

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES

December 14, 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. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Melody Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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1. INVOCATION

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Harvey.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

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

Additions:

- 5.1 PERSONNEL MATTER - Budget Planning
- 5.2 Motion - Councillor Adams

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

4.1 Correspondence – None

4.2 Petitions

4.2.1 Councillor Watts

Councillor Watts submitted a petition containing 109 signatures regarding whether Government should spend approximately \$374,000,000 on a convention centre; 93 noted no; 16 noted yes to the question.

5. ADDED ITEMS

5.1 PERSONNEL MATTER - Budget Planning

This item was addressed at a previous In Camera session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Regional Council direct staff to explore options of Alternative Service Delivery included but not limited to contracting out. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.2 Motion - Councillor Adams - Budget Planning

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Regional Council direct staff to:

1. **Balance the 2011/12 budget and 2012/13 based on assumptions presented, with debate when tabled.**
2. **Next year's expenditure growth must fall between Consumer Price Index and Municipal Price Index.**
3. **For 2011/2012 reduce the services by a minimum of \$3 million, adjust capital from operating budget only based on what can be spent next year**
4. **And to present Council with three options on the general tax rate:**
 1. **To hold the general rate flat**
 2. **To allow for CPI growth**
 3. **To allow for between CPI and MPI****And present any impacts on services under the three (3) options.**
5. **Engage Finance & Audit Standing Committee to enhance Council's involvement - or alternative as proposed by Council.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett
Municipal Clerk