HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 9, 2008

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

STAFF: Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer
       Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor
       Ms. Julia Horncastle, Acting Municipal Clerk
       Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant
       Ms. Barb Coleman, Legislative Assistant
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1. **INVOCATION**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:44 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Hum.

2. **SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

This item was addressed during the evening session. (See page 9)

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 5, 2008**

MOVED By Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Wile, that the minutes of August 5, 2008, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

13.1 Settlement of Claim against the Halifax Regional Municipality

MOVED By Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Wile, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

6. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

7. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE**

8. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9.1 **Less that Market Value Sale of 65-67 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth (PID 00109470) to Feeding Others of Dartmouth Society**

This item was addressed during the evening session. (See page 11)

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

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Jim Karygiannis, Member of Parliament, Scarborough- Agincourt Ontario - Bill C-568 - An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (Speed Limiters)

• Correspondence from the Honourable Jim Karygiannis, M.P. Scarborough - Agincourt was submitted.

MOVED By Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the correspondence be tabled. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

10.2 Petitions

Councillor Stretch presented a petition containing 260 names from residents requesting that HRM have sidewalks put in Musquodoboit Harbour along the #7 Highway to make it safer for people to walk.

Councillor Murphy presented a petition containing 47 names from workers of the Marine Workers Union, Local #1 requesting that HRM maintain the construction of the fast ferries at the Halifax Shipyard.

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Tender 08-160 - Remediation of Former CA Beckett School Site Surrounding Properties

• A report dated September 4, 2008 was submitted.

MOVED By Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 08-160 - Remediation of Former CA Beckett School Site Surrounding Properties to Hazco Environmental Services for a Total Tender Price of $619,519 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No.CBU01004 - Former CA Beckett School - Soil Remediation, as outlined in the
Budget Implications section of the report dated September 4, 2008. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.1.2 Tender 08-262 - Traffic Signal Installation and Intersection Improvements - West and East Regions

• A report dated August 29, 2008 was submitted.

MOVED By Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Karsten that:

1. His Worship the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk be authorized to sign on behalf of Halifax Regional Municipality, Construction Agreement No. 2008-018 between HRM and the Nova Scotia Department Transportation Infrastructure Renewal (NSDTIR), to install traffic signals at the intersection of Northwest Arm Drive and Old Sambro Road, as outlined in the Discussion Section of the report dated August 29, 2008.

2. Council award Tender No. 08-262, Traffic Signal Installation and Intersection Improvements - West and East Regions to XL Electric Limited for a Total Tender Price of $237,358.05 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CTU00561- Traffic Signal Installation and Capital Account No. CTU00422- Traffic Signal Compliance, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the report dated August 29, 2008.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.1.3 Tender 08-279 - Paving Renewal, Clifford Drive - East Region

• A report dated August 28, 2008 was submitted.

MOVED By Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 08-279, Paving Renewal, Clifford Drive, East Region to Lafarge Canada Inc, for a Total Tender Price of $458,191 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CYU01081- Paving Renewal Program, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the report dated August 28, 2008. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.1.4 Case 00971 - Municipal Planning Strategy / Land Use By-Law Amendment and Development Agreement, Halkirk (Keith’s Brewery) Lands, Halifax (Supplementary Report)
• A supplementary report dated August 5, 2008 was submitted.

MOVED By Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve the development agreement, as contained in Attachment A, which includes the revised Schedules I, J, K, L, M, O, P and Q;

2. Require that the development agreement be signed and returned within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Regional Council on request of the Applicant, from the date of final approval by Regional Council or any other bodies as necessary, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end;

3. Discharge an existing development agreement which applies to portions of the site identified as PID #s 00471078, 00471060 and 00003723, to take effect upon the registration of the new agreement.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.1.5 PACE Car Program

• A report dated August 14, 2008 was submitted.

MOVED By Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that this item be deferred. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.1.6 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council - Electronic Petitions

• A report dated July 29, 2008 was submitted.

MOVED By Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Wile that Halifax Regional Council amend Administrative Order One by:

a) adding a definition of “petition” as subsection 2(e);
b) renumbering subsection 27(1) as clause 27(1)(a) and adding clause 27(1)(b);
c) deleting the word “other” in subsection 28(1); and
d) adding the words “petition or” to subsections 28(2) and 28(3).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.
11.1.7 **First Reading Proposed By-Law T-223, An Amendment to By-Law T-200, Respecting Tax Exemptions for Non-Profit Organizations 2008 - 2009 - Renewals and Records Management**

- A report dated July 25, 2008 was submitted.

MOVED By Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-Law T-223, Respecting Tax Exemptions for Non-Profit Organizations 2008-2009 - Renewals and Records Management as outlined in the staff report dated June 23, 2008 and set a public hearing date. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

11.2 **HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

11.2.1 **Case H00221 - Application to consider 1101 South Park Street, Halifax as a Municipally Registered Heritage Property**

MOVED By Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the application for registration of 1101 South Park Street, Halifax as a Municipally Registered Heritage Property. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. **MOTIONS**

12.1 **Deputy Mayor Adams - To amend the Taxi Rate Schedule (Administrative Order 39 - Respecting Taxi Fares & Taxi Roof Light Sign Requirements).”**

MOVED By Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Sloane that staff provide options with regards to fare increases including but not limited to an increase in the drop rate per kilometre charged for extras. Further that a mechanism be developed to allow for the automatic increase on a regular basis, this raise could be tied to the cost of living, CPI, bus fare increases, or any other moderate measures but not gas which fluctuates. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 **Councillor Uteck - To amend the parking By-law to provide special parking permits for the residents of the South End whose parking has been displaced by the Fresh Water Brook Project.**
MOVED By Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Sloane to amend the parking By-law to provide special parking permits for the residents of the South End whose parking has been displaced by the Fresh Water Brook Project. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3  Councillor Hendsbee - To request a staff report to explore an opportunity to advance funding for a particular phase of the Preston Area Trails Association proposal

MOVED By Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Wile that Council request an Staff Report to explore an opportunity to advance funding for a particular phase of the Preston Area Trails Association proposal for the joint development of walking trail from Lake Major to North Preston to coincide with the Halifax Regional Water Commission construction plans of a waterline extension in the same area. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.  ADDED ITEMS

13.1  Settlement of Claim against the Halifax Regional Municipality

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

MOVED By Councillor Streatch, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that:

1. Halifax Regional Council settle this claim brought by the Plaintiff in the amount of $40,000.00, to achieve a full and final settlement of the Plaintiff’s action, upon obtaining a full Release from the plaintiff from any further claims arising out of the incident on March 2, 2005; and

2. It is further recommended that the Private and Confidential report dated September 2, 2008 not be released to the public.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2  Motion to Set Time for Adjournment of this Evening Session of Public Hearings

MOVED By Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that Regional Council hear all speakers up and until 11:00 at which time Council will adjourn for the night. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.
Council recessed at 5:00 p.m.
Council reconvened at 6:05 p.m. with all members of Council in attendance.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor McInroy indicated that the Inaugural Cole Harbour Harvest Festival would be taking place on September 13, 2008 on the Cole Harbour Commons. He also wished to congratulate Mr. Sidney Crosby on receiving the Order of Canada.

Councillor McCluskey wished to congratulate the Atlantic Division of the Canadian Canoe and Kayak Association; including all officials, volunteers, sponsors and athletes for their participation in the national championships. She stated that the group had won many medals and that her granddaughter had won gold. Councillor McCluskey presented the Mayor with a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the Canadian Canoe and Kayak Association.

Councillor Streatch wished to acknowledge the efforts of his local Lion’s Club for their organization of the 6th annual Nova Scotia Blind Golf Association Tournament at River Oaks. He stated that the tournament was a great success and thanked the Mayor for attending and supporting the event. Councillor Streatch also wished to acknowledge a youth from his community, Ms. Haley Faulkner, who was in attendance with her family and had managed to collect 280 signatures for a petition for sidewalks in Musquodoboit Harbour.

Councillor Johns wished his wife, Nicole, a happy eighth anniversary.

Councillor Outhit wished to congratulate Bedford resident, Mr. Mike Kydd, on his successful Nuts 4 Ribs fundraiser. He stated that 5000 people had participated in the event and approximately $20,000 had been raised for testicular cancer research. Councillor Outhit also wished to send his condolences to the family of long time Bedford resident, Mr. Laurie Redden who had passed away.

Councillor Younger indicated that a Bocce Tournament would be taking place in Councillor McCluskey’s district on September 13, 2008 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the soccer field behind the Mic Mac Mall. He stated that the tournament was a fundraiser in memory of Ms. Marie Ford who had died of pancreatic cancer and who he had attended high school with. Councillor Younger also wished to relay a message from Grant Committee staff; advising any non profit organization who were included in the By-Law that the recent tax bill they had received may not have included their tax exemption or reduction and that a new bill including that status would be forthcoming.

Councillor Hendsbee wished to congratulate the acclaimed Councillors; Councillors McCluskey, Younger, Karsten and Walker. He also indicated that the annual Terry Fox Run
would be commencing at the Lake Echo Community Centre on September 14, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Councillor Hendsbee wished to hold a moment of silence for Mr. Arnold Johnson Senior, a former Halifax County Councillor, who had passed away during Council’s summer break.

Councillor Sloane wished to thank HRM staff and volunteers for their help with the Summer Fest event which had been held on September 5, 2008. She also wished to thank the talented artists who had participated in the Go North studio tour in districts 11 and 12. In closing, she advised that the North End Community Festival had been rescheduled to be held on September 14, 2008.

Deputy Mayor Adams stated that the Spryfield Urban Farm would be holding their annual Fall Fair on September 13, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. and noted that the Lieutenant Governor would be in attendance. He advised that the Loop Yard Sale would be taking place on September 13, 2008 starting at 9:00 a.m. and that it would run from Herring Cove through Sambro; ending at the Harrietsfield Irving station. Deputy Mayor Adams noted that a ball tournament fundraiser would also be taking place on September 13, 2008 in memory of Mr. Brian Kidston. In closing, he stated that J.L. Ilsley school had held their first football game on September 7, 2008 and that he was proud of their second place victory.

Councillor Mosher noted that she had also attended the football game and that it was great. She stated that she had represented Council at the 200th anniversary celebration of the Armdale Yacht Club on September 6 and 7, 2008. She indicated that she had delivered a speech at the event’s supper and that the attendees were very interested in HRM’s infilling plans and the possibility of Fleming Park gaining National Historic Site status.

Councillor Barkhouse encouraged residents to attend a trails meeting for Eastern Passage on September 25, 2008 at the Tallahassee Recreation Centre.

Councillor Snow wished to thank the volunteers of Waverley Gold Rush Days. She also thanked the Mayor for attending the parade in spite of the rain and noted that the fireworks would be rescheduled in the next couple of weeks. She wished to give a special thanks to Mr. Devon O’Halloran for his help with the event.

Councillor Smith stated that a Community Carnival would be taking place on September 13, 2008 at the North Dartmouth Community Centre from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. He thanked the Boys and Girls Club for organizing the event.

Councillor Hum wished to recognize the many athletes from the Masqua Aquatic Club in the Mainland North area. She stated that there were many medal winning performances at the nation championships from the following athletes: Ms. Alexa Irvine, Mr. Andrew Jessup, Mr. Brian Dougie, Mr. Benjamin Kendall, Mr. Zack Monroe-Kate, Jessie Scott, Mr. Joshua
Vincent and Ms. Natalie Miller. She stated that Ms. Irvine and Ms. Miller had also gone on to the World Junior Previews in Russia.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.1 Less than Market Value Sale of 65-67 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth (PID 00109470) to Feeding Others of Dartmouth Society

An extract of the July 8, 2008 Regional Council minutes was submitted.

A report dated June 15, 2008 was submitted.

Ms. Peta Jane Temple, Team Leader, Tax, Grants & Special Projects, presented the report. Highlights were as follows:

- A minimum sale price has been set at the cost of demolition to HRM. The final sale price is $37,079.37, HST included, which the organization has agreed to pay;
- There were additional costs of $6491.69 for site clean up which will be paid for by HRM;
- A gazebo and garden will be created on the site to alleviate clients having to congregate on Ochterloney Street as there was presently no sufficient space for them to wait;
- The garden area will also expand the opportunity to have a vegetable garden and barbeque area.

Mayor Kelly reviewed the Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings. He called for those wishing to speak for or against the proposed sale.

Mr. Doug Livingstone, Proponent and member of the Board of Feeding Others of Dartmouth Society, provided further information on 65-67 Ochterloney Street. He noted that the present property had virtually no yard and no driveway for residents wishing to bring donations to park in. He stated that patrons had to line up on the sidewalk on Ochterloney Street which could impede others and hoped that the proposed garden and gazebo would create a more enjoyable experience and provide some shelter from the elements. Mr. Livingstone advised that the Board was ready to move forward with development as soon as it was approved and title could be passed. In closing, he stated that the development would become heritage and add ambiance to the street scape.

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

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the public hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.
MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve the sub-division of 47 and 43 Wentworth Street creating Lot 3 B1 and Lot 3 A as shown in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated October 17, 2007.

2. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale whereby the property located at 65-67 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth be conveyed to the Feeding Others of Dartmouth Society for the cost of demolition, $37,079.37, HST included, plus certain costs associated with the conveyance, subject to site survey and legal description, and the terms and conditions set out in the staff report October 17, 2007.

Councillor McCluskey thanked the Feeding Others of Dartmouth Society for the great work they do and noted that she was excited to see this proposal become a reality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.


C An extract of the August 12, 2008 Regional Council minutes was submitted.
C A report from the District 12 Planning Advisory Committee dated July 10, 2008 was submitted.
C An information report from the Heritage Advisory Committee dated July 24, 2008 was submitted.
C A staff report dated July 11, 2008 was submitted.

Written submissions were received from the following persons, copies of which were circulated to Council: Janet and Ken Leffek, Victoria, BC; Veronica Connelly, Windsor, NS; Leeann Roy, NS; Laura Young, HRM; Jean Cameron, Halifax; Carey Jernigan, Halifax; Rosalyn MacLeod; Norma Price, Halifax; Margaret and Alan Sagar, Terence Bay, NS; Pat Sarratt; Peter McCurdy, Halifax; David Richardson, HRM; Joan Morrison; Heather Watts, Wolfville, NS; J.M. Shotwell, Trident Booksellers and Café, Halifax; Alex and Peter McCurdy, Halifax; Lorne Perry, Halifax Homeowners Association, Halifax; Erin Ferguson, Dartmouth; Frank and Carol Chandler, Halifax; Joan Dawson, Halifax; Anthony Lamplugh, Dartmouth; James V and Heather O’Brien, Halifax; Joanne McCormack, HRM; Michelle Gallinger, Bridgetown, NS; Martin Rudy Haase, Chester, NS; Beth Keech; Irene G. Wilkinson, HRM; Denault Blouin, HRM; Jay Underwent, Nova Scotia Railway Heritage Society, Elmsdale; Jean M. Chard, Dartmouth; Thom Fitzgerald, Halifax; Andrea Arbic, Halifax; Peter Delefo, Heritage Canada Foundation, NS; Natalie Bull, Executive Director
of the Heritage Canada Foundation; Rebecca A. Jamieson and Christopher Beaumont, Halifax; William B. Hockey, Halifax; Blair Beed, HRM; Luc Erjavec, Halifax; Doug MacIссac, President of the Armour Group Limited, Halifax; Philip Pacey, President of Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, Halifax; Jennifer Hendrick; Arthur Carter, Dartmouth; Judith Fingard, Halifax; Brenda Young, Logy Bay, Newfoundland; Janice R. Zann, Truro; Ms. Turner, NS; Angus and Mary McDonald, Halifax; Wendy Elliott, Wolfville, NS; Clary Kempton, Dartmouth; Lesley Patten, Michal Crowe, Dartmouth; Doris Maley, Halifax; Peter Lavell; Pat Shaw; Crane Stookey, Halifax; Carol Smith, Halifax; Sandra Winters, Dartmouth; Shirley Tillotson, Halifax; Keith L. Graham, Halifax; Norma Cassidy Graham, Halifax; Lee Cassidy, Halifax; Jackie Boutilier, Halifax; Henry Roper, Halifax; Maya Warnock, Halifax; Elizabeth Brown, Halifax; Freda Dubblestyne, Halifax; Martin Aitken, Halifax; Bernie Schelew and the Historic Properties Merchants Association Members, Halifax; Mike Condy, Owner/Operator of the Lower Deck, Halifax; Armour Construction Limited, Halifax; Darlene Grant Fiander, President of TAINS, Halifax; Michael Burke, Halifax.

Mr. Luc Ouellet, Planner, presented the staff report. Highlights were as follows:

C There were four reports before Council for their consideration. Both the initial and supplementary staff reports were in favour of the proposed development and the District 12 Planning Advisory Committee and Heritage Advisory Committee reports were against;

C The Nova Scotia Heritage Act only protects the exteriors of heritage buildings;

C The upper floors of the heritage buildings are not used and the developer believes them to be functionally obsolete as they were constructed in the 1930’s and do not connect well;

C Existing code requirements are unable to be met in these upper floors;

C The proposed development will meet a non-HRM required green code;

C The use of non-reflective glass will make the building addition subordinate to the street level pedestrian view of the heritage facades;

C Staff believes that the proposed development is an appropriate reuse of the four previous heritage buildings.

A discussion ensued with Mr. Ouellet responding to questions of clarification. The following points were noted:

C The walkway which currently connects Granville Street with Lower Water Street will become the parking garage entrance for the proposed development, therefore, it will only be accessible during office hours;

C Although it was not mentioned in the development agreement it is the intention of the developer to re-use interior stone and bricks;

C Traffic staff has reviewed the proposal and do have concerns, however, these issues are covered in the permitting stage rather than in the initial development agreement;
C Staff believes that the development does meet the intention of the policy, however, the two above mentioned Committees did not;

C There is a possibility that the Imperial Oil Building may have been built on wood, therefore, the developer and architect must dig for possible damage caused by rotting;

C If the building structure cannot be fixed it will be replicated;

C If the development agreement is not approved the buildings may be demolished in the spring of 2009.

Mr. Ben McCrea, applicant and Chairman of the Armour Group provided further information on the proposed development. He stated that the buildings were purchased by the Historic Properties and were greatly modified in the 1970's. He noted that between the four buildings there were no less than seven different levels which he considered to be functionally and economically obsolete. Regarding the Imperial Oil Building, Mr. McCrea advised that a 1925 archival record showed that it had been constructed on wood piles or possibly steel and that these pile tops were located eight feet below Lower Water Street. He stated that provisions had to be made in the development agreement just in case this was a reality. In closing, Mr. McCrea stated that it was costing the Armour Group $1,600,000 to fix these sites rather than building new.

Mr. Andy Lynch spoke on behalf of Lydon Lynch, the architects of the development. He stated that his firm had been in business for approximately 30 years; roughly the same amount of time that the Municipal Planning Strategy had been in place, and that they had a proud track record. Mr. Lynch provided a video of a virtual walk through of the Waterside Centre which he presented to Council. He stated that conserving heritage elements and making the new subordinate to the old as per the policy would be both complimentary and contrasting at the same time. In closing, he noted that Lydon Lynch had taken specific design elements from policy CH 1.

A discussion ensued with Mr. McCrea and Mr. Lynch responding to questions of clarification. The following points were noted:

C Regarding the need for such an office building in the downtown core, there has been growth in the last few years and financial institutions are interested in recruiting and retaining young professionals in the area;

C All north walls will remain intact and be used as featured walls;

C The demolition permit is strictly for the Imperial Oil Building.

Council recessed at 7:30 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:47 p.m. with the same members present excluding Councillor Johns who had sent his regrets.
Mayor Kelly reviewed the Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings. He called for those wishing to speak for or against the proposed development.

Mr. Brad Smith, Dartmouth, Vice-President of the Greater Halifax Partnership, advised that he was in full support of the project. He stated that downtown Halifax was the centre of business for all of HRM and the Atlantic region as well as being one of the nine hub cities in Canada. He noted that Halifax needed to show leadership and demonstrate that it was open for business and open to change. Mr. Smith believed that it was possible to protect and honour our history by finding ways to connect the past and present with buildings such as the proposed development. He indicated that rooftop additions were very common throughout the world and that heritage buildings were being used as both public and private places as there was currently accepted practice on how to balance heritage with the economy. Mr. Smith stated that the proponent had clearly demonstrated their expertise for heritage buildings and how to go about fixing them and that without this investment from the private sector the buildings would eventually crumble in a downtown which was already suffering from this malady. He added that the project would add 400 new jobs to the area and become a new class A space and that it would be the first new project in the downtown area in 20 years. In closing, Mr. Smith stated that it was the right time for this project to happen and that it was consistent with HRM plans.

Mr. Dale Robertson, Halifax, stated that he loved the area and had made the choice to make it his home 30 years ago. He indicated that, like Mr. Smith, he was a representative of the Greater Halifax Partnership as he was a member of their board of directors and that he agreed with his statements. Mr. Robertson noted that the proposed development was a wonderful opportunity as it would bring more economic vitality and tax revenue to downtown Halifax as well as surrounding HRM. He advised that the development met the objectives of the Greater Halifax Partnership which was an HRM sponsored and supported group and that it also fully met and matched the economic strategy; noting that if Council did not support it they would be voting against their own economic development strategies and policies. In closing, Mr. Robertson stated that, as an engineer, he knew that the maintenance of a structure was very important as a building ages and that the development was clearly a viable way to keep heritage rather than risking having the buildings decay and be lost.

Mr. Bernie Schelew, Lawrencetown, wished to put a face to the economic impact that the proposed development would have as he was a merchant at the Historic Properties. He stated that his one key message was vitality as HRM had to balance between historical ambiance and usefulness and noted that, in his layman’s point of view, Mr. McCrea had done a superb job with the proposal. He indicated that people wanted active participation in their city and that it made no sense to have buildings that were deadly and depressed inside. Mr. Schelew advised that visitors and residents alike visited the Historic Properties and felt the energy of site. He believed that the same energy could be created by this project. He stated that the merchants of the Historic Properties were looking forward to developing more of a local market as tourism was down and many businesses had closed
down as a result. In closing, Mr. Schelew noted that he admired Mr. McCrea as an entrepreneur as it was astounding to him that someone would go forward with a project that carried such risk and expense as an extra $1,600,000 was being spent in order to maintain historical ambiance.

Mr. Walter Nolan, Halifax, stated that he used to be a city alderman and own his own business prior to his retirement. He noted that all of this had started in 1974 when he was on Council and that they had clarified and evaluated many heritage buildings. He did not believe that heritage was valued in Nova Scotia and urged Council not to underplay its importance as it was financially viable and good for the Maritimes. Mr. Nolan indicated that Halifax had always been a vibrant city and that there was no heritage anywhere else in Canada like there was in Nova Scotia. He advised that he was not in attendance to condemn or praise the project, however, he did not necessarily buy into the notion that bigger, better and glassier was always good. He stated that HRM should try to maintain and improve what they already had in order to create a city we could all be proud of as there was plenty of other space for buildings.

Ms. Dulcie Conrad, Halifax, stated that her family dated back to 1752 in Lawrencetown and, as a result, she had a great historic stake in the community. She thanked Council for hearing the speakers and for cleaning up the harbour as it was now pleasant to walk along. Ms. Conrad circulated a picture to Council from an exhibition at the Argyle Gallery of Fine Art of old buildings of Halifax which featured beautiful paintings of rooftops and noted that rooftops added to heritage. She stated that Halifax only had a small three block heritage site and that is was especially important for all of Canada as it had English, Irish, Scottish and French roots. She stated that policies had already been established to protect these properties and that she had heard very little of real heritage that evening as this would not be allowed in Quebec City or Europe. She advised that there was nothing wrong with the proposed buildings themselves; it was just where the developer wanted to put them. She urged Council not to allow the proposal.

Ms. Joan Fricker, Halifax, stated that she was in favour of some high rise developments as it seemed to her that Halifax was on the brink of moving forward and high rises were needed. However, she advised that she had concerns with the proposed development’s location as there was no reason why high rise buildings needed to be downtown and not behind the heritage properties. She advised that approving the proposal would be allowing developers to circumvent the law as it had been mandated that the Historic Properties area should be conserved in its entirety. Ms. Fricker believed that the interiors should be preserved through renovation and turned into condos or museums as the proposed development did not blend with surrounding architecture. She stated that we should be concerned with preserving our past by thinking like places such as Quebec City, London and Paris as we should be proud of our heritage and keep it in intact for future generations. She asked Council to take a most careful appraisal of the proposal as these buildings
could not be replaced once lost. In closing, Ms. Fricker stated that if approval was granted she would urge that design be modified to compliment surrounding buildings.

Ms. Linda Hutchison, Halifax, Director of University Relations at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, stated that NSCAD had been into revitalizing historic places and had taken on the role of tenant in the area in question. She stated that NSCAD had taken the lead in development with their new port campus which had boosted the arts community and that their Granville campus had recently received designation as a National Historic Site. Ms. Hutchison advised that NSCAD was pleased to witness Mr. McRea’s latest development project and believed that the proposal had been sensitive and would add to the vitality of the neighbourhood.

Mr. Paul MacKinnon, Halifax, stated that he was the executive director of the Downtown Halifax Business Commission which was a special interest group which would be the most greatly impacted by the proposed development. He stated that the group whole heartedly supported the development and did not take this lightly as they knew it would be controversial. He noted that upon reviewing the criteria the proposal did fit in with the Municipal Planning Strategy and until HRM by Design was passed Council must deal with its ambiguity. He advised that the development would use and reuse high quality materials and would be a positive contributor to the downtown as it would be the first new development in the area in 20 years and would create an influx of daytime residents. Mr. MacKinnon indicated that the Downtown Halifax Business Commission advocated against the destruction of heritage buildings and that the developer had gone above and beyond what was needed as he could have decided to simply demolish the buildings and start anew. In closing, Mr. MacKinnon stated that if HRM was serious about heritage protection than it must allow the owners to proceed with a good development and he asked Council for their support.

Ms. Lisa Dahr, Tourism Industry of Nova Scotia representative, stated that her organization supported the recommendations of the two committees to turn down the proposal. She stated that while this may come as a surprise given the fact that TIANS was often a proponent for business they wished to protect and preserve the heritage buildings. She advised that in 1973 Halifax was a leader when it came to preserving heritage and in 2003 the city had been chosen to host a conference on tourism heritage conservation regarding the historic properties. She indicated that touring vacationers in particular liked to explore historic places and that the proposed development jeopardized such buildings. Ms. Dahr noted that another alternative to the proposal would be to restore the buildings and try to keep them intact and green which would still generate revenue while preserving cultural heritage. She stated that HRM would not grow if it continued to lose its important icons. In closing, Ms. Dahr advised that TIANS did not think HRM should even be at this point of approval.
Councillor Smith requested that Ms. Dahr clarify any numbers TIANS had gathered as to what tourism losses there would be if the proposal went forward. Ms. Dahr advised that TIANS had been unable to do that research, however, it was their stance that tourism numbers would drop significantly.

Ms. Pamela Collins, Halifax, advised that she was not in favour of the new building as she thought they were in the wrong place and could see them as a viable enterprise in the Gottingen area instead. She stated that the buildings should be preserved and in active use.

Ms. Sarah Levy, Dartmouth, stated that there was no question that development was needed in Halifax and that most critical was our need for office space. She advised that she would like heritage to be intact and that was why she was in support of the development as Mr. McCrea had done much more than talk the talk. She indicated that this was the kind of development that Council should support as it was time for a change we could all be proud of.

Ms. Janet Morris, Halifax, indicated that she had a small apartment building in the area, however, she was against the proposed development even though it may mean more tenants. She stated that a whole discipline had been developed regarding conservation standards, heritage policies had been implemented and standards had been adopted internationally. She noted that the Heritage Advisory Committee had rejected the proposal and that it was not of a standard for heritage preservation for the city. Ms. Morris advised that the proposal ought to be rejected for two main reasons; the first being the intention to tear down a registered heritage building and rebuild; noting that the four walls and roof were to be protected and the development went against this policy. The second reason was that the proposal wanted to add an overwhelming addition which offended the policy as it would not be subordinate as the visual effect of the glass tower would be prominent and would be seen more so than Founders Square as it was located at the end of a block at the bottom of a hill. Ms. Morris stated that Mr. McCrea had indicated that he was building this for tax purposes and that the Heritage Trust had long advocated meaningful incentives for preservation.

Mr. Denault Blouin, Halifax, stated that given the high quality and sensitivity to the environment by Lydon Lynch in the past the proposed design was shocking; especially in this district. He noted that the redevelopment did not comply with the MPS as the policies stated that developments should be subordinate and the addition was not visually compatible or subordinate. He advised that the development would tower over the Historic Properties, block the sun, ruin integrity, restrict pedestrian movement and become another rush hour traffic obstacle. Mr. Blouin stated that this was about the future, not the past as the buildings had paid off their carbon debts, however, construction would create more. He noted that on the grounds of sustainability alone would be reason enough to keep the buildings whole as they were essential and inseparable from the Historic Properties. In
closing, Mr. Blouin advised that if Council approved the development and broke provisions it would violate heritage and sustainability and as both committees rejected it he would urge Council to do the same.

Ms. Gerrie Masters, Halifax, stated that she was in attendance to express her encouragement to approve the proposal as she had taken the time to participate in the HRM by Design Process. She believed that it was possible to balance developments with the past and the future and that historic value had already been compromised by the building’s current uses which warranted their development. Ms. Masters noted that due to the weird ways in which the buildings had been used and redeveloped the only visual reminder of their original states were the facades anyway. In closing, she indicated that she had seen the glass development technique used with terrific success and that it left you with the impression that there is much sky above the development.

Mr. Peter Delefes, Head of St. Margarets Bay, stated that as the Nova Scotia representative for the Heritage Canada Foundation he would encourage Council to reject the proposal. He stated that the site should be preserved in its entirety as it was the largest group of intact heritage buildings in HRM. He advised that the proposed nine storey office building would be completely out of scale and that if the proposal was accepted five of the buildings would be virtually demolished save for the facades; noting that this was, in fact, a demolition project. Mr. Delefes indicated that Council must take the law into account as the Armour Group had violated policy CH1 section 6.1 of the the MPS as CH1 was in place to ensure that any new work was physically compatible and subordinate which clearly was not true of the development. He stated that facadism was no longer an acceptable means of protecting heritage buildings as it had come into effect in the 1980's when the need for preservation was dire and it was now considered an extreme approach. In closing, Mr. Delefes stated that the development would be fake heritage and cheapen the attraction of the area.

Council recessed at 9:04 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:23 p.m. with the same members present excluding Councillor Mosher who had sent her regrets.

Ms. Elizabeth Pacey, Halifax, wished to reiterate the importance of the 1973 Council motion to preserve historic buildings from the water’s edge to Granville Street. She wished to state that the new MPS from two years ago did contain some excellent policies akin to many policies across Canada and that HRM was doing well with their heritage buildings. She noted that CH 1 had been referred to which advised that significant architect and landscape features were not to be removed and that the Municipal conservation standard’s purpose was to protect unique craftsmanship. She indicated that standard two stated that the removal of historic materials and characteristics shall be deterred and noted that the proposal would destroy many distinctive features including stone walls and Georgian
structure. Ms. Pacey believed that the construction techniques which were used in heritage buildings would be impossible to discern if saved as bits and pieces of new building. She advised that the Municipal Heritage Act protected structures and submitted that four registered historic properties would be terribly impaired and mostly destroyed as a result of the proposal. She asked Council to reject the development.

Mr. Bruce Keith, Dartmouth, advised that he was the owner and operator of O’Carroll’s Restaurant which was located in the Imperial Oil building. He offered his support for the development as someone with a vested interest in the site. Mr. Keith indicated that the recent decline in tourism had hurt the restaurant business and that domestic use needed to be built. He noted that no one from the three cruise ships who had patronized his restaurant that day had asked him about the historic value of his building; they were simply wanting to have a good time. In closing, he stated that approval or rejection of the proposal effected his life.

Mr. Jonathan Lampier, Dartmouth, advised that as a recent graduate of Dalhousie’s undergraduate Planning Program he was still on the fence about the development. He indicated that he had taken a course at NSCAD two years ago and had also taken a tour of the buildings with the developer. He stated that he was for the proposal as he liked the development and had no quarrel with the glass tower, however, he was against it as he did not think that it was in the right location. Mr. Lampier still believed that something could be built on top of the buildings, however, he did not think it had to be as tall as nine storeys and noted that he did not like the fact that the tower would be one single block on top as it could be more interesting. He stated that a development which was more similar to Founders Square with a more broken up roof line would be more appealing from an urban design perspective. In closing, he indicated that he did not like that the proposal was simply calling for a yes or no answer as he would like to see more options.

Mr. Jeffrey Reed, Halifax, indicated that he was a resident of District 12 and noted that the urban clearances of the last generation had removed many buildings in downtown Halifax; including most on Lower Water And Hollis Streets. He stated that the heritage buildings on Granville Street had survived fire, the Halifax Explosion and Harbourview Drive; noting that they were the last fragments of the 100’s of their kind in the area and the region. He advised that these were very rare landmark buildings in English speaking Canada which had been put to many uses over centuries; making them sustainable and viably useful. Mr. Reed stated that it had been suggested that these buildings were unviable in their interiors, however, there were no certified documents from anyone in reference to this. He advised that although they were being told they had only one option it was clear that there were more. He noted that legislation protected the entire building envelope: not just the facades and that the proposed development called for the destruction of four of the five sides. Mr. Reed reiterated that to alter meant to make any changes; noting that 80 percent demolition was clearly a substantial change and would leave no option to return the buildings to their current conditions. In closing, he stated that
facadism had been abandoned as Council was being asked to exchange sustainable buildings for framed up rooms and he urged them to reject the proposal.

Mr. Peter Moorhouse, Bedford, indicated that he was the Director of Investor Relations with the Greater Halifax Partnership as well as the Chair of Fusion Halifax which was an urban development team. He advised that many buildings and groups in the downtown core were landlocked and, therefore, could not expand which had a negative impact on outside companies looking to expand here. Mr. Moorhouse stated that members of Fusion Halifax had looked at the upper floors of the buildings and concluded that the development was exactly what HRM needed as it would allow for much needed commercial space. He also noted that he liked the building design and the way that it lightened the top tower and allowed the heritage portion to be shown. In closing, he urged Council to approve the proposal.

Mr. J.P. Robicheau, HRM, wished to express his support of the development as the present CEO of Nova Scotia Business Inc. He stated that he was aware of the need for downtown business space; noting that development was also required in outside areas, however, the financial services sector needed to be located downtown. He advised that vacancy rates were below five percent and that concerned his organization as it must be ensured that the capital city of Nova Scotia was built to grow. Mr. Robicheau believed that this proposal was proof that heritage and development could co-exist and noted that he personally supported it.

Mr. Bill Hockey, Halifax, advised that he was an architect who had focussed his career on historic buildings in both the private and public sector. While he agreed that buildings must have a use he did not approve of the proposal as the development was not of a use which would minimize change. He stated that the development would be highly visible from the east and west as well as from the Historic Properties. He also noted that facadism was not heritage and that the roof would not be recovered in the renovations. Mr. Hockey indicated that open negotiations between the building owner and HRM should result in an approach which would be less intrusive and costly. He advised that upon walking around the exterior of the site there was no evidence of cracking or water damage and the foundation appeared to be in reasonable condition. He was also concerned with the proposed underground parking due to flooding issues and indicated that he would prefer a development which retained a low rise look.

Mr. James Stuewe, Halifax, advised that he was speaking as a resident of downtown Halifax as well as a candidate for District 12. He noted that a small few had tried to simplify the debate as one of heritage versus development, however, it was his belief that the proposal was a clear connection of how our past could connect with our future and how the city could progress. Mr. Stuewe stated that he was in support of heritage being protected, however, the city must also be allowed to grow. He believed that some people were misinformed about the development as this proposal was willing to help HRM develop and grow in a sustainable way
by strengthening the community and getting residents out of their cars for when we are out of our cars we are on our streets. He noted that the development was a step in the right direction and that it was unfortunate that lines had been drawn by a group that did not represent our residents and compromises our children. In closing, Mr. Stuewe advised that our history should compliment the future and that we should seek to ensure a long term vision and a more sustainable community.

Mr. Adam Conter, Halifax, stated that he was a condo owner in the South End who was currently working out of Sydney and that it had been a well valued drive to attend the meeting. He noted that there had been many arguments regarding the legacy of 1973, however, he believed that 1973 may have also been around the same time that Mr. McCrea had started his developments. He indicated that if one was to visit the proponents of heritage’s website the idea of a level playing field would be addressed, however, he noted that if one was to argue that a level playing field must exist you must also acknowledge two teams. He asked why it was that if one person was a historical preserver in his own right with financial stability than why does the other team always have one opinion and no other options. Mr. Conter advised that HRM needed to find a compromise with respect to growth in order to maintain young professionals in the region. He wished to remind everyone that in 1931 when one of the buildings was constructed that it had probably replaced another. He stated that there was a call for more office space and that there were many international buildings, in Berlin for example, that use the glass roof method. In closing, Mr. Conter noted that there was no better example than the proposal of the fusion between the modern and history to drive a community forward.

Mr. David Wallbridge, Halifax, advised that he was in attendance to voice his opposition to the proposal and request that Council accept the recommendations of the two committees. His reasons for rejecting the proposal were that the Historic Properties were star attractions in Halifax for both residents and tourists alike and they were sacred as well as the fact that he did not believe that the proposed development was consistent with the policies. He indicated that the development would damage the integrity of a historic part of Halifax; noting that he had moved to the area from Ontario to start his career and that part of the reason was the city’s history and historic buildings. He acknowledged that Council often heard of young people wanting tall, modern buildings, however, he advised them to be careful about making such assumptions. Mr. Wallbridge asked Council to reject the proposal and not to alter or diminish heritage integrity as the value of a building was much more than a facade.

Mr. Phil Pacey, Halifax, advised that he was representing the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia. He stated that, in 1973, a wise decision had been made and supported by all levels of government to protect three intact blocks of heritage buildings; noting that people could now walk these blocks and imagine what life was like in the past. He believed that these blocks were icons of Halifax and that the proposal would not simply be a restoration project as most of the exterior fabric of the buildings would be demolished and only two blocks of heritage buildings would remain. He indicated that the RMPS which had been passed by Council in 2006 contained policy CH1 and tha attachment B of the staff report for the proposal listed
some defining elements of the building which he believed would not be conserved as required by said policy and would, in fact, be completely removed. Mr. Pacey argued the use of the word subordinate as he believed that the modest heritage buildings would be overwhelmed and dominated by office buildings and this did not meet the plain meaning within the policy. He advised that many other policy inconsistencies were outlined in Heritage Trust’s ten page brief and that Council should have also received the report from Mr. Michael Burke who had inspected the outer building and found no damage. He asked that Council please accept the recommendations of the two committees by taking the necessary first step of rejecting the proposal; noting that the Heritage Trust was prepared to work with Council and the Armour Group on an alternative.

Councillor McCluskey asked Mr. Pacey what he would do with the buildings if Council was to reject the proposal thereby making Mr. McCrea give up on his development. Mr. Pacey advised that Mr. McCrea could sell the building to another owner, rent the building or even sell the buildings individually. He noted that they were located across the street from the law courts and, therefore, would make excellent residential space, an educational institution or a boutique hotel.

Ms. Beverly Miller, Halifax, noted that it had been repeatedly pointed out that there was a need to make a decision within the confines of three things; the Regional Plan, conservation standards which Council had adopted and the MPS. She objected to significant portions of the MPS not being included in the staff report; including section 8 which dealt with the environment and standards for compatible buildings as well as the section on the central business district which was never addressed. She stated that a careful reading of the economic policies referred to a concept of the focus of the activities in the downtown and that staff said that this revision was contrary to heritage policies. Ms. Miller argued that if the economic policies were read properly it would be apparent that they do not clash and a whole different spin would have been put on the project. She also stated that almost all portions under section 7 should have been considered which require that projects be complimentary; specifying that materials, colour, proportion and rhythm should go along with the original design.

Councillor Karsten requested that staff review Ms. Miller’s comments and supply Council with the sections which she referenced.

Mr. Tony Edwards, Bedford, indicated that he had been a member of the Heritage Advisory Committee, the North West Planning Advisory Committee and was currently the director of the Fort Sackville Association of Bedford. He stated that he opposed the proposal for many reasons; noting the bulk and scale of the new development as well as the misuse of planning policy 1 which would be replacing buildings with movie sets. He wished to maintain the form and integrity of heritage property; advising that the tower would not be subordinate to the lower building. He noted that Halifax was already a world class city and that this was the central block of the Historic Properties. Mr. Edwards pointed out that Joseph Howe had said that a wise
society preserved its buildings; noting that tourists came to see these buildings which had survived the Granville Street Fire, the Halifax Explosion and riots. In closing, he stated that there were areas in need of tall buildings outside of the downtown core and that another heritage building should not be lost for any reason.

Council recessed at 10:27 p.m.

Council reconvened at 10:35 p.m. with the same members present.

**Mr. Bob Mussett, Halifax,** indicated that he was the Senior Vice President of the Global Real Estate Advisory Firm and that he was in support of the proposal. He advised that there was much demand for such a development as there was virtually no space available for class A sites in the downtown core and added that a leed silver certification would also meet a significant demand. He stated that he had toured the properties and would like to see them saved, however, it was his opinion that they had no functional use in their current form. He referenced the mention of cities such as London and Paris and noted that it reminded him of the protest the French made prior to the Eiffel Tower being built as they felt that Paris was under threat. He urged Council to approve the project.

**Mr. Glenn Taylor, Halifax,** indicated that he was not in favour of the current project; noting that he appreciated the need for projects in the downtown, however, he did not believe that the development fit. He expressed his concern for the potential increase in traffic that a nine storey building would bring to an already congested part of the city; particularly in reference to the parking garage. Mr. Taylor noted that he still thought that something could be done with the property, however, he agreed that architecture was an art form and the development was not appealing to him. He asked Council to reject the proposal and encourage better options to further the work that had been done so far.

**Ms. Helena Bilsbury, Halifax,** stated that she was speechless after seeing the proposal and although it was a beautiful building it did not belong in downtown Halifax. She expressed her concern for the potential increase in traffic and driver irritability. She asked Council to please preserve Halifax’s heritage as it was an old city with not much heritage left; advising that tourists would stop coming if new buildings continued to replace old ones. She hoped that Council would reject the proposal as it did not fit or suit the area.

**Ms. Judith Fingard, Halifax,** indicated that she was in attendance to speak against the proposal and ask that Council protect the integrity of the Granville block to the waterfront. She noted that previous speakers had used words such as iconic and sacred and that it would be a shame if anything happened to the buildings. She advised that most speakers had mirrored her points as she believed that it was unfair to put the need for office space on heritage buildings and that it also would set a dangerous precedent. In closing, she stated that HRM should be realistic and put the development somewhere else.
Ms. Linda Forbes, Dartmouth, advised that while she was in favour of strengthening Halifax as a residential, tourist and commercial area she was against the proposal. She wished to remind everyone that in the 1970’s a road had been proposed in the building area which led to the properties being protected; noting that HRM was fortunate that so many of these buildings were recognized. She indicated that she was not going to discuss the policies that the proposal did not meet, however, she stated that everyone should agree that a nine storey block did not comply. Ms. Forbes argued that people did look all the way up at a building from the street scape and that the tower would affect the integrity of the three block whole; noting that facades used to be thought of as innovative, however, we now had a new understanding. She asked that Council please protect architecture to ensure that Halifax is not bereft of historical markers.

Ms. Ann Noreen Norton, Halifax, asked Council to vote in favour of restoring the property; noting that she was making this request based on prevailing historical and cultural attitudes. She wished to reiterate certain words which were articulated in the municipal documents as she believed that the standards and strategies were clearly worded to protect historical interests; noting that it was important to respect the language of the policies. She stated that in policy CH1 the word ‘shall not’ was used rather than ‘may not’ in reference to the destruction of materials. Ms. Norton also argued that the word ‘subordinate’ was used rather than ‘blend’ which allowed for no loose interpretation. She stated that it was important for residents to be able to rely on elected representatives to follow guidelines or the public loses faith. In closing, she asked that Council reject the proposal based on policy as the language of the laws were there for Council to follow.

As agreed by Council, remaining speakers were to be carried over to the Public Hearing continuation on September 16, 2008.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 Councillor Sloane

“Take notice that at the next regular meeting of the Halifax Regional Council to be held on September 16, 2008 I intend to introduce a motion to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy for the Schmittville area of District 12 to a Residential Comprehensive Development District and instruct staff to work with the friends of Schmittville on this endeavour.”

14.2 Councillor Uteck

“Take notice that at the next regular meeting of the Halifax Regional Council to be held on September 16, 2008 I intend to introduce a motion to amend By-Law S-100 Respecting Sewer Charges.”

15. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Acting Municipal Clerk
The following items were added as information:

1. Memorandum from Director, Business Planning & Information Services dated August 4, 2008 re: Harbour Solutions Project - 1st Quarter Report - April to June, 2008


5. Memorandum from the Acting Municipal Clerk dated September 5, 2008 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None