

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
February 24, 2009

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Kelly  
Deputy Mayor David Hendsbee  
Councillors: Steve Streach  
Barry Dalrymple  
Gloria McCluskey  
Andrew Younger  
Bill Karsten  
Jackie Barkhouse  
Jim Smith  
Mary Wile  
Jerry Blumenthal  
Dawn Sloane  
Sue Uteck  
Jennifer Watts  
Russell Walker  
Debbie Hum  
Stephen Adams  
Brad Johns  
Robert Harvey  
Tim Outhit  
Reg Rankin  
Peter Lund

REGRETS:

Councillor Lorelei Nicol  
Linda Mosher

STAFF:

Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. Randolph Kinghorne, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Acting Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. **INVOCATION**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Blumenthal.

2. **SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Councillor Sloane announced that Halifax placed 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in the Eastern Region Speedo Tournament recently held at Dalplex and requested that a letter be sent to the swim teams in acknowledgement of their accomplishment. She noted that 2009 would be the 100<sup>th</sup> year of swim sport in Canada. Councillor Sloane announced that St. Mary's School was hosting their second meeting in regard to potential school closures that evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. She further noted the Trillium Public Art Competition kick-off by the W.H. Fares Planning and Design Centre and referred residents to [www.pdcentre/publicart](http://www.pdcentre/publicart) for more information.

Deputy Mayor Hendsbee noted that there would be a Free Throw Basketball contest, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, at the Lake Echo Community Centre on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at twelve noon for youth aged 10-14; winners of the contest would compete at 1:30 p.m. with youth from other areas.

Councillor Smith entered the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Councillor Lund congratulated Liam MacInnis, a Grade 5 student at Crossroads Academy, Tantallon, who raised \$600 for the Cancer Society by having his head shaved and his hair donated to *Cappila Hair Solutions* to be made into wigs for children undergoing chemotherapy.

Councillor McCluskey congratulated the Dalhousie swim team and coaches for their performance at the CIS championships in Vancouver, BC where the men placed 7<sup>th</sup> and the women placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall.

Councillor Uteck offered congratulations to HRM Parks Planning staff for receiving the highest award in Canada, chosen from over 56 entries, by the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects in relation to the Point Pleasant Park Comprehensive Plan. She further noted that Mr. Paul Pettipas, CEO, Nova Scotia Home Builders Association, reminds residents of the new Federal Tax Credit for home renovations and that they should have their home renovations done by professionals who provide a written contract, proof of liability insurance and workers compensation. For further information please contact the Nova Scotia Home Builders Association at 450-5554 or [www.nshba.ns.ca](http://www.nshba.ns.ca)

Councillor Adams, along with Councillor Mosher, invited residents to a “*Take the Roof Off Winter*” family skate to be held on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-3:00 p.m. at the Frog Pond, Purcell’s Cove Road; music, prizes and hot chocolate would be available. In case of poor weather or ice conditions, the event would be held at the Spryfield Rink.

Councillor Dalrymple announced that the first annual “*Trek for Tourettes*” would be held on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in Point Pleasant Park. The website for further information is [www.tourette.ca](http://www.tourette.ca).

Councillor Wile noted that the opening ceremony of the *Halifax Model United Nations Forum* took place at the Bella Rose Theatre in the Halifax West High School that afternoon. The focus of the forum would be on child labour, bio-fuel and the crisis in Zimbabwe. The event will be held from February 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>; all are welcome. Councillor Wile further noted an *Imagine Our Schools* meeting to be held on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Fairview Junior High. The meeting will feature Halifax West High School.

Councillor Watts announced that a Scrabble fundraiser in support of the *Grandmothers of Africa* would be held at the Nova Scotia Community College Waterfront Campus on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m. A number of Councillors would be participating in the event and all were encouraged to attend.

Councillor Johns reminded residents of the upcoming *Imagine Our Schools* meetings to be held in District 19 on April 7<sup>th</sup> at Ashley Jefferson Junior High and on May 13<sup>th</sup> at Sackville Heights Junior High School. He expressed concern with the proposed school closures and consolidation of schools considering that District 19 had been designated a growth area in the Regional Plan. He encouraged all residents to attend the meetings.

Councillor Smith noted a District 9 Residents meeting being held that evening at 7:00 p.m. in Farrell Hall, Dartmouth.

Councillor Rankin noted that the *Imagine Our Schools* meeting being held at Fairview Junior High on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> would include a family of schools such as the Terrence Bay area. He reminded residents of the meeting being held that evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Sir John A. MacDonald School, Beechville/Lakeside/Timberlea, in regard to family schools in that region.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 3, 2009

**MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the minutes of February 3, 2009, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**Deletion:** 11.2.1 Councillor Barkhouse - Trail Maintenance

**Additions:** 13.1 Council Focus Area - Mayor's Roundtable on Violence  
And Public Safety

13.2 Regional Parking Strategy

13.3 Property Matter - Property Acquisition, Fall River

13.4 Property Matter - Four Pad Arena Project

13.5 Personnel Matter - HRM Municipal Auditor General

13.6 Legal Matter - Settlement of Claim

Information Item 6 - Harbour Solutions Project - Halifax Wastewater  
Treatment Facility

**Move:** Item 11.1.4 Spring Garden Streetscape Design to be dealt with  
immediately following Item 6.1 Motion of Reconsideration and before Item  
7.1 Motion of Rescission.

Item 9.1 Public Hearing on Case 01157, to be dealt with immediately  
following Item 5.

**MOVED BY Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the  
agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Council agreed to deal with Item 9.1 at this time.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING**

9.1 **Case 01157: Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law  
Amendments, Planning District 1 & 3 (St. Margaret's Bay)**

- An extract of the January 13, 2009 Regional Council minutes was before Council.
- A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was before Council.
- A report dated January 13, 2009 was before Council.

Mr. Brian White, Planner, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Kelly explained the rules of procedure for public hearings then opened the public  
hearing calling for speakers for or against the proposal.

**Geoff Le Boutillier, Glen Haven**

Mr. Le Boutillier submitted his comments in writing. He noted that he was the Immediate Past Chair of the St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association adding that the Association was in support of the proposed amendments to the development agreement. The amendments would help control large scale commercial development along the coastal corridor and provide time for the grassroots visioning and planning for healthy growth process. He encouraged residents to attend the second "*At the Crossroads; Visioning Our Village*" forum to be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Sherry Johnson, St. Margaret's Bay Chamber of Commerce**

On behalf of the St. Margaret's Bay Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Johnson requested Council's support for the proposed amendments. She noted that commercial growth was encouraged in the area, however; the community has concerns with the type of growth. Considering that the community relies on tourism for business, community architecture and coastal living were important aspects to maintain while enhancing the area as a destination point.

**Shelly Webb, Hackett's Cove, St. Margaret's Bay Tourism Association**

Ms. Webb commented that great concern has been expressed by the community in regard to as of right developments. Noting that tourism was a huge economic driver for the area as well as for the municipality, Ms. Webb advised that she was in support of the proposed amendments along with community development and infrastructure in relation to encouraging tourism.

Mayor Kelly called three times for any additional speakers. Hearing none, it was **MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the public hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED BY Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for Planning Districts 1 and 3 as contained in Attachments "A" and "B" of the staff report dated November 26, 2008.**

Councillor Lund noted that area residents had met to discuss options in response to: urban and parking lot sprawl, concerns with encroaching development, the environment and the loss of community. A workshop was held last April followed by a public meeting in June where strong views on clear cutting for parking lot sprawl were expressed. He thanked Mr. Brian White, Planner, for his work in the creation of the By-Law amendments as they abide with the Regional Plan and also fit Council's focus area of community development and beautification. He thanked all volunteers who were instrumental in establishing the workshop and the future visioning exercise to be held in March. Councillor Lund encouraged Council to approve the proposed amendments to help make the gateway area to St. Margaret's Bay and Peggy's Cove a place where people want to shop locally.

Councillor Rankin thanked staff and volunteers for their innovative approach. He noted that the rate of large scale commercial development in the area provided an opportunity for community control through a development agreement process. The Council approved Community Visioning exercise would provide more opportunities for amendments to the Districts 1 and 3 Land Use By-Laws as well as other areas. He requested Council's support for the amendments.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Council agreed to deal with Item 6.1 at this time.

**6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION**

**6.1 Councillor Karsten**

**MOVED BY Councillor Karsten, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hendsbee that Halifax Regional Council reconsider the inclusion in the Metro Transit operating budget for the upcoming 2009/10 and subsequent fiscal years, funding for the conventional transit route to service the Sambro loop, in the manner fully integrated with the existing Metro Transit services, and funded through the general tax rate; the first service to commence as soon as the required buses are available.**

Councillor Karsten requested that Council review its chronology of the process for plans already in place, as approved in the Five Year Transit Plan, which were to be addressed in future budgets. He noted that the motion put forward did not include the corridors of District 1, 2 or the Cow Bay area and that the Sambro Loop area had not even been rated. He requested that all corridors be prioritized in regard to transit service and a report brought back to Council.

A recorded vote was requested.

Those voting In favour: Councillors Karsten, Lund, Rankin

Those voting against: Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Hendsbee, Councillors Adams, Barkhouse, Blumenthal, Dalrymple, Harvey, Hum, Johns, McCluskey, Outhit, Sloane, Smith, Streach, Uteck, Walker, Watts, Wile and Younger.

Those Absent for the vote: Councillors Mosher, Nicol,

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER DEFEATED.**

Council agreed to deal with Item 11.1.4 at this time.

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.4 Spring Garden Streetscape Design

- A report dated February 19, 2009 was before Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Streach that Halifax Regional Council approve that:**

1. **The Spring Garden Streetscape design be revisited by all of the stakeholders over the Spring/Summer of 2009 and, once a consensus has been reached, the design be brought back to Regional Council for approval.**
2. **A Streetscape and undergrounding design project for Ochterloney Street be accelerated to determine feasibility, detail design, costs and timelines.**
3. **The preferred option identified through completion of the schematic design report for Quinpool Road in the next few weeks proceed into Phase II, Detailed Design and Construction Documents.**
4. **Staff work to assemble other sources of funding for Council approval in support of the Streetscape program.**
5. **As part of the 2009/10 budget deliberations staff make recommendations to Regional Council on which streetscape and undergrounding projects to advance in 2009/10.**

Councillor McCluskey explained that the merchants of Spring Garden Road would like to review the plans as what was presented was not satisfactory. She noted that the money in the budget would be sufficient to do the Ochterloney project and rather than setting the money aside while waiting for the completion of Spring Garden Road she would prefer to have the funds used for the Ochterloney Street project and place the Spring Garden Road project in the budget for next year.

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

**MOVED BY Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Johns that the motion be amended to include that if the infrastructure funding of \$2 million becomes available that the Quinpool Road streetscape project go forward this year.**

Councillor Uteck explained that the Quinpool Road project was ready to move forward and that it had been ranked Priority #2 on the streetscaping list. The merchants understand the hardship they would encounter and are ready to move forward. She noted that it was understood that the \$2 million currently available would not be sufficient to complete the entire project at this time, however; she was hopeful that another round of infrastructure funding might assist in completing the project this year.

Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Real Property Planning, Infrastructure and Asset Management, noted that staff intended to return to Council with a report advising which streetscape project should be advanced in 2009/10 due to the following variables:

- the Spring Garden Road streetscape was still in the design stage and staff would be conducting further consultation with the merchants.
- there is not sufficient funding to carry out either the Spring Garden Road or Quinpool Road projects until confirmation has been obtained that there would be funds available from a stimulus package.

He confirmed that staff had put forward a block fund in regard to the infrastructure funding list prioritized as per Council's direction. He also confirmed that Council had rated the Quinpool Road Streetscaping project as priority number two on the list of streetscaping projects.

Ms. Cathie O' Toole, Director, Finance, noted that the challenge perceived by staff was that there were no streetscaping projects eligible for the federal infrastructure projects, also, that there has been no indication that this situation would change even with the expected infrastructure funding.

Councillor Sloane commented that she was in support of more consultation in regard to the Spring Garden Road project as it was an important street in the municipality, however, she requested a firm commitment that the Spring Garden Road project would be on the list for next year.

Councillor Younger clarified that there were two sets of funds available and that the Ochterloney Street project was not proposed to be a streetscape, it was for undergrounding which is a component of the streetscaping and funded through the underground reserve. Ochterloney Street was next on the list for underground funding.

Ms. Cathie O' Toole, Director, Finance, clarified that there was a capital account called Underground Wiring that had approximately \$700,000 remaining. There was also an Energy and Underground Services Reserve intended to be available for underground wiring projects, however; the funds in that reserve have been provided by the Provincial Government on an agreement related to natural gas and the funds may only be used for undergrounding projects as they pertain to natural gas.

Mr. Bigelow added that there had been no work done in regard to the costs for undergrounding Ochterloney Street. Staff would require a Class C estimate stage in

order to bring back to Council three projects that would be essentially at the same level of refinement in order to determine which would be the best project to move forward.

Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer, clarified for Councillor Younger that the misunderstanding in regard to restricted vehicular traffic on Spring Garden Road may have been due to the comments on page 2 of the staff report that outlined the public consultation comments obtained during a public open house which indicated the public's desire for a more pedestrian friendly Spring Garden Road.

Councillor Watts noted that the Quinpool Road project has had a successful public open house with a great deal of community support and interest in the development of streetscaping. In consideration of that consultation and support, she was also in support of the Quinpool Road project obtaining streetscaping funds as soon as possible.

Councillor Uteck advised that; the Quinpool Road project had been costed out, the design work done with great compromises and consultation and was ready to move forward. She noted that Quinpool Road was the main entrance to the downtown capital district and had been ignored for many years.

Councillor McCluskey commented that Ochterloney Street was also part of the Capital District. She noted that there was very little work to be done to get it ready and that there was sufficient funds to complete the project so it should move forward rather than have the funds set aside.

A vote was then taken on the proposed amendment:

**MOVED BY Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Johns that the motion be amended to include that if the infrastructure funding of \$2 million becomes available that the Quinpool Road streetscape project go forward this year. MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.**

The motion now reads as follows:

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

- 1. The Spring Garden streetscape design be revisited by all of the stakeholders over the Spring/Summer of 2009 and, once a consensus has been reached, the design be brought back to Regional Council for approval.**
- 2. A streetscape and undergrounding design project for Ochterloney Street be accelerated to determine feasibility, detail design, costs and timelines.**

3. The preferred option identified through completion of the schematic design report for Quinpool Road in the next few weeks proceed into Phase II, Detailed Design and Construction Documents.
4. Staff work to assemble other sources of funding for Council approval in support of the Streetscape program.
5. As part of the 2009/10 budget deliberations staff make recommendations to Regional Council on which streetscape and undergrounding projects to advance in 2009/10.
6. That if the infrastructure funding of \$2 million becomes available that the Quinpool Road streetscape project go forward this year.

**AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION**

**7.1 Councillor McCluskey**

- An e-mail and letter dated February 23, 2009 from Mr. Tim Olive, Executive Director, Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission, was before Council.
- A letter dated February 23, 2009 from Mr. Hugh Davison, Board Member, Spring Garden Area Business Association was before Council.
- An extract of the October 7, 2008 Regional Council minutes were before Council.
- A report dated September 22, 2008 was before Council.

The following motion of rescission was on the floor for consideration:

**MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Streach that Halifax Regional Council rescind the motion adopted by Regional Council on October 7, 2008 relating to the Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities in Capital District, specifically as it related to the ranking of the Ochterloney Street project.**

Councillor McCluskey withdrew her motion to rescind based on the preceding amended motion in regard to the Spring Garden Road Streetscape Design.

**MOTION TO RESCIND WITHDRAWN.**

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

**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**9.1 Case 01157: Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law Amendments, Planning District 1 & 3 (St. Margaret's Bay)**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 6.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**10.1 Correspondence - None**

**10.2 Petitions**

**10.2.1 Councillor Uteck**

Councillor Uteck submitted a petition with 1350 signatures in support of the "HRM Environmental Initiative" to have all Halifax Regional Municipality metered parking free of charge for motorcycles and scooters.

**10.2.2 Councillor Barkhouse**

Councillor Barkhouse submitted a petition with 367 signatures requesting that the crosswalk at 1478 Main Road have more safety mechanisms, such as a button to light the sign prior to crossing.

**10.3 Delegations - None**

**11. REPORTS**

**11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**11.1.1 Requests for Proposals 08-169 - Bedford Waterfront and Birch Cove Design Studies**

Councillor Lund declared a conflict of interest on this item and removed himself from debate.

- A report dated January 28, 2009 was before Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Hum that Halifax Regional Council award RFP No. 08-169, Bedford and Birch Cove Design Studies to the highest scoring Proponent, Ekistics, for a Total Cost of \$169,095.54 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account CDV00738 as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.**

Deputy Mayor Hendsbee requested that consideration be given to the municipality's solid waste diversion process including the use of reclamation material for infill and that this consideration be included in the design study.

Councillor Hum clarified that page two of the staff report, seconded paragraph, should indicate that this would include both sides of the Birch Cove lands not just the east side.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.1.2 Request for Proposal 08-146 - Centennial Pool Renovations - Consulting Services**

- A report dated February 11, 2009 was before Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council award RFP No. 08-146 Centennial Pool Renovation - Consulting Services to the highest scoring proponent, CBCL Consulting Engineers, for a Total Price of \$406,217.40 (net HST included) with funding from CBX01148 - Centennial Pool Upgrades as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the report dated February 11, 2009. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.1.3 Tender 09-158 - Eric Spicer Building - Provincial Emergency Management Offices (EMO) Expansion - Tenant Leaseholds**

- A report dated February 12, 2009 was before Council.

**MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Barkhouse that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Award Tender No. 09-158, EMO Leasehold Construction, 21 Mount Hope Avenue, to Gaudet Building Contractors Ltd. for a Total Tender Price of \$266,204.53 (net HST included) with funding from capital project CBX01042, Facilities Upgrades;**
- 2. Approve an increase to capital project CBX01042, Facilities Upgrades, by \$209,204.28 with funding from Operating Account W202, RPAM Facility Leases, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the report dated February 12, 2009.**
- 3. Approve an increase to capital project CBX01042, Facilities Upgrades, by \$57,000.00 for EMO Leasehold Construction 21 Mount Hope Avenue. Funded as per the Budget Implications section of the report dated February 12, 2009 to reflect the cost sharing from the Province of Nova Scotia.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.1.4 Spring Garden Streetscape Design**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 9.

**11.2 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**11.2.1 Councillor Barkhouse**

This item was deleted during the approval of the order of business. See item 3, page 4.

**12. MOTIONS - None**

**13. ADDED ITEMS**

**13.1 COUNCIL FOCUS AREA - MAYOR'S ROUNDTABLE ON VIOLENCE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

This item was dealt with at an earlier Committee of the Whole session and was now before Council for ratification.

**MOVED BY Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Halifax Regional Council approve the recommendations and Action Plan endorsed by the Board of Police Commissioners as set out in the staff report dated February 10, 2009. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.2 REGIONAL PARKING STRATEGY**

This item was dealt with at an earlier Committee of the Whole session and was now before Council for ratification.

**MOVED BY Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that Halifax Regional Council adopt in principle, the Regional Parking Strategy to guide the implementation of charges to parking provision within HRM; further, direct staff to look at free parking spots in and around the universities for motorcycles and scooters. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.3 Property Matter - Property Acquisition, Fall River**

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

**MOVED BY Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Johns that Halifax Regional Council:**

1. Direct staff to decline the offer at an asking price of \$500,000 for the property; and
2. Further direct staff to monitor the property for the possible purchase at fair market value at some future date.
3. The report dated January 10, 2009 should not be released to the public.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.4 Property Matter - Four Pad Arena Project**

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

**MOVED BY Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Halifax Regional Council:**

1. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a conditional Agreement of Purchase and Sale with West Bedford Holdings Limited which shall be subject to Council's approval of the contract with Halifax Sports Complex Partners to design, build, and operate a new four pad arena complex on the Bedford site, and
2. Furthermore, that the report dated January 30, 2009 not be released until the transaction has been completed.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.5 Personnel Matter - HRM Municipal Auditor General**

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

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

1. Authorize the Audit Committee to draft a position description for the HRM municipal Auditor General.

2. Authorize the Audit Committee to hire an external recruitment firm to initiate a recruitment campaign for the position of HRM municipal Auditor General.
3. Authorize the Audit Committee to structure a selection process for the position of HRM municipal Auditor General and negotiate an offer to the top ranking candidate.
4. The Audit Committee return to Council with a recommendation on the individual to be appointed, length of appointment, and compensation.
5. The Municipal Auditor General report back to the Audit Committee/Halifax Regional Council within six months of hire with (1) a framework regarding his/her relationship to the Audit Committee, Executive Management Team, boards and agencies, etc; (2) a work plan which is supported by the resources available; and (3) any recommendations to establish the structure of an audit division and improve the effectiveness of the audit function in HRM.
6. Authorize Legal Services to draft a by-law that sets out provisions for the Municipal Auditor General's selection, compensation, annual audit plan, and other matters as required to implement the Auditor General function; and that the by-law be reviewed by the Audit Committee and the future HRM Auditor General and approved by Halifax Regional Council.
7. That the Municipal Solicitor be authorized to seek changes to the HRM Charter that would allow for the addition of In Camera Council discussions related to matters brought to Council by the Municipal Auditor General that fall outside the current provisions and have the potential to expose the Organization to a threat or risk.
8. That the report dated February 18, 2009, not be released to the public for two weeks from this date.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.6 Legal Matter - Settlement of Claim**

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

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

1. **Settle this claim brought by Homburg Properties in the amount of \$13,620.00.**
2. **It is further recommended that the report dated February 9, 2009, not be released to the public.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**14. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**14.1 Councillor Wile**

*“Take notice that at the next meeting of the Halifax Regional Council to be held on March 10, 2009, I intend to introduce a motion to request that the Municipal and provincial traffic authority lower speed limit in schools zones in the Halifax Regional Municipality from 50 km per hour to 30 km per hour.”*

**14.2 Councillor Dalrymple**

*Take notice that at the next meeting of the Halifax Regional Council to be held on March 3, 2009 I intend to introduce a motion that Halifax Regional Council approve inclusion in the Metro Transit operating budget for the upcoming 2009/10 and subsequent fiscal years, funding for conventional transit routes to service the communities of Prospect, Timberlea, Fall River, Cow Bay, Lawrencetown and Musquodoboit Harbour, in the manner fully integrated with the existing Metro Transit services, and funded through the general tax rate; the first service to commence as soon as the required buses are available.*

*And, be it further resolved that the current Community Transit based area-rated transit services in Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Porters Lake also be incorporated into the same conventional transit service delivery model.”*

**14.3 Councillor Johns**

*“Take notice that at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on March 10, 2009, I propose to introduce a motion that Halifax Regional Council approve the inclusion of Metro Transit operating budget for the upcoming 2009/10 and following fiscal years, funding for conventional transit route to service the Lucasville Road area in a manner fully integrated with the existing Metro Transit service and funded through the general tax rate with the first service to commence as soon as the required buses are available.”*

**14.4 Councillor Younger**

*“Take notice that at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on March 3, 2009, I intend to introduce a motion to require that all conventional transit requests by all Members of Council in all Districts all be approved in the 2009/10 budget as soon as the buses become available.”*

**15.            ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Julia Horncastle  
Acting Municipal Clerk

**INFORMATION ITEMS**  
**February 24, 2009**

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1. Proclamation - Liver Health Month - March 2009
2. Memorandum from Director, Transportation & Public Works dated February 24, 2009  
re: Extension of Transit Service to Margaret Lorne Manor
3. Memorandum from Director, Transportation & Public Works dated February 24, 2009  
re: Extension of Transit Service to Russell Lake West
4. Memorandum from Director, Community Development dated January 21, 2009  
re: Good Neighbours Great Neighbourhoods
5. Memorandum from the Acting Municipal Clerk dated February 20, 2009  
re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None