

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
April 20, 2010

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Kelly  
Deputy Mayor Brad Johns  
Councillors: Steve Streach  
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  
Robert P. Harvey  
Tim Outhit  
Reg Rankin  
Peter Lund

REGRETS: Councillor Stephen D. Adams

STAFF: Mr. Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Cathy Mellett, Acting Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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**1. INVOCATION**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Deputy Mayor Johns.

**2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Councillor Sloane advised that she had attended the Armouries to witness the 36<sup>th</sup> Canadian Brigade Group battalion join with another battalion to become the largest in Canada. She wished all military personnel heading to Afghanistan well. She noted development in the downtown was moving forward with approval from the Waterfront Development Corporation for the Centennial Group project and also the sale of two properties on Gottingen Street, Mitchell's Environmental and the Vortex, where an affordable housing/commercial development is planned.

Councillor McCluskey announced the following upcoming Earth Day events:

- Dartmouth Harbour Front Trail Walk
- Potato Tower Building Workshop at the Findlay Centre, Dartmouth

Councillor Mosher announced the following upcoming Earth Day events:

- 6 km Bike Ride commencing and ending at the Grand Parade
- an evening event at the Adventure Earth Centre at Fleming Park

Councillor Karsten announced the re-opening of the Woodlawn Public Library at its new location on 36 Portland Street (Superstore Complex), Dartmouth.

Councillor Hendsbee announced the following upcoming events:

- a Volunteer Recognition event for volunteers across HRM to be held at the Dartmouth Holiday Inn on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- a public presentation on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Lakeview School in regard to a new school and enhanced Recreation Centre for Porter's Lake

Councillor Dalrymple announced the following community events to be held on Saturday, April 21st:

- Fall River and District Scouts, Ventures, Beavers, Brownies, Guides and all affiliates Community Clean-up and BBQ hosted by the local Lions Club
- Lakeview Search and Rescue Community Clean-up and BBQ
- Wellington Drift Climbers Annual Dinner and Auction at Shooters in Enfield
- Waverley Legion Annual Dinner and Awards night and honouring Legionnaire of the Year
- on April 30<sup>th</sup>, the District 2 Volunteer Awards evening where 25-30 volunteers will be recognized

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Councillor Watts announced the following community meetings:

- public meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the St. Andrews Centre in regard to upgrades to Flynn Park
- a community meeting at the Maritime Conservatory on April 26<sup>th</sup> in regard to the proposed redevelopment at St. John's United Church

Councillor Lund announced the following upcoming fundraising events:

- Shatford Elementary School Annual Auction with Scotia Bank matching funds raised
- Bay Grandmothers hosting Second Annual Fashion Show for Grandmothers with Aids in Africa with money going to the Stephen Lewis Foundation
- First Baptist Church, Hammonds Plains Road Annual Roast Beef Supper
- Emmanuel Baptist Church Benefit Gospel Concert featuring Gary Beals to support the Laymen's Education Committee Student Bursary and recognition of Local Mens Brotherhood
- Shining Waters Bay Chorale hosting a musical night "*Songs of the Sea*" featuring fiddler Joe Pratt
- Bay Ducks will be hosting a five day hockey tournament at the St. Margaret's Centre with teams from all four Atlantic provinces

Councillor Hum announced the passing of Mr. Duncan Grey, Volunteer Soccer Coach with Soccer Nova Scotia, and requested that Mayor Kelly send a letter of condolence to his family and to Soccer Nova Scotia in recognition of Mr. Grey's contribution to youth soccer. She recognized the local participants of the Nova Scotia Senior Men's Privateers Lacrosse team who were unable to travel to the International Tournament in the Czech Republic due to the volcanic ash impeding travel to Europe.

Councillor Nicoll thanked staff for planning the upcoming Earth Day events. She noted that she would be assisting the Colby Village Elementary School students in a garbage clean-up on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Deputy Mayor Johns advised that the North West Community Council would be hosting a public meeting at Millwood High School on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with representatives from the provincial Department of Transportation and Public Works in regard to proposed changes to the Margeson Drive and Highway 101 Interchange project.

Councillor Wile announced that "Merlin" was playing all week at the Bella Rose Theatre.

Councillor Smith announced the following upcoming community events:

- April 26<sup>th</sup>, a Public Information Meeting hosted by the Dartmouth North Community Centre Board of Directors in regard to the future direction of the Dartmouth North Community Centre
- April 24<sup>th</sup>, a Benefit Breakfast for Sheldon Lucas Johnson at the Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club, 62 Farrell Street, Dartmouth

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Councillor Blumenthal announced the following upcoming community events:

- April 29<sup>th</sup>, Public Information meeting at St. Joseph's School in regard to the proposed development of St. Joseph's Church
- April 30<sup>th</sup>, St. Stephen's School Parent Teacher Association Open Dance

Councillor Sloane announced that Citadel High was featuring the musical "Cabaret" until April 24th.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 6, 2010**

**MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Barkhouse that the minutes of April 6, 2010, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

- Additions:
- 13.1 Councillor Adams - Leave of Absence Request - Councillor Mosher
  - 13.2 Special Events Grant Funding Request - Membertou 400 Pow Wow 2010
  - 13.3 Letter to Province re: Move of Access Nova Scotia off Peninsula - Councillor Watts

Move: Item 10.3.1 to be dealt with prior to Item 8.1  
Item 13.1 be dealt with following Item 9.2

**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**

This item was dealt with later in the meeting. See page 13.

Council dealt with Item 9 Public Hearings at this time.

## 9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 9.1 By-Law T-226, An Amendment to By-Law T-200, Respecting Tax Exemptions for Non-Profit Organizations

- An extract of the March 23, 2010 Regional Council minutes was before Council.
- A report dated February 11, 2010 was before Council.

Ms. Peta Jane Temple, Team Lead Grants & Contributions, presented the staff report.

Mayor Kelly reviewed the procedures for public hearings then opened the public hearing calling for any speakers for or against the proposal.

**Mr. Jonathan Hannam, Artz Street, Halifax**, President of the Board of Directors for the North End United Housing Cooperative Limited, advised that he was speaking in support of proposed By-Law T-226. The newly merged North End United Housing Cooperative consists of the four former Housing Cooperatives (Charles Court, Anatof, Jim MacDonald and Seaview) located on the north side of District 12. The Co-op provides 131 units of non-equity housing in a walkable, complete neighbourhood in close proximity to the central business district, shops and services. The former Charles Court was part of the original By-Law and the newly merged North End United Housing Co-op is grateful to be considered under the proposed amendment. The HRM Grant will assist in protecting the valuable, affordable housing stock. The Co-op has received \$3.1 million from the Social Housing and Repair Program (SHARP), a joint stimulus initiative of the Federal and Provincial governments, and will be used for important repairs and upgrades to aspects of energy efficiency such as new roofs/windows that will ensure the future viability and sustainability of the Co-op. The renovations are an important part of the redevelopment of the neighbourhood. Being a strong part and leaders within the community by giving back is important to the Co-op. He thanked Council for their consideration and requested that they vote in favour of the proposed amendment.

In response to a question from Councillor McCluskey, Mr. Hannam explained that the new Board of Directors includes one member from each of the four (4) former cooperatives plus four (4) additional community members.

Mayor Kelly gave the third call for speakers, hearing none, it was **MOVED BY Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the public hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED BY Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Lund that Halifax Regional Council approve By-Law T-226, Respecting Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations as outlined in Attachments 1 and 2 of the staff report dated February 11, 2010, and as amended by Regional Council on March 23, 2010. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9.2 Joint Public Hearing with Chebucto Community Council - Case 01205: Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law Amendment for a Development Agreement - 50 Bedford Highway, Halifax**

- An extract of the March 23, 2010 Regional Council minutes was before Council.
- A copy of the Chebucto Community Council report dated March 3, 2010 and attached staff report dated February 4, 2010 was before Council.
- A copy of the presentation was circulated to Council.

Copies of written submissions received from the following persons were before Council: Wesley Gamblin, John Paul Carnell, William L. Leslie, Cesar Saleh, Terry C. Carter, Tracey Wright, Fern Beaudoin, Heather Munroe, Curtis Campbell, Pierre Tannous and Wendy McDonald.

Ms. Randa Wheaton, Planner, presented the report then provided the following clarification for Members of Council:

- sewage flow from the development will be to the downtown Halifax Sewage Treatment Plant
- the left turn lane will be an additional holding lane in the north bound direction creating a three to four vehicle capacity
- changes to the drawings, due to an easement on the property, delayed the matter coming before Regional Council, however; there have been no substantive changes to what was presented during the Public Information Meeting of April 2009
- the issue of pedestrian access to the site is being resolved with the extension of a sidewalk to the intersection
- pre and post blasting documentation will be done in accordance with the HRM Blasting By-Law B-600
- the slope of the property and design of the building has reduced the amount of blasting required.

Mayor Kelly reviewed the procedures for public hearings then opened the public hearing calling for any speakers for or against the proposal.

**Mr. Cesar Saleh, Engineer, W.M. Fares Group**, speaking on behalf of Basin Vista Developments Limited, noted that the proposal before Council was a result of two years of planning, research and collaboration. The location of the development is the gateway between the Halifax peninsula and the mainland; a site highly visible to commuters.



The building design, slimmer with a smaller footprint, is the best design for the site and captures the essence of its visual aspects and maximum view of the Bedford Basin. The existing traffic and access issues, turning left from the Bedford Highway, are the same experienced by adjacent property owners and will be addressed with one shared driveway, the installation of traffic lights and the creation of a left turn holding lane. There will be a non disturbance buffer area that will include the rare flower found onsite. 90% of the parking will be indoors. The commercial and residential components of the \$50 million development meet all zone requirements and is consistent with the high density and commercial uses on all four sides of the site. An Archeologist will be present during the mechanical excavation of the site due to the historical significance of the area including being the location of the former Middlemore Home, an orphanage for British children. Mr. Saleh thanked Council for their consideration of this matter and requested their approval.

**Mr. Bill Lesley, Condo Corp 151 (Granberry Place)**, noted that their concern of potential collateral damage from blasting at the site had been addressed with the explanation of requirements for pre and post blast surveys of neighbouring properties.

**Ms. Fern Beaudoin, Lacewood Drive**, advised that she was in support of the proposed development. Due to the quality and standards of the development, it will be aesthetically pleasing with a lot of green area and will be of great benefit to the area.

**Mr. Doug Moss, Gainsborough Place, Halifax, General Manager of Page Reality Management**, advised that he was in support of the proposal. Considering the recent transformation of the Bayers Road Centre to a business complex, the proposed development will enhance that investment by offering options to the employees. Mr. Moss commented that it was encouraging to see other developers investing capital in the area as new development will encourage future plans as per the Bedford West Land Use study.

**Mr. Clause Weir, Eaglewood Drive, Bedford**, noted that he was in support of the development as it was the beginning of revitalizing the Bedford Highway to where it was prior to the Dunbrack Street development that resulted in the relocation of his company to Bedford due to the decline of the Rockingham area.

**Mr. Brian Woods, Principle Broker/Owner URBAN Solutions**, commented that he was in support of the proposal from an aesthetic and practical perspective. Prior to the proposal, the site was a poorly maintained vacant hotel next to a vacant lot. The glass and metal exterior will give a modern look to offset the cranes, concrete and brick façades in the area. The slim building design will not obstruct the views. The building will be seen as a landmark. The proposed development will favourable impact traffic flowing into and by the site with the restriction to one entrance point with traffic lights that will make for a safer, less stressful commute. The development will be a benefit to the community.

**Mr. Francis MacDonald, Broker/Owner Guarantee, Rockingham**, spoke in favour of

the proposal. With over thirty years in the Real Estate business, he sees a demand for single family housing and condos. The development will be a valuable asset as older residents are looking to downsize while staying in the community and maintaining their view of the harbour. Opportunities will open for younger people to move back into the area and increase the tax base.

**Mr. Charles Baxter, 45 year area resident**, noted that he was impressed with the project and that it will bring along the tax base. He expressed grave concerns with the traffic egress and exit from the site and that the four proposed left turn holding spaces would not be sufficient. With the additional 270 parking spaces, plus parking for the hotel as well as the traffic to and from the car dealerships, there will be a lot of vehicles going in and out of the property. He suggested that more study was required in regard to traffic and the lack of traffic signals making it difficult to access Clayton Park from Bayview. He noted that a flashing green light was recently installed to assist with access into Clayton Park.

Mayor Kelly gave the third call for speakers, hearing none, it was **MOVED BY Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the public hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED BY Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-Law as contained in Attachment A of the staff report dated February 4, 2010.**

Councillor Hum noted that the written submissions received in regard to this proposal had been circulated to Council. She explained that the proponent has addressed many of the issues brought forward by the public such as the access issues that were being positively resolved. The sidewalk extension will move forward as part of the development agreement component. The building design is unique and will minimize the impact on private views. The development will be a great enhancement to the community.

In response to a question from Councillor Lund, Mr. Ken Reashor, Acting Director Transportation and Public Works, explained that the proposed left turn holding lane would accommodate slightly more than four vehicles. The traffic study has addressed the issue and outlined that average traffic capacity would be handled, however; there may be occasions when there may be a traffic issue such as around major holidays.

Councillor Sloane expressed concern with road/sewage capacity and questioned what would happen if another building were constructed in the area. Considering that the downtown Halifax Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) will be receiving sewage from the Tantallon area as well as this development, it would have been helpful to have included information on the present and future capacity of the STP in the staff report. Councillor Sloane advised that she could not support the proposal until the sewage capacity issue had been addressed.

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Mr. Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer explained that the site of the proposed development was part of the former city of Halifax area and sewage would therefore flow to the downtown Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). He explained that it would be difficult to pump the sewage through Rockingham to Bedford rather than directly to the Halifax STP. He noted that the sewage capacity issue would be discussed further as part of the Development Agreement process at the Community Council level.

Councillor Walker noted that the Halifax STP was designed for twenty years out and had not yet reached its capacity. He was confident that there was sufficient capacity to accommodate the future development planned for his area. He advised that he would request a staff report on the capacity of the treatment plant and the design and capacity for future years build out and development. The installation of traffic lights and the compilation of four driveways into one would alleviate a lot of the traffic issues. He noted the historic significance of the site, the former Middlemore Home for British Children, and the Developer's cooperation in preserving the circular staircase from the building for the British Society.

Councillor Rankin advised that he was in support of the proposal as it follows the intent of the Regional Plan which is to grow the population downtown. The Developer is responding to the traffic concerns on a number of levels and the best Council can do is to assist and facilitate those efforts. In referencing the sewage capacity issue, he noted that HRM had shared resources not district resources as you cannot run a municipality with district resources. The Development Agreement process will provide an opportunity for additional discussion/information in regard to sewage, traffic and blasting concerns.

Councillor Wile noted that the site was historically significant for not only the Middlemore Home but also as the site of the collision of the Avenger airplane.

Councillor Uteck suggested that staff coordinate the installation of the natural gas line along the Bedford Highway in conjunction with this development while the Bedford Highway is opened up.

Councillor Hum advised that staff are looking at the traffic issue along the Bedford Highway as part of the 2011 Regional Plan review.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Council recessed at 7:34 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Council dealt with Item 13.1 at this time.

**13.1 Councillor Adams - Leave of Absence Request**

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**MOVED BY Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Sloane that, pursuant to the Municipal Elections Act, Section 18(6), Halifax Regional Council grant a six week medical leave of absence from all meetings to Councillor Stephen Adams commencing Tuesday, April 20, 2010.**

Councillor Mosher advised that during Councillor Adams' absence his residents may contact Ms. Julia Horncastle in the Councillors Support Office at 490-4050 or herself at 476-4117 for assistance.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Mosher and Deputy Mayor Johns retired from the meeting at this time.

Council dealt with Item 10.3.1 at this time.

**10.3.1 Capital District Business Associations re: Parking Issue**

- A copy of the correspondence from Mr. Hugh Davison, Spring Garden Area Business Association, and Mr. Jeff McLatchy, Dartmouth Downtown Business Commission, was before Council.

Mr. Jeff McLatchy, owner Celtic Corner and Board Member of the Dartmouth Downtown Business Commission, and Mr. Hugh Davison, DSRA Envision Architecture Inc. and Board Member of the Spring Garden Area Business Association, presented the concerns of the downtown business commissions in relation to the proposed parking meter rate increase. Highlights of the presentation are as follows:

- the proposed parking meter rate increase would be a depressant to business in the Capital District and counterproductive to the longer term economic well being of HRM causing an absence of people in the downtown due to the added costs; the hospitality industry will pay the price
- the Capital District is vulnerable and continues to bear a heavier, disproportionate tax load due to issues such as the capped residential assessment base
- the Capital District is working hard at retaining its position as a weekend retail destination and the institution of Saturday parking meter rates would further inhibit business vibrancy
- small businesses are also facing a 2% increase in HST and increase to the minimum wage
- investment should be made in the downtown to encourage rather than dissuade visits
- the downtown areas should be the image of what you want to project to the world and are very important for the overall well being and image of the city as a whole

The results of a survey conducted by the Business Commissions was circulated to

Members of Council. The feedback obtained from affected businesses show that they are not in favour of the increases. The following suggestions were put forward for Council's consideration:

1. An immediate financial impact on HRM revenue as an alternative to raising meter rates by instituting a parking permit program for commuters east of Robie Street through the introduction of a non-resident street parking permit of \$45.00 per month (approximately 1000 spots).
2. Boost the business district by making improvements to the downtown capital area by reinvesting 100% of all revenue from parking meters and fines within the Capital District in programs that directly benefit the area in which they are earned such as a streetscape funding program for the Capital District.

Mayor Kelly thanked the presenters for their comments.

Council dealt with Item 8.1 at this time.

#### **8.1 Proposed Amendment to Administrative Order 15, Respecting Licence, Permit, and Processing Fees - Parking Meter Rate Increase**

- A report dated April 6, 2010 was before Council.
- A written submission from Mr. Michael Colborne dated April 20, 2010 was circulated to Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the Proposed Amendment to Administrative Order 15, Respecting Licence, Permit, and Processing Fees - Parking Meter Rate Increase, be deferred to the budget discussions pending a supplementary staff report responding to the options and costing presented by the Downtown Business Commissions and a review of the HRM Regional Parking Strategy.**

Councillor Harvey requested that staff consider annual parking permits for those businesses without loading zones to allow on street parking of service vehicles while on repair/maintenance service calls.

Councillor Hum requested that the Supplementary Report include consideration of development on waterfront parking lots and the impact that development will have on the downtown and the Regional Parking Strategy.

Councillor Sloane requested that the Supplementary Report include a revenue stream for parking in relation to future development.

Councillor Lund requested that staff consider other options, such as short term, free on-street parking, rather than arbitrarily increasing fees.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Council dealt with Item 10 at this time.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**10.1 Correspondence**

**10.1.1 Joint Task Force Atlantic - Request for Ceremonial Fly-Past**

- A letter dated April 12, 2010 from Rear Admiral P. A. Maddison was before Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Halifax Regional Council grant the fly-past requests as outlined in the letter dated April 12, 2010 for the "Welcome to Canada" event of June 28, 2010 and the International Fleet Review event of June 29, 2010. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.2 Petitions - NONE**

**10.3 Delegations**

**10.3.1 Capital District Business Associations re: Parking Issue**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 12.

**11. REPORTS**

**11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**11.1.1 Tender 10-016 - The Receipt and Management of Separately Collected Leaf & Yard Waste and/or Christmas Trees and/or Additional Organics Capacity**

- A report dated March 24, 2010 was before Council

**MOVED BY Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Wile that Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 10-016 to the firms noted and at the prices provided below with funding as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the report dated March 24, 2010:**

- a) Service A - Receipt and Management of Separately Collected Residential Leaf & Yard Waste to Kel-Ann Organics for a two year period commencing October 1, 2010 at a total price of \$114,806.19 inc. net HST with an option (at HRM's sole discretion) for a one year extension at a total price of \$58,954.53 inc. net HST.**

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- b) **Service B - Receipt and Management of Separately Collected Christmas Trees to Owen Davis for a two year period commencing December 27, 2010 at a total price of \$24,797.10 inc. net HST with an option (at HRM's sole discretion) for a one year extension at a total price of \$13,911.20 inc. net HST.**
  
  - c) **Service C - Additional Organics Capacity during Peak Seasons to Fundy Compost for a two year period commencing upon contract award at a total price of \$342,349.99 inc. net HST (based on estimated tonnage) with an option (at HRM's sole discretion) for a one year extension at a total price of \$201,686.55 inc. net HST (based on estimated tonnage).**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.1.2 Proposed Amendment to Administrative Order 16, Respecting Fees for the Use of Solid Waste Management Facilities**

- A report dated March 26, 2010 was before Council

**MOVED BY Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council amend Administrative Order 16 to provide for an increase in fees for disposal of commercial materials received at its waste management facilities, effective June 1, 2010, from \$115/tonne to \$125/tonne for refuse, and from \$70/tonne to \$75/tonne for compostable organics, as outlined in the March 26, 2010 staff report.**

Councillor Wile requested clarification on the charges to commercial businesses in comparison to apartments and whether the amendment would result in the apartments being charged an additional fee.

In response to a question of Councillor McCluskey, Ms. Laurie Lewis, Diversion Planning Coordinator, Solid Waste, explained that commercial collection of solid waste was by the private sector hauling industry. The cost recovery to HRM is through tipping fee revenue with the remainder from the tax base; the revenue that HRM currently brings in does not cover the costs.

Councillor Hendsbee expressed concern that an increase in fees would result in illegal dumping by some haulers and requested staff to look at strategies to address that possibility.

Councillor Rankin explained that the proposed increase was reasonable as the last increase was nine years ago. The increase reflects 8% (Consumer Price Index) CPI and the Municipal Price Index (MPI) has moved up twice that amount in the same time frame. The haulers for commercial collection will pass on that increase to their customers.

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Councillor Smith requested information on the costs for a typical apartment building, larger than six (6) units, in regard to how much they pay through residential taxes and the tipping fees. He expressed concern that they would be paying twice.

Mayor Kelly advised that the issue would be part of the 2010/11 budget discussions.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.1.3 First Reading Proposed By-Law F-301, An Amendment to By-Law F-300, Respecting Fees for the Provision of Tax Information**

- A report dated April 7, 2010 was before Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-Law F-301, An Amendment to By-Law F-300, Respecting Fees for the Provision of Tax information as attached to the staff report dated April 7, 2010. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.1.4 Second Reading By-Law S-429, An Amendment to By-Law S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements**

- An extract of the March 30, 2010 Regional Council minutes was before Council
- A report dated February 10, 2010 was before Council

**MOVED BY Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Halifax Regional Council approve By-Law S-429, An Amendment to By-Law S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvement and the 2009 Local Improvement Charges as outlined in Attachment A of the staff report dated February 10, 2010. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.2 GRANT COMMITTEE**

**11.2.1 Less Than Market Value Sale - 2463 Rocky Lake Drive, Waverley, Waverley Ratepayers Association**

- A Grant Committee Report dated April 12, 2010 was before Council
- A Heritage Advisory Committee Report dated April 8, 2010 was before Council
- A staff report dated January 6, 2010 was before Council

**MOVED BY Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council approve in principle staff's recommendation to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale whereby the property located at 2463 Rocky Lake Drive, Waverley, be conveyed to the Waverley Ratepayers Association for the sum of \$1, plus all associated costs as per the terms and conditions set out in the Discussion section of the staff report dated January 6, 2010. MOTION PUT**



**AND PASSED.**

**11.3 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**11.3.1 Barrington Street Heritage District Incentives Program - Special Case for National Film Board (NFB) Facade, 1572 Barrington Street**

- A report dated April 8, 2010 was before Council

**MOVED BY Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to evaluate any applications for heritage incentives under the Barrington Street Heritage Incentives Program for 1572 Barrington Street (the former NFB property) based upon Option 4 (a combination of grant, tax credit, permit fee waiver, and repayment waiver) with a maximum capped value, as outlined in the staff report dated February 4, 2010. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12. MOTIONS**

**12.1 Councillor Uteck**

**MOVED BY Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Harvey that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to consider the optimal governance structure for agencies within Halifax Regional Municipality who are performing an economic development function, in respect of the new Economic Strategy that is being undertaken. The goal being an organizational and governance model best suited to the strategies described in the Economic Strategy. And that information be brought back to Council for consideration pending the Council endorsement of a 2011-2016 Economic Strategy.**

Councillor Uteck explained that the goal was to review all outside boards and agencies, including those at the provincial and federal level, providing these functions to determine whether there was any overlap in relation to the new Economic Strategy.

Councillor Streach requested that staff consider the experience in the rural areas in regard to the merger of the Regional Development Agency (RDA) with the Greater Halifax Partnership (GHP) and not repeat the pitfalls.

Councillor Harvey requested that Council respect protocol and not rush to action prior to appropriate consultation. He noted that they were discussing a private sector board who contributed its time and ability and whose funding was provided primarily through the hotel levy.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13. ADDED ITEMS**

**13.1 Leave of Absence Request - Councillor Adams**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 11.

**13.2 Special Events Grant Funding Requests - Membertou 400 Pow Wow 2010**

- A report dated April 14, 2010 was before Council

**MOVED BY Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Wile that Halifax Regional Council approve funding in the amount of \$100,000 from the Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve (Q315) for the Membertou 400 Pow Wow 2010 event. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.3 Request Letter to Province re: Move of Access Nova Scotia off Peninsula**

**MOVED BY Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that Halifax Regional Council request that Mayor Kelly write to the province requesting that they reconsider the move of Access Nova Scotia off the Peninsula.**

Councillor Watts noted that Access Nova Scotia was a key resource on the Peninsula and that seniors would find accessing the office more difficult in the Bayers Lake location. She suggested that the Province consider splitting the function of the office and maintain a storefront on the Peninsula where regular office transactions could be completed.

Members of Council expressed concern that the matter was of Provincial jurisdiction and not within the mandate of the municipality.

**MOTION DEFEATED.**

**14. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett  
Acting Municipal Clerk

**INFORMATION ITEMS**  
**April 20, 2010**

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1. Memorandum from Director, Community Development dated March 31, 2010  
re: Petition - Telecommunications Tower Application - Purcells Cove Road, Halifax
2. Memorandum from Director, Infrastructure & Asset Management  
dated April 7, 2010 re: Earth Day Activities
3. Memorandum from the Acting Clerk Manager dated April 16, 2010  
re: Requests for Presentation to Council - Capital District Business Associations re:  
Parking Issues