

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES

April 5, 2011

PRESENT:

Counc

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

REGRETS: Counc

illors: Jerry Blumenthal
Reg Rankin

STAFF:

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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1. INVOCATION

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Sloane.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Sloane noted the passing of David J. Henry, co-owner of the Economy Shoe Shop and photographer.

Councillor Harvey noted the passing of Frank Sutherland, long time Councillor and employee of the County of Halifax and volunteer.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mr. Henry and Mr. Sutherland.

Councillor McCluskey thanked and congratulated organizers and participants of the 30th annual SEDMHA Honda International hockey tournament that was held last week, with over 260 teams attending.

Councillor Fisher extended congratulations to the Dartmouth Whalers Peewee AA who won the Provincial Championship last week.

Councillor Dalrymple noted that this is Cathy O'Toole's last Council session as the Director of Finance. He thanked her for 10 years of service and wished her all the best in the future.

Councillor Adams advised that April is daffodil month in support of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Councillor Watts noted a meeting on April 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Agnes School Library regarding maintenance to the Westmount playground. There will also be a meeting on April 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Andrews Community Centre regarding maintenance of the Flynn Park playground and park.

Councillor Hendsbee noted that April 6th is Tartan Day. April 9th the Orenda Canoe Club will be holding a comedy night fundraiser at the Porters Lake Pub. Also on April 9th the O'Connell Drive Elementary School will be holding a playground committee auction and dance fundraiser at the Porters Lake Community Centre. On April 10th the monthly breakfast held by the Grand Desert West Chezzetcook Recreation Society will be held from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. On April 11th the Halifax Regional Trails Association will hold their annual supper, walk and AGM at the Fairbanks Centre.

Councillor Mosher advised that April 9th the Halifax Christian Academy will hold its second annual auction and family fun day from 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. The Theatre Arts Guild upcoming new play is an Enemy of the People, running from April 13 – 20th. Ruth McCulloch retired on March 31st after almost 38 years of service. Councillor Mosher

noted that she will be missed by Councillors, staff, and residents alike, and wished her all the best on her retirement.

Councillor Lund welcomed Mr. Stinansla Sekora, a visiting City Councillor from Gdansk, Poland.

Councillor Dalrymple noted that on April 9th at 1:00 p.m. the Lockview Highschool is presenting an auction to raise funds for the production of Phantom of the Opera, which will occur from May 11-14th. Also on April 9th at the Waverley Legion will be a dinner and theatre event starting at 6:30 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 17 & 22, 2011

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Wile, that the special meeting minutes of March 17 and the meeting minutes of March 22, 2011 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Regrets were noted from Councillors Blumenthal and Rankin.

Additions:

- 12.1 Proclamation – Daffodil Month April 2011
- 12.2 Personnel Matter – Councillor & Citizen Appointments to Boards, Committees & Commissions
 - (i) Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee Report
 - (ii) Administrative Standing Committee Report
 - (iii) Transportation Standing Committee Report
- 12.3 Property Matter – Sale of Land, Bayers Lake Business Park
- 12.4 Community Facility Master Plan
- 12.5 Leave of Absence – Councillor Rankin

Deletion:

- 11.2 Motion – Deputy Mayor Smith

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that the Order of Business be approved, as amended. 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**
 - 9.1 **Correspondence - NONE**
 - 9.2 **Petitions**

Councillor Sloane submitted a petition and correspondence dated March 30, 2011 from the Early Bird Class and Friends of the South Park YMCA in support of “the proposed new building construction to support and enhance the South Park YMCA’s ongoing contribution to the social, health and economic fabric of the HRM”, with 24 signatures.

10. **REPORTS**
 - 10.1 **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**
 - 10.1.1 **Proposed Administrative Order SC-64, Respecting Closure of a Portion of Purcell’s Cove Road Right-of-Way, Purcell’s Cove**

A staff report dated January 20, 2011 was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Fisher, that Halifax Regional Council close the portions of the Purcell’s Cove Road right-of-way, as per HRM Administrative Order SC-64, as shown on Attachment “B” of the January 20, 2011 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

With the agreement of Council, Councillor Mosher next gave notice of motion for the April 12, 2011 Council meeting at this time.

13.2 Councillor Mosher

“Take notice that at the next regular Regional Council Meeting, to be held on April 12, 2011, I propose to introduce a Policy pursuant to Section 325 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, *Administrative Order SC-64*, the purpose of which is to effect closure of a portion of Purcell’s Cove Road right-of-way, Purcell’s Cove, Nova Scotia.”

Councillor Mosher left the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

10.1.2 2011 Spring Debenture

A staff report dated March 23, 2011 was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign the Resolution for Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance Subject to Interest Rate confirmation not to exceed 6.5% to enable the Halifax Regional Municipality to issue a 10-year debenture in the amount of \$13,250,000. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

10.2.1 Taxi & Limousine Advisory Committee

A report from the Transportation Standing Committee dated March 28, 2011 was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith, that this matter be referred to the CAO for review, and for the CAO to report back to the Transportation Standing Committee.

Council engaged in discussion on this report and were encouraged to forward their concerns to the CAO to take into consideration during his review.

Staff clarified that the recommendation is for this Committee to become an industry and user liaison committee.

Mr. Richard Butts, CAO, advised that he had questions regarding consultation and outreach, and composition of the committee. He would like some time to review the issue and will report back to the Transportation Standing Committee. The Transportation Standing Committee can then report back to Council with a final recommendation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

10.3.1 Terms of Reference

A report dated March 29, 2011 from the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that Halifax Regional Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee as outlined in Attachment A of the March 29, 2011 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.4 ADMINISTRATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

10.4.1 Terms of Reference

A report dated March 31, 2011 from the Administrative Standing Committee was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that Halifax Regional Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Administrative Standing Committee as outlined in Attachment A of the March 31, 2011 report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. MOTIONS

11.1 Councillor Johns

An email from Pat Kidd, dated March 20, 2011 was before Council.

Councillor Johns advised that since Council met last, staff have clarified that they are able, under current legislation, to scan and post names and amounts of financial contributions for the 2008 and subsequent municipal election and would be doing so. In light of that he would not be moving the motion.

11.2 Deputy Mayor Smith

This item was deleted during the approval of the Order of Business at the request of Deputy Mayor Smith.

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Proclamation – Daffodil Month April 2011

This item was added for information purposes.

12.2 Personnel Matter – Councillor & Citizen Appointments to Boards, Committees & Commissions

This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera meeting and was before Council for ratification.

(i) Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee Report

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Halifax Regional Council approve the appointment of Councillor Sue Uteck to the Heritage Advisory Committee for a term to expire November 2012.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

(ii) Administrative Standing Committee Report

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

- 1. Adopt the recommendations of the Administrative Standing Committee regarding the Citizen appointments as outlined in Attachment 1 of the March 30, 2011 report from the Administrative Standing Committee.**
- 2. Adopt the following recommendation of the Administrative Standing Committee that the HRM appointment to the Transportation Association Board of Canada Board of Directors be an HRM staff member with a technical and/or transportation background (to be recommended by the CAO) instead of an elected official.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

(iii) Transportation Standing Committee Report

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the following Councillor appointments to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee, for a term to expire November 2012: Councillors Watts, Hendsbee and Hum.**
- 2. Approve the following Citizen appointments to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee, for a term to expire November 2012: Ted Scrutton, David Jackson, Myles McCallum and Gai Thomas as the Senior Citizen representative;**
- 3. Approve the following Councillor appointments to the Advisory Committee on Accessibility, for a term to expire November 2012: Councillors Blumenthal and Wile;**
- 4. Approve the following Councillor appointments to the Halifax Dartmouth Bridge Commission, for a term to expire April 2013: Councillors Barkhouse, Hendsbee and Wile;**
- 5. Refer recommendations 4, 6 and 7 of the Transportation Standing Committee back to the Committee for further consideration.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 Property Matter – Sale of Land, Bayers Lake Business Park

This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera meeting and was before Council for ratification.

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

- 1. Award RFP 10-063 to BANC Developments Ltd., and authorize staff to enter into an Agreement of Purchase & Sale with BANC Developments Ltd, subject to the minimum key terms and conditions outlined in the March 24, 2011 Private and Confidential staff report .**
- 2. Not release this report to the public until the property transaction has closed.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 Community Facility Master Plan

This item was addressed at an earlier Committee of the Whole meeting and was before Council for ratification:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Halifax Regional Council refer detailed project recommendations to the Audit and Finance Committee for further discussion of funding strategies.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.5 Leave of Absence – Councillor Rankin

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Lund, that Councillor Rankin be granted a leave of absence from Regional Council effective April 5, 2011.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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 April 12, 2011, I intend to introduce a motion requesting an update on implementation of the Events Strategy, specifically, the new regional scaled events that

have been advanced since its implementation, and what if any budget implications this has had.”

13.2 Councillor Mosher

Councillor Mosher gave notice of motion earlier in the meeting, following Item 10.1.1.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett
Municipal Clerk

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Proclamation – 8th Annual Canadian Oncology Nursing Day – April 5, 2011
2. Memorandum from Director Legal Services & Risk Management dated March 24, 2011 re: Elected Officials
3. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated April 1, 2011 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None