

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES

November 9, 2010

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Mr. Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Acting Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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**1. INVOCATION**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Watts.

Mayor Kelly advised that due to the time required to complete the Committee of the Whole discussion on the Convention Centre, this afternoon Council agreed to deal with four items from the Regional Council agenda (items 8.1, 10.1.1 10.1.2 and 10.1.3) and then reconvene Committee of the Whole. The remaining Council items would be deferred to a future Council agenda. He added that, following the Committee of the Whole, an In Camera session on the Convention Centre would be held if necessary, and if a motion was passed in this regard then Regional Council would reconvene to ratify the In Camera motion.

**2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:  
None**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None**

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

Councillor Adams requested that Information Report 5 be added to next week's agenda.

There were no additions or deletions when the meeting was called to order. The meeting recessed at 6:53 p.m. and was reconvened at 11:07 p.m. to deal with an added item from an In Camera session held earlier in the evening. The following item was added:

12.1 Contractual Matter – Proposed Convention Centre

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

**6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**

**7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**

**8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – November 2, 2010**

**8.1 Councillor Blumenthal – Cancellation of #3 Manor Bus**

Councillor Blumenthal referred to the information he had provided to Council on this matter and advised that he wanted to clarify a point. The Councillor noted that the information states, 37 percent of the population in Halifax are seniors, but this was incorrect and that it was actually 15 percent.

**MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Wile that Council re-examine the proposed cancellation of the #3 Manor Bus on November 22, 2010 and maintain the service in the interim until an alternative solution can be found**

**that would allow current users to travel, especially to medical facilities, without multiple transfers.**

Mayor Kelly clarified that since the motion has budgetary implications, a staff report will be required.

Councillor Blumenthal addressed the reasons why he felt the bus route should not be cut, and advised that he and Councillor Sloane received hundreds of e-mails in support of maintaining the service. Some of the issues noted were:

- Medical concerns - the route is direct to the hospitals and to the blood collection clinic at Bayers Road Shopping Centre.
- The requirement to transfer to one or more buses is a safety concern for seniors
- The bus route provides seniors with social interaction and impacts positively on their quality of life
- This bus route enables seniors to maintain their independence.
- Metro Transit does not promote this bus route and the signage is misleading as some people assume that you have to be a resident of a seniors manor to use the bus.

Councillor Blumenthal suggested that if Metro Transit were to improve the marketing and advertising of the route, and consult with the seniors' manors it may increase the ridership.

Council entered a discussion with Mr. Ken Reashor, Director, Transportation and Public Works, and Mr. Eddie Robar, Acting Manager, Metro Transit responding to questions.

Councillor Sloane asked that the report provide suggested ways to improve the marketing of the route and different signage that would attract ridership of all ages. She indicated that the route was established around 1985 and asked that information on when and why the route was established be provided in the report. Councillor Sloane advised that staff should speak with the provincial staff that deal with seniors health and seniors housing.

Councillor Uteck referred to Councillor Blumenthal's suggestion that there be consultation with the seniors' manors and advised that she would like this as part of the report. In addition, she asked that the report address the impact this would have on the ATU collective agreement and collective bargaining.

In response to a question in regard to the timeline of the report, Mr. Reashor noted that consultation will take time and the route was slated to be removed November 22, 2010. He cautioned Council that there would be budget implications in retaining this route.

In response to a question, Mr. Robar advised that staff have the ability to reinstate the route on short notice, however, there will be cost implications.

Following a discussion, Councillor Watts suggested that the consensus seems to support Option 5 of the Information Report (*i.e. October 28, 2010 Information Report on Community transit & Routes 3 Manors Service Options*)

Mayor Kelly questioned staff if Option 5 would be a possible alternative.

Mr. Reashor responded that staff have no objection in proceeding with Option 5 of the Information Report, as long as Council is prepared to accept the increased cost, which would then be deferred to next year's transit rate.

Mayor Kelly clarified that if the Mover and Seconder of the motion were in agreement, the motion could be changed to implement Option 5, and in the interim staff be directed to dialogue with seniors manors about the routing and marketing aspects.

Councillor Blumenthal and Councillor Wile concurred with the change to the motion. The motion now reads:

**MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Wile that staff be directed to re-examine the proposed cancellation of the #3 Manor Bus on November 22, 2010 and maintain the service in the interim by implementing Option 5 of the October 28, 2010 information report; and further, that staff undertake public consultation with the manors relative to the routing and marketing."**

Councillor Adams asked staff to provide information on how much of a tax increase would be required to bring this route back to a reasonable level of service

Councillor Johns asked that the report address the Access-a-Bus ridership in this area, in particular, the calls to the manors.

## **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

#### **9.1 Correspondence - None**

#### **9.2 Petitions: None**

#### **9.3 Presentation**

##### **9.3.1 Halifax 2011 Canada Games Host Society**

(i) Jean Paul Deveau, Chair

(ii) Chuck Bridges, Vice Chair

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

### **10. REPORTS**

#### **10.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

### **10.1.1 Tender 10-155 – Former Halifax County Rehabilitation Centre Demolition**

A staff report dated October 18, 2010 was submitted.

**MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve an increase to Project No. CBX01099, Former Rehab Centre Demolition, in the amount of \$250,000 with funding as a withdrawal from Q101 Sale of Land Reserve; and**
- 2. Award Tender No. 10-155 to J.W. Lindsay Enterprises Limited, for a Total Tender Price of \$2,087,845.30 (net HST included) with funding from Project No. CBX01099 – Former Rehab Centre Demolition, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the October 18, 2010 staff report.**

Mr. Terry Gallagher, Manager, Facility Development, and Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Real Property Planning responded to questions.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **10.1.2 Tender 10-180 – Centennial Pool Renovations**

A staff report dated October 26, 2010 was submitted.

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Uteck that Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 10-180, Centennial Pool Renovations to J.W. Lindsay Enterprises Limited for a total Tender Price of \$2,464,000.00 (HST fully reimbursed), with funding from Project No. CBX01148 – Centennial Pool Upgrades, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the October 26, 2010 staff report.**

Mr. Terry Gallagher, Manager, Facility Development responded to questions.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **10.1.3 Property Acquisition – 9 Leary’s Cove Road, East Dover**

A staff report dated November 25, 2010 was submitted.

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Fisher that Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Approve an increase to Project Account No. CPX01149, Parkland Acquisition, in the amount of \$3,001.00 with funding as a withdrawal from Q107 – Parkland Development Reserve; and**
2. **Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with the Ocean Glen Society for the purchase of 9 Leary’s Cove Road, PID#40066383, East Dover, for the terms and conditions as outlined in the November 25, 2010 staff report.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.1.4 Metro Transit Strategic Ferry Operations Plan**

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

**10.1.5 Access-a-Bus Strategic Plan**

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

**10.1.6 Supporting Agriculture in Halifax Regional Municipality**

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

**10.1.7 2011 Halifax Regional Council Schedule**

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

**11. MOTIONS**

**11.1 Councillor Rankin**

“That Halifax Regional Council amend the formula set out in Administrative Order #17, used for determining Councillor and Mayor salaries to be subject to a percentage increase no greater than the current Nova Scotia Consumer Price Index and that the amendment be effective November 1, 2010.”

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

**11.2 Councillor Uteck**

“To amend Administrative Order #17 by adding Section 2(b) to state the following:

“notwithstanding the entitlement to annual remuneration provided by Section 2, upon notice to the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality, a Member of Council shall receive such lesser annual remuneration as directed by the member of Council.”

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

### **11.3 Councillor Sloane**

“To change the process and procedures for the selection of Deputy Mayor.”

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Regional Council recess at this time. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**Council recessed at 6:53 p.m.**

**Council reconvened at 11:07 p.m.**

## **12. ADDED ITEMS**

### **12.1 Contractual Matter - Proposed Convention Centre**

This matter had been dealt with at an In Camera session held earlier on this date and was now before Council for ratification.

A recorded vote on the motion was requested.

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

- 1) Support the development of a new convention centre, pending the conclusion of successful negotiations with the Province and the Federal Government.**
- 2) Direct staff to enter into negotiations with the Province based on the conditions included in the in-camera presentation of November 9, 2010.**
- 3) Not release the in-camera presentation until after any negotiations for a new convention centre are concluded**
- 4) Immediately release all public information on HRM's website**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (22 voted in favour; 2 voted against)

Those who voted in favour of the motion were: Mayor Peter Kelly, Deputy Mayor Jim Smith; and Councillors: Streach, Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Karsten, Wile, Blumenthal, Sloane, Uteck, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Rankin, Outhit, and Lund.



Those who voted against the motion were: Councillors Barkhouse and Watts.

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION: None**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett  
Municipal Clerk

### INFORMATION ITEMS

The following information items were submitted:

1. Proclamation – MADD Canada’s HRM Project Red Ribbon Campaign  
– November 13, 2010 (to be circulated)
2. Proclamation – Diabetes Awareness Month – November 2010 and World Diabetes Day  
– November 14, 2010
3. Proclamation – Restorative Justice Week – November 14 - 21, 2010
4. Memorandum from Director, Transportation & Public Works dated October 22, 2010  
re: Response – Petition to Maintain Transit Route 88 Duke Schedule
5. Memorandum from Director, Transportation & Public Works dated October 28, 2010  
re: Community Transit and Route 3 Manors Service Options
6. Memorandum from Director, Business Planning & Information Management dated  
October 26, 2010 re: Halifax Harbour Solutions Project – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report (April –  
July 2010)
7. Memorandum from Director, Legal Services & Risk Management dated October 29,  
2010 re: Status of By-Law Prosecutions
8. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated November 5, 2010  
re: Requests for Presentation to Council – Coalition to Save the View