

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES

March 22, 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
Stephen Adams
Brad Johns
Robert Harvey
Tim Outhit
Reg Rankin
Peter Lund

REGRETS:

Councillors: Linda Mosher

STAFF:

Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Acting Municipal Clerk
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. INVOCATION

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Deputy Mayor Smith.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Sloane thanked all who attended the International Day of Elimination of Racism service held at the Cornwallis Street Baptist Church.

Councillor Blumenthal announced the following upcoming events:

- Thursday, March 24th, auction at the Lion's Head at 6:00 p.m. in support of Veith House.
- March 27th - April 2nd, Scouts Canada is celebrating its 2nd Annual National Good Turn Week. He wished them a successful Good Turn Week.

Councillor Rankin announced Purple Day for Epilepsy to be held on March 26, 2011 and noted that the Proclamation was included on the March 22, 2011 Regional Council agenda as Information Item 1. He encouraged everyone to wear purple on March 26th in support of Purple Day for Epilepsy and its nine-year old founder Cassidy Megan of Prospect, Nova Scotia.

Councillor Watts announced the following upcoming events:

- Wednesday, March 23rd, presentation of the Bikeways Plan to be held at the Dalhousie Student Union Building at 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 26th, Earth Hour at 8:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to turn their power off for one hour on this date/time.

Councillor Hendsbee announced the following upcoming events:

- Wednesday, March 23rd, Destination Halifax's Annual General Meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Pier 21.
- Friday, March 25th, Royal Canadian Legion #161 Eastern Marine Branch in Gaetz Brook will be hosting a dinner/dance in honour of their 35th anniversary.

He requested permission to speak to Added Item 12.1 Proclamation – Prostate Cancer Canada upon the imminent arrival of the Prostate Cancer Canada delegation.

Councillor Fisher announced the 3rd Annual Trek for Tourettes to be held at the Fairbanks Centre on Sunday, March 27th at 2:00 p.m.

Councillor Barkhouse announced the 5th Annual Friends of Seaside FM Spring Radio Thon from March 18th - 27th and encouraged everyone to be generous in their support.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

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

- Additions:
- 12.1 Proclamation - Prostate Cancer Canada
 - 12.2 Personnel Matter - Declassification of March 4, 2011 Halifax Regional Fire Recruitment Report
 - 12.3 Personnel Matter – Citizen Appointments to Boards, Committees, Commissions
 - 12.4 Renewal of Supplementary Education Funding Agreement
 - 12.5 Councillor Walker – UNSM Update

Item 10.2.1 to be dealt with first on the agenda.

Item 12.1 to be dealt with upon the arrival of the Prostate Cancer Canada delegation.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal 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. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE

10. REPORTS

Council agreed, during the approval of the agenda, to deal with Item 10.2.1 at this time.

10.2.1 2011 – 2016 Economic Strategy

A copy of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee report dated March 15, 2011 was before Council.

A staff report dated March 11, 2011 was before Council.

A copy of the presentation dated March 22, 2011 was circulated to Council at this time.

Mayor Kelly left the Chair at 3:08 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Smith assuming the chair.

Mr. Paul Kent, President and CEO, Greater Halifax Partnership, assisted by Mr. Jonathan Wilkie, Director, Marketing and Communications, presented the Greater Halifax Partnership 2011 - 2016 Economic Strategy.

Mayor Kelly resumed the Chair at 3:17 p.m.

Councillor Johns entered the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. Kent for the presentation and those members of the Greater Halifax Partnership and the Halifax Chamber of Commerce who have assisted HRM in achieving past benchmarks.

Council agreed to deal with Item 12.1 at this time.

12.1 Proclamation – Prostate Cancer Canada

Councillor Hendsbee introduced the following special guests from the Prostate Cancer Canada delegation who were in town to open the first regional office outside Toronto located on the corner of Sackville Street and Bedford Row, Halifax: Mr. Steven Jones, President and CEO, Helene Vassos, Vice-President, National Development, Mr. Peter Mallette, Director Atlantic Region and Mr. Mike Kidd, Assistant Development Manager for the Halifax office. He further noted that City Hall would be illuminated in hues of blue this evening, March 22nd, in recognition of this special occasion. Councillor Hendsbee thanked the delegation for the ties/scarves distributed to Members of Council in recognition of Prostate Cancer and wished them success in their future endeavours. He then announced the following upcoming special events to be hosted by Prostate Cancer Canada, Atlantic Region:

- Thursday, April 28th - Wake Up Call Breakfast
- Sunday, June 19th – Father's Day Run at Dalhousie University.

Council continued discussion on Item 10.2.1 at this time.

10.2.1 2011 – 2016 Economic Strategy (cont'd)

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Streach that Halifax Regional Council endorse the 2011-2016 Economic Strategy for Halifax Regional Municipality.

Councillor Nicoll commented that she was pleased suggestions from the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee on environmental sustainability were included in the Economic Strategy as HRM does have something to offer in regard to wind/tidal energy. Instilling pride in the area is also a goal to be pursued.

Councillor McCluskey noted the importance of seeking out and including small businesses as they are the backbone of the area. She encouraged Council to write a letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Minister Peter McKay advising of the importance the Irving Shipyard contract has to Atlantic Canada.

Councillor Streach advised that he is a member of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee and noted that the recommendation is to endorse, in principle, the Economic Strategy; any budget consideration would be brought forward through the usual budget and business planning process. He inquired how the reactivation of the RDA's and the Economic Strategy would benefit the rural communities considering that the strategy's focus is on the regional core.

In response to additional questions from members of Council, Mr. Kent provided the following information:

- where there are large commercial gatherings there will be smaller business around them resulting in a natural radiation of economic good from the core to the rural areas. The challenge in implementing the Economic Strategy is to take the business retention and expansion program, Smart Business, to the next level and augment programs already supported to become a more vital contributor to the success of small businesses in the regional areas of the municipality.
- in regard to the implementation of the Economic Strategy, the focus has been, and will continue to be, engaging with communities in business, not for profits and post secondary schools. All players must be involved and working on the same issues.
- the Economic Strategy's impact will be measured through defined milestones / goals.
- there are many partners who help to achieve the goals of the strategy and the role of the Greater Halifax Partnership (GHP) is the instigator/catalyst of continuity in some instances while in other cases GHP is a participant, and in some instances GHP has no involvement at all. At the end of the five years, GHP is confident they will be able to say the strategy was managed well.

Councillor Adams requested that Mr. Kent report back to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee outlining the past goals, what was achieved to date and how.

Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, commented that HRM is moving in the direction of a Corporate Plan which has six community outcome areas. The objectives of the Economic Strategy, as they are aligned to achieve the longer term goals, will surface in HRM's Business Plans.

Councillor Watts noted the importance of ensuring there is always room for the inclusion/participation of small businesses/new people and that their voices be heard in order to encourage them to stay. She questioned how the Economic Strategy was tied into the new Standing Committee structure. She stressed the importance of more transparency and clarity around issues such as Brand recognition so that if the HRM were to be an "entertainment centre" that concept be owned by HRM with a more sustainable and transparent method of obtaining that goal. She noted the importance of environmental sustainability initiatives in regard to supporting the economic strategy.

In response to a question by Councillor Watts, Mr. Kent explained that GHP has met with a variety of groups such as the Entrepreneurs Forum, SEED, representatives of African Nova Scotians, First Nations, the disabled community as well as not for profit groups, and; has developed aspirational goals in this respect.

Councillor Karsten noted, in regard to partnership, that HRM does require everyone working toward a common cause as HRM cannot do it all.

Councillor Blumenthal advised that he is a member of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee and was in support of the proposed strategy. He noted the importance of including the universities and research facilities especially when branding HRM as an international city. He encouraged the attraction/retention of immigrants to HRM.

Councillor Sloane suggested that GHP utilize the MEI approach, Monitoring, Evaluation and Indicators, when reporting back to Council in order to provide a qualitative and quantitative review of the progress. She encouraged more cohesion with the universities, considering the investment they are about to make in regard to their infrastructure, including plans to not only attract more students to HRM but to have them remain.

Councillor Lund requested an annual update to Council and the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee on matters such as: how many new graduates are remaining in the area, how many new businesses have been attracted to HRM and why are the corporations who move here choosing HRM and what keeps them here, as that will be the true measure of success.

Councillor Barkhouse expressed concern for fledgling businesses, such as those in the Fishermen's Cove area of Eastern Passage, who have difficulty accessing support/direction. She noted the number of natural assets throughout HRM, such as world class surf breaks, and encouraged recognition of communities with these natural assets as they are attracting professionals to the area which has a direct positive impact on the economy.

Councillor McCluskey advised that she is a member of the Greater Halifax Partnership Board of Directors and would like statistics to be provided to see what success is and how it is measured.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1 HARBOUR EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

10.1.1 Case 15790 – Armco Lands, Hines Road, Eastern Passage

The Harbour East Community Council report dated March 8, 2011 was before Council.

Written submissions from the following persons were before Council: Joseph Tilley and Patricia Phelps.

MOVED by Councillor Barkhouse, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Halifax Regional Council not proceed with any proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-Law (LUB) for Eastern Passage/Cow Bay.

Councillor Barkhouse explained that due to the concerns expressed by the residents of District 8 through the two public information meetings and two petitions that were brought forward and supported by several hundred of the area residents, a public hearing was not wanted nor needed in this instance. Concerns expressed by her residents include: traffic issues on Caldwell Road and Hines Road, compatibility of current land use, and sewer/water capacity. She clarified that she was not requesting that a public hearing be cancelled, she was requesting that Council not proceed to the public hearing stage as the community has already been engaged and are not in support of the proposed amendments.

In response to a question by Councillor Barkhouse, Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor, advised that stopping the process at this point would not be open to appeal to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board. An alternative open to Council, outlined on page 2 of the staff report, is that they may refuse the request.

Councillor Barkhouse requested a recorded vote on the motion.

Councillor Karsten explained that the issue is the role of Regional Council versus the role of the individual Councillor. He acknowledged that the area Councillor would know his/her district best, however; does that mean that staff only require one Councillor's input as to how to proceed. He noted that this was the crucial debate as it is not about who is right or wrong, it is a difference in philosophy. Councillor Karsten advised that he had attended the public information meetings and heard the comments of the residents, which did not differ from any other public comment heard at other public information meetings on other developments. He then questioned whether this would give just cause for not proceeding to a public hearing. Most of the concerns raised would be part of the discussion at the public hearing stage. Rather than just saying no, he encouraged consideration of the potential to the community if development were to proceed.

Councillor Sloane commented that the traffic concerns expressed were valid as the streets cannot handle the capacity of the potential development without upgrades. She inquired who would cover the cost for the upgrades as the Capital Cost Contributions (CCC) would not cover all. The area in question requires a lot of upgrades prior to any development going forward. She also expressed concern with the industrial portion backing onto the residential area and suggested that more review be done in this regard.

Councillor Hendsbee advised that he has reviewed the public information meeting minutes and it would be fair to proceed to a public hearing in order to allow the residents to speak prior to Council making a decision.

Councillor Johns commented that in good conscience he could not go against the Councillor's motion as she has been elected to represent that district. He noted that he was placed in a similar position in 2006 when a development was approved in the Middle Sackville area without the adequate infrastructure to support that development. The area has still not received any significant infrastructure following three development projects. He did not agree that the proposed amendments would be an opportunity for the community as Council will not be paying for a \$6 million sidewalk on Cow Bay Road; there is currently no bus service and there will not be; there will be more people on the road (traffic and pedestrian); there will be difficulty getting traffic lights and the number of stop signs will increase. Councillor Johns advised that he was fully in support of the motion.

Councillor Watts inquired whether there was another mechanism, other than the MPS process, to open discussion on this issue such as the Community Visioning exercise. She noted that it was difficult for people to understand the proposed MPS amendment when they know there is a potential development waiting to come forward. She encouraged the process to slow down and allow for more work at the community level.

Mr. Labrecque suggested that the matter may be referred back to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee for more review/discussion.

Mayor Kelly noted the time and inquired whether Council wished to recess or continue past 4:30 p.m. to complete the Council agenda. It was **MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that Council continue until the agenda is completed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Adams noted that infrastructure issues such as traffic, water/sewer and recreation services could be reviewed in more detail at the Development Agreement stage. He inquired whether or not traffic impact studies should have been completed prior to the public hearing stage.

Mr. Mitch Dickey, Planner, confirmed that if the MPS amendments were approved, the Development Agreement would be dealt with at the Community Council level.

Councillor Uteck voiced her support for the motion although expressed concern that the area did not have such services as a bank/grocery store/library and without population growth those services may continue to lack. An industrial use may come forward and the opportunity for residential at this site may be lost. She noted that there was little land left within the serviceable boundary.

Councillor Nicoll commented that people come first and then the amenities. She could not support something that would place more people/traffic on the roads as Districts 4

and 8 are deadlocked. People were hinging their hopes on the Connector Road. She inquired whether a traffic impact study had ever been done on a road not owned by HRM such as the section of Hines Road owned by DND. She suggested that the Connector Road be constructed prior to densifying the area.

Mr. Phillip Townsend, Director, Infrastructure and Asset Management, advised that an Information Report is planned for the April 12, 2011 Council agenda in regard to HRM's intention to purchase the property along Hines Road from the DND.

Councillor Blumenthal voiced his support for the motion as the area Councillor has the information and is passionate about her area.

Councillor Lund advised that he was in support of the motion as a point must be reached where Councillors have, in this instance, received enough input from the people. The Councillor has the pulse of the community. He would prefer that a traffic study be done prior to the matter coming before Council.

Councillor Karsten expressed concern with the philosophy that if the Councillor of the area does not want it then that is what Council should accept. He emphasised that discussion should not have taken place in regard to traffic on Hines Road as Council was not to speak on the potential development but rather on the proposed MPS and LUB amendments. He inquired what constituted the voice of the community; is the community only the voice of those residents who attend the public information meeting or sign a petition? Councillor Karsten explained that he believes in listening to the public and questioned whether a decision should be made based on only a few hundred residents out of 16,000.

Councillor Streach advised that he was in support of the motion as the voice of the community is the Councillor.

Deputy Mayor Smith expressed concern that the residents may be cutting off their nose to spite their face as the issue before Council is the proposed MPS/LUB amendments, and; if the residents want improvements this may require development to move forward. He noted that he was in support of the original recommendation submitted by the Harbour East Community Council.

In response to a concern raised by Councillor Hum relative to the neutrality of a potential public hearing being contravened, Ms. Donovan advised that there has been no legal issue raised in regard to discussions on the actual development as this is part of the process.

Councillor Hum advised that she was not comfortable halting the process prior to a public hearing as the public hearing could result in reports coming forward to address the concerns raised in regard to traffic and infrastructure, therefore; she was not in support of the motion.

Councillor Harvey advised that he would like to support the motion, however; the process should continue to the public hearing stage.

MOVED by Councillor Watts that the matter be deferred pending more discussion at the community level.

Mayor Kelly ruled that the motion was out of order as it was contrary to the motion on the floor.

Councillor Outhit advised that he was not in support of the motion as the matter should proceed to public hearing.

A vote was then taken on the motion on the floor as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Barkhouse, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Halifax Regional Council not proceed with any proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-Law (LUB) for Eastern Passage/Cow Bay. MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

Those voting in favour of the motion were Councillors: Barkhouse, Blumenthal, Fisher, Johns, Mayor Kelly, Lund, McCluskey, Nicoll, Sloane, Streach and Uteck.

Those voting against the motion were Councillors: Adams, Dalrymple, Harvey, Hendsbee, Hum, Karsten, Outhit, Rankin, Deputy Mayor Smith, Walker, Watts and Wile.

Those absent for the vote were Councillors: Mosher.

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

- 1. Give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for Eastern Passage/Cow Bay to establish site specific policy for lands off Hines Road as contained in Attachments A and B to the staff report dated February 15, 2011, and schedule a joint public hearing.**
- 2. Give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for Eastern Passage/Cow Bay to allow for large multi unit buildings by development agreement as contained in Attachments C and D to the staff report dated February 15, 2011, and schedule a joint public hearing.**

Councillor Sloane requested a recorded vote on this matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Those voting in favour of the motion were Councillors: Adams, Dalrymple, Harvey, Hendsbee, Hum, Karsten, Lund, Outhit, Rankin, Deputy Mayor Smith, Streach, Uteck, Walker, Watts and Wile.

Those voting against the motion were Councillors: Barkhouse, Blumenthal, Fisher, Johns, Mayor Kelly, McCluskey, Nicoll and Sloane.

Those absent for the vote were Councillors: Mosher.

10.2 COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

10.2.1 2011 – 2016 Economic Strategy

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 4.

10.3 ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE

10.3.1 Corporate Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan

A copy of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee report dated March 10, 2011 was before Council.

A staff report dated January 13, 2011 was before Council.

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

- 1. Accept the 2011 Progress Report, Attachment 1 of the staff report dated January 13, 2011;**
- 2. Direct staff to work with the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee to create a recommendation to Regional Council for a 2020 Emissions Reduction Target for corporate operations;**
- 3. Direct staff to complete a community greenhouse gas emissions inventory, which would lead to creating a recommendation to Regional Council for a 2020 Emissions Reduction Target for the community; and**
- 4. Direct staff, following Regional Council approval of 2020 Targets, to develop Emissions Reduction Plans to achieve these targets and perform corporate and community consultation on the development of these plans.**

Councillor Lund noted that on Friday, March 18, 2011, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities stated that HRM has officially completed milestone 5 for corporate

greenhouse gas reduction which is the final protocol; the motion will take HRM to the next level of further greenhouse gas reduction by 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.4 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

10.4.1 2011/2012 Budget and Business Planning Proposed Time Line

A copy of the March 17, 2011 Audit and Finance Standing Committee report was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed Corporate Plan, Business Plan and Budget Council Review Period Time Line as outlined in Attachment 1 of the March 17, 2011 report.

Deputy Mayor Smith advised that some Members of Council would prefer to have a more formal Committee of the Whole format for the Business Unit presentations wherein the public and media could be in attendance rather than the proposed informal presentations in Halifax Hall.

Without a vote being taken on the motion on the floor, the following amended motion was placed: **MOVED by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed Corporate Plan, Business Plan and Budget Council Review Period Time Line as outlined in Attachment 1 of the March 17, 2011 report with the following amendment:**

- 1. That the Business Unit Budget and Business Plan presentations be done in a Committee of the Whole format in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 27th, Thursday, April 28th and Friday, April 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Councillor Fisher advised that he was in support of the motion as it would be more appropriate for all of Council to be in Chamber to hear the debate in its entirety.

Councillor Sloane advised that she was in support of the more formal Committee of the Whole format for the Business Unit presentations as the new Chief Administrative Officer would benefit from the process.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.5 GRANT COMMITTEE

10.5.1 Community Grants Program – Proposed Amendments to Appeals Process and Sector Allocations

A copy of the Grant Committee report dated March 7, 2011 was before Council.

A copy of the Supplementary Staff Report dated January 19, 2011 was before Council.

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

1. **The Community Grants Program contingency for appeals be increased to 5% of the program's annual budget;**
2. **The Arts & Crafts sector allocation be reduced to \$75,000, effective April 1, 2011;**
3. **The program's appeals process be amended with respect to appeals initiated by elected officials as set out on page 3 and 4 of the Discussion section of the January 19, 2011 Supplementary Staff Report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. MOTIONS

11.1 Councillor Watts

- (i) **MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that Halifax Regional Council request that the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee clarify the definition and approach to developing HRM as an "entertainment centre" and how entertainment events will be developed in a transparent and sustainable way. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**
- (ii) **MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to clarify how motions by Community Councils are acted on by the Chief Administrative Office, with particular reference to the motions by the Peninsula Community Council on "Concerts on the Commons" since 2009. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Proclamation – Prostate Cancer Canada

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 5.

12.2 Personnel Matter – Declassification of March 4, 2011 Halifax Regional Fire Recruitment Report

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

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Halifax Regional Council approve that the March 4, 2011 Halifax Regional Fire Recruitment report, as reviewed by Legal Services, be released to the public. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 Personnel Matter – Citizen Appointments to Boards, Committees & Commissions

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

(i) Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee Report

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the following appointments to the Heritage Advisory Committee for a term to expire November 2013: David Houlihan, Monica MacDonald, and Emma Sampson;**
- 2. Approve the following appointments to the Heritage Advisory Committee for a term to expire November 2012: Mark Archibald, Tori Jarvis, Andrea Fox, and Anthony Hannaford;**
- 3. Maintain the current Regional Plan Advisory Committee Citizen Appointments at this time until a review of the process of the Regional Plan is identified, and;**
- 4. That Council Members appointed to the Regional Plan Advisory Committee be the Chairs, or their designates, from the Transportation, Environment and Sustainability, and Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committees.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

(ii) Audit & Finance Standing Committee Report

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

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council approve:

1. That the following six (6) citizens be appointed to the Grants Committee for a term from April 1, 2011 to November 30, 2012: Geoff Baker, David Woo, Nancy Appleby Cowper, Bernadette Kehoe, Lori Wozney and Darren Watts.
2. That the Terms of Reference of the Investment Policy Advisory Committee be amended to allow for four (4) citizens members, and that the following four (4) citizens be appointed to the Investment Policy Advisory Committee for a term from April 1, 2011 to November 30, 2012: Michael Conde, Darrell Smith, Dorothy MacCurdy and Kim Houston.
3. That the following four (4) citizens be appointed to the Special Events Advisory Committee for a term from April 1, 2011 to November 30, 2012: Dianne Kokesh, Timothy Rissesco, Lisa Monk and Colin Richardson.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

(iii) Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee Report

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

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council approve the appointment of Tony Charles and Rick Paynter as citizen representatives to the Halifax Regional Water Commission for a term ending March 2013. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 Renewal of Supplementary Education Funding Agreement

This item was dealt with at an earlier Committee of the Whole session and was before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Harvey that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to extend the agreement with the Halifax Regional School Board concerning Supplementary Education for a further four year period, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the report dated March 9, 2011. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.5 Councillor Walker – UNSM Update

This item was added during the approval of the agenda.

A copy of Deputy Minister Kevin Malloy's Technical Briefing notes dated March 22, 2011 was circulated to Council at this time.

Councillor Walker provided an overview on the briefing session provided earlier today to the Executive Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) by the Honourable Minister MacDonell of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations and Deputy Minister Malloy. At that session, the UNSM Executive were provided with the one-year notice of provincial increases to Municipalities and details of the proposed increases and amendments to the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Members of Council sought clarification and expressed concern regarding the potential budgetary impact of the provincial notice and proposed changes.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report clarifying the impact to HRM in regard to the amendments proposed to the funding arrangement reached in 2007 as outlined in the Technical Briefing, MOU document prepared for Mr. Kevin Malloy, Deputy Minister Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, and circulated to Regional Council on March 22, 2011. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 Councillor Johns

"Take Notice that at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, I intend to introduce a motion that HRM Council contact the Province of Nova Scotia requesting amendments to the Municipal Elections Act, Section 49A (1), Contributions to Candidate or Association, to prohibit campaign contributions to candidates by any individuals or businesses directly involved with the development industry."

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett
Municipal Clerk

INFORMATION ITEMS
March 22, 2011

1. Proclamation – Purple Day for Epilepsy – March 26, 2011
2. Memorandum from Managing Director External & Corporate Affairs dated March 15, 2011 re: Status Update - Economic Development Governance Review
3. Memorandum from Director, Infrastructure & Asset Management dated March 4, 2011 re: Bridge Expansion – Thomas Raddall Drive, Mainland Common
4. Memorandum from Director, Infrastructure & Asset Management dated March 4, 2011 re: Petition – Take Back Halifax Common
5. Memorandum from Director, Infrastructure & Asset Management dated March 4, 2011 re: Petition – Dartmouth Common Ball Field
6. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated March 18, 2011 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None