

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

DECEMBER 8, 2009

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Kelly
Deputy Mayor Brad Johns
Councillors: Barry Dalrymple
David Hendsbee
Lorelei Nicoll
Gloria McCluskey
Darren Fisher
Bill Karsten
Jackie Barkhouse
Jim Smith
Mary Wile
Jerry Blumenthal
Dawn Sloane
Sue Uteck
Jennifer Watts
Russell Walker
Debbie Hum
Linda Mosher
Stephen D. Adams
Bob Harvey
Tim Outhit
Reg Rankin
Peter Lund

REGRETS: Councillor Steve Streach

STAFF: Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Geri Kaiser, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Cathy Mellett, Acting Municipal Clerk
Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Acting Municipal Clerk
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. INVOCATION

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Dalrymple.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Sloane announced that Jeremy Webb's performance of "*A Christmas Carol*" would take place at the George Dixon Centre on December 21st at 6:00 p.m. with free admission. She thanked Tour Tech East for supporting the event.

Councillor Blumenthal advised that the Norwood Seniors recently met at the St. Andrew's Centre on Bayers Road and would be forwarding a letter to HRM requesting that the St. Andrew's Centre not be closed. He thanked all who participated in the 96th Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion. He noted that the annual Chanukah Menorah Lighting would take place on Monday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Grand Parade Square with reception to follow.

Councillor McCluskey distributed to Members of Council a copy of the booklet "*A Journey to the Past*", published by the Dartmouth Historical Society. She thanked all who participated in the recent Dartmouth Tree Lighting event.

Deputy Mayor Johns thanked all volunteers and residents of Districts 19 and 20 for their participation in the Sackville Tree Lighting event sponsored by the Sackville Drive Business Association.

Councillor Mosher noted that she recently presented the First Jollimore Path Finders with certificates in recognition for receiving their Girl Guide Citizenship Awards and requested that Ruth McCulloch, Council Assistant, Councillors Office, and Ken Benoit, Administrative Assistant, Councillors Office, be sent letters of congratulations for their assistance in preparing the certificates. She announced the upcoming Christmas Lighting Contest in Cowie Hill; and, the Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra's Sizzling Salsa Dance Party at the World Trade and Convention Centre on Sunday, December 13th.

Councillor Adams announced the following: the first annual Bingo Fundraiser was held at J.L. Isley High School with over \$6,000 raised for the school's Scholarship Program; four Habitat for Humanity Homes in the Governor's Brook area of Spryfield were dedicated on November 28th; a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on December 14th for the footbridge over the MacIntosh Run at the Captain William Spry Centre and Herring Cove Road. He thanked all who participated in the 35th Annual Spryfield Christmas Parade held on November 29th.

Councillor Hendsbee announced the upcoming Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council meeting to be held in the Oyster Pond Fire Hall on December 10th. On Sunday, December 13th, the 78th Annual Appeal for Funds for the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children would be held and televised on Eastlink Television.

Councillor Lund announced the following upcoming events: Hubbards Barn Annual Christmas Market and Fair on Saturday from 8:00 a.m to 12:00; a Seniors Christmas Dinner at the Seabright Legion; Choir performances on Sunday at Emmanuel Baptist Church and St. Lukes United Church.

Councillor Nicoll announced the upcoming Black Cultural Centre Christmas Celebration to be held on Saturday, December 12th.

Councillor Barkhouse entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Councillor Watts announced the following upcoming events: meeting on Wednesday, December 9th at the Oxford School in support of the Community Rink - all volunteers welcome; Faith Partners are organizing a fasting week during the Climate meetings in Copenhagen in front of City Hall and a Prayer Vigil on Saturday night. She noted the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) emergency resolution to the Government of Canada requesting that they (Canada) be active in the climate initiatives.

Councillor Dalrymple thanked the organizers and participants of the Fall River Lions Club Santa Christmas Express Train and the Beaver Bank Lions Club for the Parade of Lights.

Councillor Fisher announced the upcoming Pancake Breakfast with Santa at the East Dartmouth Community Centre hosted by the Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club and the Rotary Club.

Councillor Rankin announced the following upcoming events: public meeting at Brookside Junior High School, Prospect Road in regard to the lands surrounding the Drysdale Bog; the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, December 10th at Trinity United Church, Timberlea at 6:00 p.m. He noted the Memorial Ceremony held for Paula Gallant and the fourteen (14) women of the Montreal Massacre held on Saturday, December 5th.

Councillor Lund thanked all who participated in raising \$2000 for the Christmas Daddies at the St. Margaret's Lions Club including the Honourable Bill Estabrooks and Mat Whynott, MLA Hammonds Plains - Upper Sackville. He announced the upcoming RCMP and Halifax Regional Police (HRP) Town Hall meeting to be held at the St. Margaret Centre.

Councillor Sloane announced a Public Information Meeting, to be held on Wednesday,

December 9th in regard to the draft report on the Khyber building.

Councillor Barkhouse announced that the South Woodside Breakfast with Santa was a great success. She thanked all participants of the Fishermen's Cove Candy Cove event for a great day.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 10, 17 & 24, 2009

MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Wile that the minutes of November 10 & 17, 2009, as presented, be approved and that the minutes of November 24, 2009 be amended to reflect that the motion in regard to Item 10.2.1 was put and passed unanimously. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: 13.1 Property Matter - Young Street, Halifax, Sale of Lands
13.2 Property Matter - North Dartmouth Trunk Sewer Extension
13.3 Property Matter - Leased Premises Western Region Planning Office and Customer Service Centre

Move: Item 11.3.1 Regional Plan Advisory Committee be dealt with immediately following Item 9.1. - Deputy Mayor Johns

Deletion: 11.4.4 Councillor Sloane - Charles Morris Building

MOVED BY Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the agenda, 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 Than Market Value Sale - 1247 Bedford Highway, Bedford - Alrasoul Islamic Society

- An extract of the draft Regional Council minutes of November 17, 2009 was before Council.

- A Grants Committee report dated November 4, 2009 was before Council.
- A copy of the staff report dated September 1, 2009 was before Council.

Ms. Peta-Jane Temple, Team Leader, Tax, Grants and Special Projects, assisted by Ms. Carla Thistle, Real Estate Officer, Transportation and Public Works, presented the report. Ms. Temple noted an error on Page 3 of the staff report advising that the amount shown should be \$375,000.

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

Mayor Kelly gave the third call for any 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 Outhit, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Halifax Regional Council enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale whereby the property located at 1247 Bedford Highway, Bedford, be conveyed to the Alrasoul Islamic Society Centre at less than market value for the sum of \$375,000, plus all associated costs, as per the terms and conditions set out in the report dated September 1, 2009.

Deputy Mayor Johns advised that he would not be supporting the motion due to past process in regard to the property.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

10.1.1 Municipality of the County of Annapolis re: Volunteer Firefighters Day

- A letter dated November 23, 2009 from Mr. Peter A. Newton, Warden, was before Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Halifax Regional Council receive the correspondence and request a letter be sent to the Province supporting the request for a designated day during Fire Prevention Week for “Volunteer Firefighters Day”. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 Petitions

10.2.1 Councillor Hendsbee - Pettipas Lane area of East Chezzetcook re: development in East Chezzetcook

Councillor Hendsbee submitted a petition signed by fourteen (14) residents of East Chezzetcook requesting that HRM not permit the placement of three older style trailer rental units at 27 Pettipas Lane, East Chezzetcook.

Item 11.3.1 was dealt with at this time

11.3.1 Community Vision Pilot Project - 2008-2009

- A Regional Plan Advisory Committee report dated November 26, 2009 was before Council.
- A staff report dated November 3, 2009 was before Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Halifax Regional Council endorse, in principle, the Community Visions for Penhorn / Woodlawn, Spryfield, Upper Sackville and Lucasville, attached as Attachments A, B and C to the staff report dated November 3, 2009, and direct the Visions proceed to the implementation phase and be considered as an added framework to guide future budgetary and business planning decisions in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Ms. Susan Corser, Team Lead, Community Engagement, Community Relations and Cultural Affairs, Community Development, presented the report. She then introduced members of the three Community Visioning Groups who presented the results for their community.

Ms. Anne Merritt, Chair, Middle - Upper Sackville and Lucasville Community Liaison Group, provided a brief update on the recently conducted Visioning Exercise. She noted that there had been great community participation and consultation throughout the process. The result of the visioning exercise indicated that residents want protection of the environment/wilderness areas as well as planned commercial and residential development while maintaining the rural atmosphere of some areas. This resulted in the suggestion for area wide recommendations as well as neighbourhood specific recommendations.

Mr. William Zebedee, Chair, Penhorn/Woodlawn Community Visioning Group, assisted by Mr. David Lane, Planner, provided an update on the recently completed Visioning Exercise. He noted that the Penhorn/Woodlawn Visioning Exercise represented a unique challenge as it was an area separated by two highways and included four lakes. The boundaries were expanded to be more inclusive of areas such as Morash Park in the Woodlawn area and the entire community of Maple Ridge as the original boundary would have excluded half of that community. The Main Street area of Dartmouth was excluded so as not to duplicate work done as part of the Streetscape Design project. Two public

forums were held along with a Penhorn Lake neighbourhood clean-up event to engage the residents. Interesting results of the study included local high school students noting the need for Seniors housing and Seniors noting the need for activities/centre for youth. Common themes of improvement for mutual benefit were: the Portland Seascape Beautification; Portland Street redevelopment; redevelopment of the Penhorn Mall area with higher density suggested for that area with gradual decrease in density radiating to surrounding neighbourhoods; enhancement of public spaces/facilities in a fiscally responsible manner.

Ms. Serena Cassidy and Ms. Carolyn Kelly, presented the Spryfield Community Visioning Group report assisted by Mr. Phillip Hammond, Planner, and Mr. Marcus Garnet, Senior Regional Planner. To engage residents they capitalized on the existing network of volunteer driven groups in the area and also used an online survey asking residents to explain what they would like to see in their community in five years that they would “show off” to friends on a walk through the area. More opportunities to enjoy green spaces was key as the community has access to lakes, trails and pathways. Well planned residential and commercial areas that would be socially and environmentally sustainable and provide services for shopping, retail and food establishments were suggested. The Community Rainbow Guide helped people to see the great things that already exist in the community. Actions suggested included: more community clean-ups; implementation of future Park Management Plans; creating public/community/urban art; extending existing bikeways and creating new ones; hosting community festivals and events and the expansion of the community garden.

Deputy Mayor Johns, Councillors McCluskey and Adams thanked the volunteers for their hard work and dedication and encouraged Council to support the motion.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Tender 09-091 - Custom Rescue Pumpers

- A report dated November 17, 2009 was before Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Halifax Regional Council award:

- 1. Tender No. 09-091 to Micmac Fire & Safety Ltd. for the purchase of Four (4) 750 Gallon Rescue Pumpers at a total cost of \$1,837,012.00 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CVJ01088, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the report dated November 17,**

2009.

2. **Tender No. 09-091 to Micmac Fire & Safety Ltd. for the purchase of One (1) 500 Gallon Rescue Pumper at a total cost of \$456,736,00 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CVJ01088, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the report dated November 17, 2009.**

Councillor Hendsbee noted an error on page 2 of the staff report advising that there was no “e’ in “Goffs”.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.1.2 Request for Extras to Request for Proposal 08-129 - Consulting Services - Metro Transit Strategic Plan Update

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

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

1. **Authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$21,000 from Capital Account No. CVD00403 - Access-a-Bus Replacement to Capital Account No. CMU01095 - Transit Strategy, and;**
2. **Authorize an increase to the contract with IBI Group Limited for the Consulting Services - Metro Transit Strategic Plan Update (RFP No. 08-129) in the amount of \$69,100 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CMU01095 - Transit Strategy as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the report dated November 19, 2009.**

In response to questions of clarification from Members of Regional Council, Ms. Geri Kaiser, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Ms. Patricia Soanes, General Manager, Metro Transit, Transportation and Public Works, and Mr. David McCusker, Manager, Regional Transportation, Infrastructure and Asset Management, provided the following information: the increase of \$69,100 to IBI Group Limited for Consulting Services was to cover the cost of the additional scope of work to be done in regard to conventional ferry service from Woodside and (Alderney) Dartmouth as more detail was required in order to prepare for and adhere to Transport Canada requirements;

- once HRM was notified that Federal funds were not available for the ferry, the original five (5) year Capital Plan was reviewed and it was determined that it had been twenty-five (25) years since a thorough review had been done in regard to the ferry service;
- the review of the ferry service would include the amenities at the terminals and

- design of the ferry;
- issues in regard to rural transit service, expansion of transit services, and park 'n rides, will be covered in the Supplementary Report.

Councillor Sloane advised that she would not support any further funding of transit until the issue of the \$1.3 million designated for the Downtown Shuttle service was resolved. She noted that the Downtown Shuttle would assist in dispersing commuters arriving by ferry.

Councillor Uteck retired from the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

- the Woodside Ferry service is a priority project for Metro Transit with consideration being give to both the Operating and Capital Budgets;

Mr. Mike Labrecque, Director, Transportation and Public Works clarified for Council that the ferry project had been applied for under the Build Canada Fund not the Federal Stimulus Fund. The request before Council was to enable the required design considerations and determine the scope of the ferry service.

- part of the study will review how to grow the Access-a-Bus service with the conventional transit service in regard to whether different vehicle types would be required considering much of the transit service has changed to accessible low floor service;

Mayor Kelly clarified that staff would explore all funding options including other levels of government.

- six expert Consultants would be consulted during the study as HRM Staff would not have the level of expertise in areas such as Marine Architecture.

In response to Councillor Hendsbee, Ms. Soanes advised that consideration of the uniform tax for transit service for those residents within one kilometre of urban service would be part of the study in regard to a more universal Access-a-Bus service for those who pay the transit rate.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council recessed at 8:10 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:21 p.m.

11.1.3 Case 01331 - Armco Lands, Hines Road, Eastern Passage

- A report dated November 20, 2009 was before Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Barkhouse, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize staff to initiate the process to consider amending the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for Eastern Passage/Cow Bay to redesignate and rezone approximately 66 acres of land of Armco Capital located on Hines Road from Industrial to Residential, and to review residential development policies for the services areas, and**
- 2. Direct staff to follow the public participation program approved by Council in February 1997.**

Mr. Kurt Pyle, Acting Supervisor, Planning Applications, Community Development, responded to Councillor Barkhouse that public participation would be in the form of a public information meeting. Based on feedback from the first meeting, a decision would be made on whether a second public information meeting would be required.

In response to Councillor Sloane, Mr. Pyle advised that at this stage the only application was for rezoning.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.1.4 2010 Regional Council Meeting Schedule

- A report dated December 3, 2009 was before Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Wile that Halifax Regional Council approve the 2010 Regional Council Meeting Schedule as shown in the attachment to the report dated December 3, 2009.

Councillor Hendsbee expressed concern with meeting on the Tuesday following the Easter long weekend due to both Friday and Monday being holidays.

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

MOVED BY Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Halifax Regional Council refer the matter back to staff for reconsideration of the three consecutive weeks off in the months of July and August as a three week break between Council meetings was too long. MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

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

MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the May 25, 2010

date be a regular Council session. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Discussion ensued on the main motion, as amended, which now reads as follows:

MOVED BY Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Wile that Halifax Regional Council approve the 2010 Regional Council Meeting Schedule as shown in the attachment to the report dated December 3, 2009 with the amendment that May 25, 2010 be a regular Council meeting day.

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

MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Hum that Halifax Regional Council approve a two week break for the weeks of July 6th and 13th; two weeks of regular Council meetings for July 20th and 27th; a two week break for the weeks of August 3rd and 10th, regular Council meetings for the weeks of August 17th and 24th and a two week break for the weeks of August 31st and September 7th.

Councillor Hum explained that the two weeks on, two weeks off schedule would alleviate the heavy Council agendas following a three week break and the need to call special meetings.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

Discussion ensued on the main motion and the vote was then taken.

MOVED BY Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Wile that Halifax Regional Council approve the 2010 Regional Council Meeting Schedule as shown in the attachment to the report dated December 3, 2009 with the amendment that May 25, 2010 be a regular Council meeting day. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.2 ENERGY & UNDERGROUND SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11.2.1 Sweden and Environmental Sustainability Update

Mr. Richard MacLellan, Acting Manager, Sustainable Environmental Management Office, provided a brief update on the HRM Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects. Over the last five (5) years, HRM has invested \$6.8 million resulting in savings of \$1,214,000 per year with an overall return on investment of 18.75% and a reduction in Greenhouse Gas by 10,000 tonnes. HRM has reached 50% of its 2012 target date to reduce Corporate Greenhouse Gas emissions by 20%. He noted the success of school based programs, starting at the Grade 3 level, that encourage a shift toward a sustainable culture.

Councillor Watts presented information she acquired as part of the HRM contingent who visited Sweden advising Council of the following:

- municipalities in Sweden have a much stronger role in decision making and planning due to thirty percent (30%) of income being allocated to the municipality;
- the foundations of sustainability, the three pillars integrated into Sweden's decision making, are Economic, Social and Environmental;
- the transportation was efficient, effective and reliable with light rail and cycling being the modes most often used;
- emphasis was/is placed on renewable energy/resources such as solar, wind, bio-energy and initiatives such as district heating (one furnace many homes) and wooden/passive energy construction;
- alternative growth principles for land use planning and development were similar to those used in the HRM Regional Plan such as Complementary, Key Nodes and Corridors;
- innovative infrastructure and the importance of green and recreational spaces was noted through projects/initiatives such as: vacuum suction of solid waste and organics, underground utilities, parking charges and the sustainable transportation planning of a \$1 billion bridge to Denmark;

Councillor Watts commented that opportunities for fiscal, social and environmental sustainability would be available as part of the Regional Plan review and would reinforce the needs and benefits in areas of settlement, transportation, core area growth / improvements, and governance.

Mr. MacLellan, in response to Councillor McCluskey, advised that he would include the Dartmouth Sportsplex Facility in the list of HRM Buildings converted to natural gas.

Councillor Hum requested a copy of the presentation in PDF format and that it be linked to the HRM website. She also suggested a Lunch 'n Learn for Regional Council.

Mr. Mike Labrecque, Director, Transportation and Public Works, responded to Councillor Hendsbee's concern of snow and ice buildup on LED lights advising that there were a few solutions under consideration by the Transportation Association such as a hood that could be affixed to the light to help mitigate ice buildup.

Councillor Hendsbee, referencing Sweden's \$1 billion bridge project to Denmark, requested a comparison between Halifax and Sweden's infrastructure in regard to how they move people around their harbours.

Several Members of Council noted the use of light rail in Sweden and suggested that HRM explore the option of rail for HRM as there are many existing rail lines.

Councillor Harvey noted that similar incentives, such as the high cost of gasoline in

Sweden (double the cost per litre in HRM) and that most of the income tax goes directly to the municipal government level, would also encourage a “mind shift” in HRM residents to use public transit rather than personal vehicles.

11.3 REGIONAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11.3.1 Community Vision Pilot Project - 2008-2009

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 8.

11.4 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11.4.1 Deputy Mayor Johns - Events Nova Scotia Federal and Provincial Government Announcement

Deputy Mayor Johns explained that on Thursday, December 3, 2009, the Honourable Peter McKay, Minister for the Atlantic Gateway, and Mr. Percy Paris, MLA Waverley -Fall River - Beaver Bank, announced, in conjunction with the Trade Centre Limited, a Federal and Provincial government contribution of \$600,000 to the Events Nova Scotia endeavour, the purpose of which is to attract events to Nova Scotia. Deputy Mayor Johns, Chair of the HRM Special Events Advisory Committee, advised that the Committee had discussed how HRM would move forward with its Event Strategy by reviewing/discussing the Cameron Hawkin report that proposed a similar strategy.

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Johns, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report outlining whether there was an opportunity for HRM to take part in the Events Nova Scotia endeavour with the Federal and Provincial governments.

Deputy Mayor Johns submitted a Q & A sheet and requested that it be circulated to Council and staff.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.4.2 Councillor Dalrymple - Request to add November 24 Information Item # 3 to the Agenda - Funding Agreement - Transit Service to the Airport

- An Information Report dated November 18, 2009 was before Council.

Councillor Dalrymple thanked staff for the update and clarification in regard to the Metro X Link to Fall River and potential for transit service to the Halifax Stanfield International Airport (HSIA).

Councillor Mosher retired from the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

11.4.3 Councillor Smith - Request for Report re: Maintenance of Urban Park Walkways Year Round

MOVED BY Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the issue of maintaining/clearing key urban park walkways on a year round basis including the costs involved and correlating a budget.

Councillor Sloane retired from the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.4.4 Councillor Sloane - Charles Morris Building

This item was deleted from the agenda during the approval of the order of business as staff have agreed to assist with moving the building. See page 3.

12. MOTIONS - NONE

13. ADDED ITEMS

13.1 Property Matter - Young Street, Halifax, Sale of Lands

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

MOVED BY Councillor Wile seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a conditional Agreement of Purchase and Sale, for the Sale of 6100 Young Street, Halifax, comprised of PIDs 00004044, 41160110 and 41160128, containing the terms and conditions as detailed in the Private and Confidential staff report dated November 9, 2009, and,**
- 2. Surrender the current land lease once this transaction has been completed.**
- 3. Further, that the Private and Confidential staff report dated November 9, 2009 not be released to the public until this transaction has been completed.**

Councillor Watts requested a recorded vote.

Those voting in favour of the motion were Councillors: Adams, Dalrymple, Fisher, Hendsbee, Karsten, Mayor Kelly, Lund, McCluskey, Nicoll, Outhit, Smith, Walker and Wile.

Those voting against the motion were Councillors: Harvey, Deputy Mayor Johns and Watts.

Those absent for the vote were Councillors: Barkhouse, Blumenthal, Hum, Mosher, Rankin, Sloane, Streach and Uteck.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 Property Matter - North Dartmouth Trunk Sewer Extension

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

Councillor Hum declared a perceived Conflict of Interest and removed herself from the discussion.

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

- 1. Approve the Resolutions as attached to the November 16, 2009 staff report pursuant to the provisions of the Expropriation Act and Municipal Government Act, for the expropriation of the required sewer easement and temporary construction easements for the purposed of completing the North Dartmouth Trunk Sewer Extension in the event negotiated agreements are not reached in a timely manner;**
- 2. Approve statutory offers as set out in the November 16, 2009 Private and Confidential staff report with funding and related administrative and professional fees as per the Budget Implications section of this report;**
- 3. Further request that the Attorney General grant by order immediate possession or use of the lands by the expropriating authority for the completion of works required in the public interest.**
- 4. It is further recommended that the contents of the November 16, 2009 Private and Confidential staff report not be released until all transactions have been completed.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.3 Property Matter - Leased Premises Western Region Planning Office and Customer Service Centre

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

MOVED BY Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Lund that Halifax Regional Council:

1. That Halifax Regional Council award RFP 09-124 Leased Office Accommodation to the highest scoring proponent, RANK Inc. and authorize staff to enter into detailed space design and lease contract based on the unit values outlined in the report with funding as per the Budget Implications Section of the November 23, 2009 Private and Confidential staff report, pending Ministerial Approval.
2. It is further recommended that the content of the November 23, 2009 Private and Confidential staff report not be released until the lease agreement has been executed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 Councillor Watts

“Take notice that at the next regular meeting of the Halifax Regional Council to be held on December 15, 2009, I intend to introduce a motion to request that Halifax Regional Council support a resolution from the David Suzuki Foundation requesting that the government of Canada support a firm, ambitious, binding, international climate agreement”.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Cathy Mellett
Acting Municipal Clerk

INFORMATION ITEMS

December 8, 2009

1. Memorandum from Director, Transportation & Public Works dated November 2, 2009
re: Winter Works Service Standards
2. Memorandum from Director, Finance dated December 1, 2009
re: Investment Activities - Quarter Ending September 30, 2009
3. Memorandum from Co-Chairs, Investment Policy Advisory Committee
dated November 27, 2009 re: Quarter Ending September 30, 2009
4. Memorandum from Director, Legal Services dated November 18, 2009
re: Olympic International Realty Inc. v HRM
5. Memorandum from Director, Business Planning & Information Management
dated December 3, 2009 re: Report on Progress Against 2009 / 2010 Council Focus Area
Objectives
6. Memorandum from the Acting Clerk Manager dated December 4, 2009
re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None