

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES

January 18, 2011

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
Brad Johns
Robert Harvey
Tim Outhit
Reg Rankin
Peter Lund

REGRETS:

Councillors: Linda Mosher
Stephen Adams

STAFF:

Mr. Mike Labrecque, 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 2:50 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Rankin.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Watts advised that the 2011 Halifax Canada Winter Games will hold a Volunteer Pep Rally on Saturday, January 29th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Grand Parade.

Councillor Outhit stated that an open house will be held at the BMO Four Pad Arena on Saturday, January 22nd from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Councillor Hendsbee advised that African Heritage Month events kick off at Province House on Monday, January 24th. He added that Halifax Public Libraries will host a number of events in celebration of African Heritage Month.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

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

Deletion:

Item 10.1.3 Washmill Lake Court Underpass

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

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence – None

9.2 Petitions - None

10. REPORTS

10.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

10.1.1 Highway 102 / Larry Uteck Boulevard Interchange Cost Sharing

A report dated December 16, 2010 was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council approve an increase to Project No. CTU00971 – Larry Uteck Interchange – by \$1,616,823 based on an increase in cost sharing from Halifax Water and Heritage Gas, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the December 16, 2010 staff report.

In response to a question by Councillor McCluskey, Mr. Peter Duncan, Manager, Infrastructure, advised that unit pricing is indicated as this is standard operating procedure.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.2 Economic Action Plan – Extension on Project Completion Dates

A report dated December 10, 2010 was before Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council approve the resolution to request extensions to the March 31, 2011 deadline for funding of projects under the Federal Government's Economic Action Plan, included as Attachment A of the December 10, 2010 staff report.

The following points of clarification were provided to Council:

- Funds can only be reallocated to the All Building Program, however, staff are awaiting a response from the Federal Government on potential projects
- Date extensions and funding is considered on a project by project basis

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.3 Washmill Lake Court Underpass

This item was deferred to the January 25th Council session, during the approval of the Order of Business, pending a supplementary staff report.

10.1.4 Case 16417 – Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law Amendments for 6225 – 6233 Willow Street, Halifax

A report dated December 17, 2010 was before Council.

Councillor Watts declared a potential Conflict of Interest regarding Case 16417 and excused herself from the Council Chambers.

MOVED by Councillor Walker seconded by Councillor Karsten that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize staff to initiate a process to consider amending the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-Law to permit a 7 storey mixed use residential and institutional building at 6225-6233 Willow Street in Halifax, by development agreement.**
- 2. Instruct that the Municipal Planning Strategy amendment process include a public participation program in accordance with the Public Participation Resolution adopted by Halifax Regional Council on February 25, 1997.**

Councillor Sloane advised that two petitions came forward regarding Case 16417, with one petition containing 220 names against the proposal and another petition containing 770 names in support of the application.

Councillor Uteck urged other members of Council to visit the site and urged the Developer to consider a development that the Community can support.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Watts returned to Council Chambers and assumed her chair.

10.1.5 Discontinuance of Area Rate for Waverley Sidewalks

A report dated January 4, 2011 was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Discontinue the Area Rate for Waverley Sidewalks effective with the 2011-12 fiscal year, and**
- 2. Direct staff to consult with the community with respect to the allocation of the \$67,665.16 balance collected to date from this area rate, and return to Council with a recommendation based on the consultation held. In accordance with the intent of the area rate, preference will be given to those ideas which address pedestrian safety in the community.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.6 Department of Justice – Cost Shared Funding Electronic Ticketing

A report dated January 7, 2011 was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Wile that Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Accept the cost shared funding from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$350,000; and**
2. **Approve an increase to the Gross Capital Budget to Capital Account No. CIP00763, Computer Aided Dispatch, in the amount of \$350,000, funded from Police Cost Centre P240-SOTS with no change to the Net Budget, to reflect cost sharing as per the Budget Implications section of the January 7, 2011 staff report.**

Ms. Cathie O'Toole, Director, Financial Services, advised Council that the funding and use of electronic ticketing should yield significant savings for HRM in overtime management for court time.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE

10.2.1 Second Generation LED Street Light Pilot Project

A report dated January 7, 2011 was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council approve:

1. **HRM's participation in a two year LED street lighting pilot project which is designed to test, measure and validate variables of a second generation LED technology; and**
2. **An increase to capital project CBX01161 of \$300,000 to install 2,400+ additional LED street lights in HRM as part of the pilot project; and**
3. **A withdrawal of \$300,000 from Q131 Energy and Underground Services Co-location Reserve to fund the increase in CBX01161. All savings derived from the project will be transferred back to Q131 to comply with the requirements of the reserve and fund future energy efficiency projects.**

Councillors addressed the following points during discussion:

- There has to be a mechanism in place for street lights to monitor use and energy efficiencies and savings
- A criteria for light level standards for different locations in HRM should be considered

- Light outages must be monitored and those lights burnt out must be replaced as soon as possible

Mr. Angus Doyle, Manager of Utility Coordination, noted that one of the advantages of the second generation of LED street lights is the ability to remotely monitor street light outages.

Councillor Johns retired from the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

- It was stated that in some areas, especially rural areas, lights are burnt out for extended periods of time and it was noted that this issue must be addressed with Nova Scotia Power
- Funds for lighting and funds for undergrounding of wiring are kept in separate funds

Councillor Fisher noted that this is the type of cost effective energy reduction project that Council should be pleased to support.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. MOTIONS

12. ADDED ITEMS

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 Councillor Sloane

Take Notice that at the next regular meeting of the Halifax Regional Council to be held on January 25, 2011, I intend to introduce a motion to request a report regarding HRM's ability to grant funding to HMCS Sackville Trust for a study required for the Queen's Landing lands.

13.2 Councillor Karsten

Take Notice that at the next regular meeting of the Halifax Regional Council to be held on the 25th day of January 2011, I intend to introduce a motion to request Council change the interim award policy to reflect the Chief Administrative Officer's authority to award tenders to a maximum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett
Municipal Clerk

Information Items
January 18, 2011

1. Memorandum from Director, Transportation and Public Works dated December 21, 2010 re: Bedford Traffic Safety Petition
2. Memorandum from Director, Infrastructure and Asset Management dated January 5, 2011 re: Motorized Use of Rails to Trails Corridors in HRM
3. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated January 14, 2011 re: Requests for Presentations to Council - None