a piece of property in the vicinity of 51 Millwood Drive, indicating that someone was cutting the grass too short in this area. He noted that it was unclear who was cutting the grass, and asked staff to advise him by email.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Johns, that Larry Uteck Blvd., between the sidewalk and the curb, be included in Attachment B of the November 1, 2007 staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Hum clarified that the Bedford Highway, from the Fairview Overpass to the former Town of Bedford is classified as Halifax, not Bedford, as indicated in Attachment B of the staff report.

Councillor Wile commented that she hopes contractors use discretion when mowing grass between the sidewalk and street, noting that some residents plant gardens or shrubs in this area. Mr. Huck advised that he will discuss this with the contractors.

MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Devonshire Avenue from Lady Hammond Road to Duffus Street be included in Attachment B of the November 1, 2007 staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

At the request of Councillor Smith, Mr. Huck advised that staff will be meeting with contractors in the spring to discuss concerns from the previous year maintenance service, and encouraged Councillors to attend. Councillor Smith suggested that a record of problem areas regarding complaints of unmowed areas be kept. Mr. Huck advised that Municipal Operations have partnered with By-Law Enforcement regarding such properties, and have send over 30 letters to property owners of problem areas. He indicated that By-Law Enforcement will be following up to ensure enforcement.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Johns, that St. Margaret's Bay Road, from Armdale Rotary to Timberlea Village be extended to include Glengarry Estates. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Johns requested that staff check whether Millwood Commons is included in the bed maintenance list.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.7 Halifax Regional Water Commission Act Amendments

C A report dated November 13, 2007 was distributed to members of Council.

Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor, indicated that the Halifax Regional Water Commission are looking for support for amendments to the Water Commission Act, which will be brought before the Provincial Legislature for approval.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that Regional Council approve the Halifax Regional Water Commission's intention to seek tax exempt status for wastewater and stormwater assets within HRM.

Ms. Donovan responded to questions of clarification from members of Council at this time.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

12.2.1 Case 00929 - Development Agreement and Amendments to the Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law

C A report from North West Community Council dated November 8, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

C A staff report dated October 31, 2007 on the above noted was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey, that Regional Council give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw as provided in Attachment A and B of the staff report dated September 17, 2007, and request amendments included in a forthcoming supplementary report, which includes a site specific option for the Keizer site be

given First Reading and schedule a joint public hearing with North West Community Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.3.1 Case H00210 - Application to Consider 22404 Highway #7 (MacPhee House), Sheet Harbour, as Municipally Registered Heritage Property

C A report from the Heritage Advisory Committee dated November 6, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the application of 22404 Highway #7 (MacPhee House), Sheet Harbour (shown in Map 1 of the September 19, 2007 staff report) for registration under the HRM Heritage Property Program. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3.2 Case H00208 - Subdivision of 1572 Barrington Street / 1575 Argyle Street, Halifax

C A report from the Heritage Advisory Committee dated November 6, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

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

- 1. Approve of the subdivision of 1572 Barrington Street / 1575 Argyle Street creating Lots CPR-E1 and CPR-E2, as shown on subdivision application file #13933; and**
- 2. Approve an amendment to the 1997 Heritage Agreement respecting the stabilization and retention of the facade of 1572 Barrington Street whereby the Schedule "A" property description is amended to apply only to Lot CPR-E1.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council agreed to move to Added Items 14.2 to 14.6 at this time.

12.4 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.4.1 Councillors Younger and Adams - Proposed Amendments to By-Law A-300, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership

This item was addressed later in the meeting. See page 16.

14.2 Contractual Matter - Crossing Guard Negotiations

- This item was addressed the October 30, 2007, In Camera session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Regional Council ratify the terms and conditions of the collective agreement negotiated by staff with CUPE 4818, as presented to Council on October 30, 2007. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.3 Contractual Matter

- This item was addressed the November 7, 2007, In Camera session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Regional Council amend the Civic Events Policy to approve the three concert dates on the Commons during the 2008 outdoor concert season presented to Council by staff on November 6, 2007, and that the authority to contract with any promoter for the use of the Commons on those dates as well as approval of any further dates and contracts in 2008 and future concert seasons be delegated jointly to the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer, provided that any funding of municipal costs associated with the concerts be funded through the Civic Events Reserve. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.4 Legal Matter - Nova Scotia Power Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board Application for Tufts Cove 6 Combined Cycle Conversion Project

- This item was addressed the November 13, 2007, In Camera session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Support the NSPI application for conversion of Tufts Cove Units four and five to a combined cycle unit contingent on a) adequate resolution to existing**

noise and vibration problems associated with the existing Units four and five, and b) that NSPI demonstrate that the construction of this unit will not contribute additional noise and vibration problems to residents residing in close proximity to the Generating Station.

2. Release the Private and Confidential staff report dated November 7, 2007 after the NSUARB review.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.5 Personnel Matter - Citizen Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commission

- This item was addressed the November 13, 2007, In Camera session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Regional Council approve the citizen appointments to Boards/Committees/Commissions as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 2, 2007 with the exception of the Board of Police Commissioners, and that this be referred back to the Membership Selection Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.6 Terrance Bay Fish Plant

- C This item was addressed the November 13, 2007, In Camera session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Regional Council request a staff report on the feasibility of acquiring the Terrance Bay Fish Plant. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12.4.1 Councillors Younger and Adams - Proposed Amendments to By-Law A-300, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership

- C Proposed amendments to By-Law A-300 were distributed to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Adams, that staff prepare a report on the proposed amendments to By-Law A-300. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.1 Councillor Sloane - Request for staff report regarding Temporary Sign By-Law

C A copy of correspondence from a resident was before Council.

Councillor Sloane noted that with recent enforcement of the approved Temporary Sign By-Law that there are some signs that business owners find enhancing to the downtown that do not comply with the present provisions regarding sandwich boards located directly in front of businesses in the public right of way.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Hum, that Regional Council request a staff report reviewing temporary free standing signs and how to be able to regulate pre-existing signs through the Temporary Sign By-Law or another alternative.

Councillor Hendsbee questioned what other options are being explored other than sandwich boards, such as signs incorporated into flower boxes, or signs mounted to the sides of buildings.

Councillor Murphy requested that the report include the number of complaints received through recent enforcement of the Temporary Sign By-Law.

Councillor McCluskey requested that correspondence received from a visually impaired resident on this matter be passed on to staff for their consideration.

Councillor Sloane clarified that the sign in question is not a sandwich board, but is a temporary free standing sign. She indicated that these signs need to be able to be regulated through the Temporary Sign By-Law or another alternative.

Councillor Wile suggested that staff consult with the Advisory Committee for Persons With Disabilities on this matter.

Councillor Karsten requested that the staff report also make reference to width of sidewalks, as the previous regulations were based on average sidewalk width.

At the request of Councillor Hum, Ms. Sharon Bond, Manager, Subdivision and Land Use, clarified the following:

C Criteria that was developed for sandwich boards in the right of way were based on two different standards - one for private property and one for the public right of way;

- C An arbitrary number of two feet by three feet was reached based on a standard size of a sandwich board;
- C Staff did consult with the Capital District and local business owners to ensure that staff's definition of a sandwich board was correct.
- C There are free standing temporary signs that could include sandwich boards.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Regional Council request a staff report on all concerns brought forward with the Temporary Sign By-Law since the commencement of enforcement a year ago, with recommendations for amendments to the By-Law, separate from the report requested by Councillor Sloane.

Councillor Younger indicated that the reports may include recommendations for amendments to the By-Law, which would require public hearing, and suggested that one report be prepared on these issues.

Councillor Walker requested that the staff report explore responsibility for the By-Law, as he has received complaints from businesses that sign companies are producing signs contrary to the By-Law instead of informing customers of the new regulations.

Councillor Sloane's motion was voted on at this time.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Hum commented that she would also be looking for clarification regarding the distance allowed between "glow signs" and the amount of time they are allowed to be up. **Councillor Hum agreed to withdraw her motion and compile specific concerns to bring forward at a future meeting.**

Councillor Adams indicated that he had requested a staff report regarding how long signs are allowed to be erected. He asked for an update on this matter.

Council agreed to extend beyond 10:00 p.m. to complete the agenda.

13. MOTIONS - NONE

14. ADDED ITEMS

Added items were addressed earlier in the meeting. See page 15.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Sloane

Take notice that at the next regular meeting of the Halifax Regional Council to be held on November 20, 2007, I intend to introduce a motion to request staff to bring forth a recommendation regarding a process for the selection of Deputy Mayor for future Deputy Mayor elections based on the staff report dated November 21, 2007.

Councillor Fougere

Take notice that at the next regular meeting of the Halifax Regional Council to be held on November 20, 2007, I intend to introduce the following motion:

Whereas more than 3,000 of HRM's citizens from all over the municipality have signed a petition on-line and on paper calling for a one-year moratorium on the Chebucto Widening and Reversing Lane Project; and

Whereas the Chebucto Road Project will require that pedestrians – school children, seniors, churchgoers – will have to risk their safety crossing five lanes at the widened Mumford Road intersection; and

Whereas the proposed reversing lane traverses a total of five intersections where pedestrians may cross it; and

Whereas HRM will have to take property from 7 to 18 taxpayers, and permanently damage a long-established and vibrant neighbourhood; and

Whereas the loss of real value, to the scores of owner-occupied homes on Chebucto Road will result in a permanent loss of tax revenue to the Halifax Regional Municipality making this \$2 Million project much more expensive in the long run; and

Whereas the real and actual impact to traffic along Chebucto Road has not been properly analysed since the completion of the Armdale Rotary Conversion Project;

Whereas this project contradicts the spirit as well as the intent of the values of the "HRM by Design" initiative approved by Council;

I therefore respectfully move that the Mayor and Council grant a one-year moratorium on the Chebucto Road Widening and reversing Lane Project, during which time members of Council, HRM staff from relevant Planning and Traffic departments, citizens and interested observers can consult to develop better solutions not just for cars, but for people walking, people cycling, people in buses, and people driving.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Acting Municipal Clerk

The following information items were circulated to Council.

1. Proclamation - Diabetes Awareness Month - November 2007
2. Proclamation - World Diabetes Day, November 14, 2007
3. Memorandum from Director, Infrastructure and Asset Management dated October 22, 2007 re: Petition for Street Upgrade, Nordic Crescent, Central Region
4. Memorandum from Chief of Police dated October 31, 2007 re: Financial Cost for Sheltering Requirements for By-Law A-300, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership
5. Memorandum from Director, Community Development dated November 6, 2007 re: Project 00854 - Wind Turbines: Project Update and Community Consultation - Phase II
6. Memorandum from Director, Legal Services & Risk Management dated November 6, 2007 re: Status of By-Law Prosecutions, September 1 - 30, 2007
7. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated November 9, 2007 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None

