

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES

August 7, 2012

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Kelly
Deputy Mayor Bill Karsten
Councillors: Steve Streach
Barry Dalrymple
David Hendsbee
Lorelei Nicoll
Gloria McCluskey
Darren Fisher
Jackie Barkhouse
Jim Smith
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. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Martin Ward, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Acting Municipal Clerk
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. INVOCATION

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in Room 100, World Trade and Convention Centre, Halifax with the Invocation being led by Councillor Streach.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of acknowledgements and community events.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 3, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that the minutes of July 3, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Addition:

Councillor Blumenthal requested that an item titled – Pilot Project – Metro Transit Once a Week Free Seniors Day be added to the August 14, 2012 agenda

Deletions:

11.1.1 Tender 12-276 – Waverley Bridge Replacement, Rocky Lake Drive - Central Region

12.2 Motion - Councillor Lund re: Unsightly Properties

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Regional Council rise and go into a private In Camera session, in accordance with Section 19 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, for the purpose of dealing with the items listed under agenda item 15. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council recessed at 10:46 a.m. to convene into In Camera. All of the items under item 15 were dealt with In Camera.

Council reconvened the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Clarification was provided by the Clerk that there was no recommendation to be ratified by Council respecting Item 15.5 LEGAL MATTER, 15.5.1 Potential Litigation, added to the agenda during the In Camera session.

The motions from the In Camera session for Items 15.2.1 and 15.3.1 were added to the Order of Business for ratification at this time.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**
6. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**
7. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**
8. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

Council agreed to address Item 10.3.1 - Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission re: Bridge Re-decking Project at this time.

10.3.1 Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission re: Bridge Re-decking Project

A copy of the August 7, 2012 presentation entitled: Angus L. MacDonald Bridge Suspended Span Re-decking was before Council.

Mr. Steve Snider, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, Halifax Dartmouth Bridge Commission and Mr. John Epell, Bridge Engineer gave a presentation on the Angus L. MacDonald Bridge Re-decking Project; including a status update of the bike lane and sidewalk during the project.

Mr. Snider and Mr. Epell responded to questions of clarification raised by Council respecting:

- Communication with stakeholders in regard to travel times; potential discussions with Metro Transit to provide assistance (ie. ferry service)
- Potential effects on cyclists; consultation being undertaken with Halifax Cycling Coalition October 3, 2012; concerns respecting safety in relation to winter maintenance on bridge and narrower lanes
- Possibility for improved access onto the bridge from Halifax and Dartmouth
- Potential impact on utilities during re-decking; discussions with Halifax Water in relation to water main
- Mitigating noise impact to nearby residents (ie. undertaking sound study)
- Disposal/re-using bridge materials; issuing Request for Proposal to re-use materials (ie. rails and bikeways)

During the discussion, it was suggested that as this work is not scheduled to commence until 2015, that this presentation be given to the new Council elect for their information.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.1 Proposed Less Than Market Value Sale of 3214 Highway #2, Fall River to the Lakeview, Windsor Junction, Fall River Firemen's Association

This matter was addressed at 6:30 p.m.; refer to page 15.

9.2 Proposed Less Than Market Value Sale of 4693 Highway #7, Porter's Lake, to the Porter's Lake Community Service Association

This matter was addressed at 6:30 p.m.; refer to page 17.

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence – None

10.2 Petitions

10.2.1 Councillor Mosher

Councillor Mosher submitted a petition containing 139 signatures requesting that the proposed service adjustment plan for 2012-13 for HRM Transit, which includes removing service after 8:00 p.m. seven days a week for the #15 bus, be reconsidered and to keep service after 8:00 p.m. for #15.

10.2.2 Councillor Watts

Councillor Watts submitted a petition containing 37 signatures in support of Gerald Ferguson's efforts to have speed bumps installed on Westmount Street to make the area safer for our children and ourselves.

10.2.3 Councillor Sloane

Councillor Sloane submitted a petition containing 19 signatures from residents of Gordon B. Isnor Manor, Cornwallis Street expressing concern with the #3 senior's bus being dismantled and requesting the possibility of having the #6 bus rerouted up Cornwallis Street from Cogswell Street.

10.2.4 Councillor Hendsbee

Councillor Hendsbee submitted a petition containing 88 signatures from the PLCSA Bingo players in support of the Porters Lake Community Services Association's request to buy the Porters Lake Community Centre at less than market value.

10.2.5 Councillor Smith

Councillor Smith submitted a petition containing 32 signatures from residents not in support of the proposal for a radio communications towers on Albro Lake Road.

10.3 Presentations

10.3.1 Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission re: Bridge Re-decking Project

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting; refer to page 6.

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Tender 12-276 – Waverley Bridge Replacement, Rocky Lake Drive - Central Region

This matter was deleted from the agenda during the approval of the Order of Business.

11.1.2 Tender No. 12-264, Street Sidewalk and Watermain Renewal – Bayers Road (Joseph Howe – Samuel Walker) and Ashburn Avenue (Bayers – Elliot) – West Region

The July 24, 2012 staff report was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a budget increase of \$503,269.64 (net HST included) to Project Account No. CYX01345 – Street Recapitalization, funded through cost sharing with Halifax Water, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the July 24, 2012 staff report.**
- 2. Award Tender No. 12-264, Street Sidewalk and Watermain Renewal – Bayers Road (Joseph Howe – Samuel Walker) and Ashburn Avenue (Bayers – Elliott) – West Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$1,126,705.94 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No(s). CYX01345 – Street Recapitalization and CKU01084 – Sidewalk Renewal, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the July 24, 2012 staff report.**

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (24 in favour, 0 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors Streach, Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Blumenthal, Sloane, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: None

11.1.3 Tender No. 12-217, Pavement and Watermain Renewal - Willow St. (Agricola – Windsor) and Robie Street (North – Garrick) - West Region

The July 27, 2012 staff report was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a budget increase of \$472,945.35 (net HST included) to Project Account No. CYX01345 – Street Recapitalization funded through cost sharing with Halifax Water, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the July 27, 2012 staff report.**
- 2. Approve a budget increase of \$69,489.20 (net HST included) to Project Account No. CYX01345 – Street Recapitalization funded through cost sharing with Heritage Gas, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the July 27, 2012 staff report.**
- 3. Award Tender No. 12-217, Pavement and Watermain Renewal – Willow Street (Agricola – Windsor) and Robie Street (North –Garrick) – West Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$1,021,825.51 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No(s). CYX01345 – Street Recapitalization and CKU01084 – Sidewalk Renewal as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the July 27, 2012 staff report.**

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (24 in favour, 0 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors Streach, Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Blumenthal, Sloane, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: None

11.1.4 Sole Source Award – Voith Schneider Propellers – Voith Turbo GmbH and Co.

The July 12, 2012 staff report was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Barkhouse, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Halifax Regional Council, in accordance with the Sole Source Policy (Administrative Order 35, Section 8(11A) sub-sections (a) and (b) attached), award the Sole Source purchase of two Voith Schneider propeller units for a new Metro Transit ferry, for a total cost of \$1,102,967.32 (net HST included) to Voith Turbo GmbH & Co., with funding from Project No. CMX01123 – New Conventional Ferry, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the July 12, 2012 staff report.

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (24 in favour, 0 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors Streach, Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Blumenthal, Sloane, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: None

11.1.5 First Reading Proposed Administrative Order SC-68, Street Closure – Portion of Bright Place Right-of-Way, Halifax

The June 12, 2012 staff report was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Halifax Regional Council Give First Reading of Administrative Order SC-68, Respecting Closure of a Portion of Bright Place Right of Way, Halifax as shown in Attachment “A” of the July 12, 2012 staff report; and, set a date for a public hearing.

In response to questions raised, Mr. Tom Crouse, Acquisition & Disposal Manager clarified that the first step would be to close the street portion and convey it to the proponent. Rezoning and/or a development agreement would be done as a separate process and at the proponent’s risk. Further, HRM will be retaining a portion of the pedestrian walkway, which will be built to HRM’s standard and retained by the Municipality.

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (24 in favour, 0 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors Streach, Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Blumenthal, Sloane, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: None

Public Hearing scheduled for September 25, 2012.

11.1.6 First Reading, as Amended, Proposed By-Law C-702, An Amendment to By-Law C-700, Respecting Cemeteries and Administrative Order 20 Respecting Fees for Cemetery Service

The following was before Council:

- Extract of the January 10, 2012 Regional Council Minutes
- Supplementary Staff Report dated July 12, 2012

- Staff Report dated December 16, 2011

MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Wile that Halifax Regional Council Give First Reading of By-Law C-702, as amended, Respecting Cemeteries and Administrative Order 20, Respecting Fees for Cemetery Services.

Councillor Uteck expressed concern with the lack of consultation with the Last Post Fund and it was **MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Sloane to defer Item 11.1.6 back to staff for additional consultation with the Last Post Fund.**

Council entered into discussion on the deferral with further concern being expressed respecting maintenance fees and issues with proper maintenance being conducted at the cemetery.

Mr. Ken Reashor, Director of Transportation and Public Works spoke on staff's communications to date with the Last Post Fund and their administration, in terms of the operating costs, evening/weekend/holiday costs, maintenance fees and the debentures. As referenced in the July 12, 2012 supplementary staff report, the fifteen percent (15%) in lot sales revenue collected by HRM is not applicable to the sale of the Last Post Fund niches.

In response to a question raised, Mr. Martin Ward, Municipal Solicitor confirmed that Council can direct that a public hearing be held on amending Administrative Order 20.

Council Wile requested clarification as to whether the Land Post Fund receives funding (ie. government grants) to assist with maintenance of the columbarium.

Following further discussion, it was noted that staff would meet with the Last Post Fund to further discuss the concerns around maintenance fees, should HRM assume responsibility of the columbarium niche.

In terms of fairness to veterans, Mr. Reashor clarified that the difference with this particular situation is that if Council is to take over the Last Post Fund niches, Council would not receive the fifteen percent (15%) from lot sales, and would have to make up this loss. HRM would be granting the Last Post Fund fee services for after hours, weekends and on holidays. Staff is presently looking into the Field of Valor, as the Last Post Fund may want to have HRM take over the administration of this program. Mr. Reashor went on to comment that he felt HRM was at a reasonable level of fees in comparison with other areas.

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED. (22 in favour, 2 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors Streach, Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Blumenthal, Sloane, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Outhit and Lund.

Those voting against were: Councillors Harvey and Rankin.

11.1.7 Second Reading Proposed By-Law S-436, An amendment to By-Law S-400 Respecting Local Improvement Charges, New Paving Projects Outside the Core Area 2011

The May 14, 2012 staff report was before Council.

Councillor Hendsbee noted a typographical error in By-Law S-436; Schedule R respecting the cost per square footage; actual cost is \$23.26 *per foot* not \$23.64.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Halifax Regional Council approve By-Law S-436, an amendment to By-Law S-400, new paving of subdivision streets outside the core area – 2011, as outlined in Attachment “A1” of the May 14, 2012 staff report with the noted correction.

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (23 in favour, 1 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors Streach, Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Blumenthal, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: Councillor Sloane

11.1.8 2012 HRM Citizen Survey Results

The following documents were before Council:

- Staff Information Report dated August 7, 2012
- Nova Insights Market Research & Consulting Consultants Report dated August 7, 2012
- Copy of the August 7, 2012 Presentation

Mr. Ed Thornhill, Manager, Corporate Planning introduced Mr. Paul DesBarres, President of Nova Insights who delivered the 2012 HRM Citizen Survey results.

Council entered into discussion on the results of the 2012 Citizen Survey, with reference being made to the public's increased concern for the environment and the importance for renewable energy, as well as their response toward an improved transit system and investment in commuter rail as compared to feedback received two years ago.

In response to a request for additional information on the public's feedback related to services, future planning, and the need for an education component, Mayor Kelly clarified that today's presentation was to provide an overview of the 2012 survey results, and as staff moves forward with this information more detail would be provided to Council.

Staff provided clarification on the 2012 survey mail out distribution, as outlined in the August 7, 2012 staff report.

In response to a question raised, staff advised that there were no questions in the 2012 survey that were directed specifically toward accessibility.

Mayor Kelly advised that the information obtained from the 2012 survey would be given as part of the orientation to the new Council for reference during the 2013-2014 budgetary discussions and review of service levels.

During the ensuing discussion, it was suggested that staff provide information on transit service in terms of urban versus rural and the preference for coverage and availability. Mr. DesBarres indicated that staff could provide a break down based on urban, suburban and rural areas, which is more reliable than by each district.

Staff further responded to questions on ways to improve the survey response rate. Mr. DesBarres advised that through the process of random selection mail out, residents with/without phones or internet service had the opportunity to participate in the survey. He indicated that there was also interest from residents who were not part of the mail out that had requested to participate in the survey. To improve the mail out would result in greater costs and the return may not be worth the investment (ie. reminder letters). He commented that 9.7% is a good participation rate from the general public. Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer indicated that future surveys would be available online to allow for broader/greater participation; however, the online survey results would be posted separately from the mail out results.

The following suggestions were noted for future surveys:

- with an aging demographic, there should be questions related to accessibility (ie. aid for disabled in regard to the types of services provided)
- to assist in broader participation, the survey should be advertised in rural community papers, as well as utilizing the city watch program as a reminder tool

Council recessed at 3:39 p.m.

Council reconvened at 3:51 p.m. without Councillor Blumenthal in attendance.

11.1.9 Metro Transit Ferry Service Recommendation

The following documents were before Council:

- Extract of the May 1, 2012 Regional Council minutes
- Staff Report dated June 11, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Harvey that Halifax Regional Council implement the ferry service reductions effective August 27, 2012, as per the Metro Transit 2012-13 Annual Service Plan approved by Regional Council on April 3, 2012.

Councillor Rankin referred to recent transit cuts across the Municipality, noting his support for the reduction in ferry service in keeping with fairness; however, he indicated that he was also open to supporting the implementation of the Metro Transit 2012-13 Annual Service Plan, with the expectation of the Ferry Service reductions on Friday and Saturday nights with funding from Metro Transit's net annual surplus/deficit (Option 3 of the June 11, 2012 staff report).

Council entered into debate with several members of Council expressing concern regarding the reduction of the ferry service based on the feedback received in the 2012 HRM Citizen Survey that residents want to either maintain or increase transit and ferry service. It was noted that the ferry services requires less subsidy than the bus service.

During the discussion, note was made regarding increased ridership on the ferries during special events; however, concern was expressed with lost revenue through the use of transfer slips.

Mr. Eddie Robar, Director of Metro Transit provided clarification on the subsidization of the ferry service as compared to bus service, noting that the ferry services recovers approximately 68% of its cost, and the conventional transit service recovers approximately 46%. He went on to note that the ferry service has probably the most accurate ridership counts of any service Metro Transit provides. Passenger tallies are taken for Transport Canada purposes and the revenue from the transfer slips is transferred based on the number of passengers that use that service.

Several members of Council expressed concern with reducing the ferry service with the upcoming bridge repairs and new development proposed for downtown Halifax and Dartmouth.

During the ensuing discussion, reference was made to the overall transit service cuts approved during the 2012-2013 budget review; of which the ferry service was part of this reduction. Examples were provided where bus services had been reduced/cut leaving some areas with no secondary option for transit service; however, passengers who use the ferry services would still have the ability to take a bus to cross the harbour even with the reduction in service.

In response to question raised, staff provided clarification on Metro Transit's service standards, which is identified in Metro Transit's annual service plan reports to Regional Council, the five year strategic plan review and online.

The discussion ensued and a recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (7 in favour, 15 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Councillors Wile, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Johns, Harvey and Rankin.

Those voting against were: Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors Streach, Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Sloane, Uteck, Watts, Outhit and Lund.

Those absent for the vote were: Councillors Blumenthal and Adams.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Fisher that Halifax Regional Council implement the Metro Transit 2012-13 Annual Service Plan, with the exception of the Ferry Service reductions on Friday and Saturday nights with funding from Metro Transit's net annual surplus/deficit, as outlined in the June 11, 2012 staff report.

Following a brief discussion a recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (18 in favour, 4 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors Streach, Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Uteck, Watts, Hum, Johns, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: Councillors Sloane, Walker, Mosher and Harvey.

Those absent for the vote were: Councillors Blumenthal and Adams.

Council recessed at 5:25 p.m.

Council reconvened at 6:31 p.m. with Councillor Blumenthal not in attendance.

Council dealt with Items 9.1 and 9.2 at this time.

9.1 Proposed Less Than Market Value Sale of 3214 Highway #2, Fall River to the Lakeview, Windsor Junction, Fall River Firemen's Association

The following documents were before Council:

- Extract from draft July 3, 2012 Regional Council minutes
- June 12, 2012 Grants Committee report
- May 31, 2012 staff report
- Attachment "A" Site Plan Easement for Civic #3214 Highway #2, Fall River

Ms. PJ Temple, Team Lead, Tax, Grants and Special Projects, Finance, assisted by Mr. Tom Crouse, Manager, Acquisition and Disposal, Real Estate, Planning and Infrastructure, presented the report.

Mayor Kelly reviewed the public hearing process then opened the public hearing calling for speakers to come forward at this time.

Wally Tattrie, Middle Sackville, advised that he was a member of the Firefighters Interpretation Centre, a group that is currently using the centre as a museum housing artifacts from the pre 1900's to the present. The facility has been completely renovated by this group. He requested that the building be maintained as a Firefighters museum for the benefit of the community and HRM.

Paul Adlacka, Fall River, noted that he was a member of the Community Hall Centre Board of Director's and a volunteer with the Fall River Visioning Committee. It was community spirit that helped to raise the funds to purchase and pay for the property / building / firefighting equipment / trucks through numerous fundraisers since 1992. Upon amalgamation of HRM, the property fell under HRM with all equipment being donated at that time. The community is looking forward to managing and utilizing the property for youth groups, the interpretation centre, sports and recreation groups and other groups who look for low cost facility space which is limited in Fall River. The Board of Directors of the Community Hall has the wherewithal to ensure the property is financially viable and is motivated to ensure the facility is used for community purposes. This facility is sorely needed in the community.

Michael Creighton, Fall River, advised that he was the Chairman of the Fall River Vision project. In 2007 Regional Council approved in principle the Fall River vision and since that time the community has moved forward with that vision with the main objective being that public property remain in the public domain. The sale of this property to the Lakeview, Windsor Junction, Fall River (LWF) Fire Association will fit the spirit of this vision/goal. He requested Council's support for the sale of the facility as proof of Council's support of community based efforts.

Sandra Carr, Fall River, member of the Fall River Visioning Committee and many other Committees, agreed with the previous speakers in regard to the hard work by the community, the visioning group and Board of Director's who are willing to continue to work hard and maintain the facility in the community.

Bill Horn, Wellington, advised that he is a member of the Lakeview, Windsor Junction, Fall River (LWF) Firemen's Association Board and Representative of the Lions Club. There is a non-profit organization registered with Joint Stock and Deeds ready to take over this facility. The facility is in use 95% of the time and offered to non-profit groups and volunteers at no charge. Occasionally there is a charge for use of the facility to assist with fundraising to keep the facility going. There are open houses held to provide training for the young in the community and show what fire departments were like years

ago. He requested Council's support in transferring the property to the Firemen's Association as it will be well used by a diversified group with lots of experience.

Mayor Kelly gave the third call for any speakers; hearing none, it was **MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that the public hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Streach that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale, whereby the property located at 3214 Highway #2, Fall River be conveyed to the Lakeview, Windsor Junction, Fall River Firemen's Association, conditional upon confirmation of an approved easement agreement, for the sum of \$1.00, plus all associated costs, as per the terms and conditions set out in Table 1 of the May 31, 2012 staff report.

Councillor Dalrymple thanked all community volunteers who worked to obtain ownership of this facility and all groups associated with the facility/interpretation centre with particular thanks to the Miller family for donating the easement as a contribution to the community.

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (23 in favour, 0 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors: Streach, Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Sloane, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: None

Those absent for the vote were: Councillor Blumenthal

9.2 Proposed Less Than Market Value Sale of 4693 Highway #7, Porter's Lake, to the Porter's Lake Community Service Association

The following documents were before Council:

- Written submissions from the following persons were before Council: Judy Leaman, Steve Buchanan, Lenna Lisicky, Corey Matheson, Danielle Mercer, Frances Waller, Michael Corbett, Stephen Parsons, Cathy Connolly, Lorne Glessing, Danielle and Bob Rowlings, Hilda Rowlings, Stephen Wentzell, Pam Johnstone, Michael and Joan Merrick, Steven and Lyn Miles, Ron and Joyce Munroe, Denise Gallupe, Derek Burnett, Rodney Durnford, Becky Daley, Tammy Moir, George Bernier, Nancy Hollis, Julie Callegari, Travis Rudolph, Stephanie Peskett,
- Extract from draft July 3, 2012 Regional Council minutes
- June 12, 2012 Grants Committee report

- April 16, 2012 staff report

Ms. PJ Temple, Team Lead, Tax, Grants and Special Projects, Finance, and Mr. Tom Crouse, Manager, Acquisition and Disposal, Real Estate, Planning and Infrastructure, presented the report. Ms. Temple advised that the subdivision lines on the map may differ from what appears in the report as those lines were preliminary. The initial appraisal outlined in the report did not include the subdivision nor the exclusion of the playground/basketball court lands that will remain with and be operated by HRM; that portion of land has been valued at \$10,000. This will decrease the value of HRM's in kind contribution to \$170,000 plus the \$2,550 in deed transfer tax. For clarity, the Budget Implications section of the staff report notes that the Proponent is not a registered charity; therefore, the deed transfer tax is payable. With the nominal sale price of \$1, the deed transfer tax will not be realized and is noted as an opportunity cost in the Budget Implications section of the staff report.

Mayor Kelly reviewed the public hearing process then opened the public hearing calling for speakers to come forward at this time.

Stephen Parsons, West Chezzetcook, Chair of the new Lake & Shore Community Recreation Centre Society (LSCRC) Board of Directors, advised that a letter had been submitted that has been circulated to Members of Council outlining the Board's position. As a citizen and community volunteer he was in support of the proposal. He explained that the Porter's Lake Community Centre Association (PLCSA) declined the offer to move into and manage the new facility due to the conditions under which the new recreation centre would operate limiting the value for which the community centre is known. The expanded scope of the area tax rate coverage would dilute their efforts to support the community. The need to run the new Recreation Centre in a more corporate like fashion would affect decisions in regard to the nature of programs as the focus would be more on recreation/sports/fitness and the costs involved would limit the use by non-profits. Both the Porter's Lake Community Centre (PLCC), run by the Porter's Lake Community Services Association (PLCSA), and the Lake & Shore Community Recreation Centre (LSCRC) are vital to the provision of services in the Porter's Lake and Eastern Shore area as neither facility, on its own, would satisfy the needs of the growing community. The services offered by the PLCC are distinct enough from the Recreation Centre to warrant keeping both facilities in operation. The anticipated growth of the community is predicted to out-strip the capacity of both centres in the near future. The LSCRC, after a year in operation, has learned that there is no way it could accommodate most functions run by the PLCC as their focus is on recreation and sports and they do not have the capacity nor the mandate to cover most of the community services provided by the PLCC such as bingos, dances, free space to Guides, Scouts, Seniors groups and many other non-profit groups. Without a favorable decision on this matter, the PLCC would cease to exist and along with it, a loss of most of the activities they facilitate at a time when the community is growing and needs both organizations working together to meet the demand. The volunteers put their lives into the services and they are the staff, custodians, cooks and managers; this is a great bargain for HRM. Without a favourable result today, those services would be lost.

Susan Abboud, Porter's Lake, Vice-President Porter's Lake Community Services Association (PLCSA), explained that after being approached to be part of the new facility's Board, she reviewed the plans for the new centre and obtained feedback from the various groups who use the centre and determined that the new centre would not meet the needs of the community; both together would.

Members of both Boards have met to discuss shared roles as there is room for both and there is no competition. The proposed Seven Lakes Development coming to the area will double the community's population within ten (10) years. HRM has assisted with repairs to the building roof and septic system; however; the PLCSA is able to handle the ongoing maintenance of the facility and provide quality events for the community. Free use of the facility is offered to non-profit groups and discounted rental rate offered to the Knights of Columbus, Blood Donation Clinic and the Cancer Society as well as area churches that do not have a church hall. The centre has been a CAP site and has an RCMP community policing office. The upgraded property will continue to be a benefit to HRM and offer much anticipated community events such as the annual Christmas tree lighting and the Lake and Shore Festival. The facility has been the cornerstone of the community for many years with a variety of annual family events being offered.

Leon Bonang, Porters Lake, expressed support for transferring ownership of the facility to the PLCSA. He submitted two slides depicting the condition of the building when purchased and its current, renovated state with the many upgrades to the interior and exterior including a new front entrance and new kitchen/washroom at the rear, all paid for by local fundraising with the work done by local vendors and community volunteers. Future plans include installation of an emergency generator switch to enable the facility to be used as a Comfort Centre. The new school and recreation centre is fully supported by tax dollars and the area rate for District 3. The PLCSA was formed in the 1970's when the volunteer Board of Directors successfully requested the former elementary school for a community centre. The land for the school had been donated by a local family. The RCMP Community Policing office located in the facility offers courses such as Citizen's on Patrol, Neighbourhood Watch and Seniors Safety programs.

Belva Buckley, West Chezzetcook, Chairperson of Bingo for the Porter's Lake Community Services Association (PLCSA), advised that she has been involved with the community organization for over ten (10) years. The Centre provides a sense of belonging. She has volunteered endless hours to the fast growing community with young families. The facility is needed by the community. She invited Members of Council to visit the facility to see what is offered.

Monica Hoveland, Porter's Lake, advised that there is a need to keep the Community Centre as it offers youth and teen dances three times per month with children from area schools attending. The students volunteer in the canteen/DJ'ing in exchange for admission to the dances. The youth dances bring in approximately \$1,000 per month. Parents know their children will be in a safe environment at the community dances. Volunteer work at the Community Centre is part of what her family does together and her children are learning to give back. Groups such as Guides, Sparks and Brownies

also use the facility for free; if these groups had to pay rent the Guiding opportunity would be lost in Porter's Lake as there would not be sufficient funds to provide much of a program. The Community Centre is the heart of the community.

Thorne Stanley, Clayton Park, read a letter he submitted on behalf of Mr. Paul Hoveland who could not be in attendance as he was supervising a youth who was DJ'ing a dance at the Community Centre. Mr. Hoveland was in support of maintaining the Community Centre.

Mayor Kelly advised that the letter would be received as a submission on behalf of Mr. Hoveland.

Julianna Hoveland, Porters Lake, advised that she spends a lot of time at the Porter's Lake Community Centre and works in the Canteen, an experience that teaches her responsibility and how to be a positive member of society. Her parents also volunteer at the Youth dances. She will be moving to Junior High in September and the youth dances have helped her meet students from other schools. She thanked Council for being open minded and for considering the views of the community.

Jorja Abboud, Porter's Lake, commented that the Community Centre should be allowed to operate as it is or be sold to the Operating Committee for \$1. The Centre offers employment for youth in the area and teaches youth responsibility and to be positive members of society. There are a lot of events held at Community facility. She thanked Council for their consideration.

Rev. Darrell Feltmate, Head of Chezzetcook, advised that he is the Pastor at the United Baptist Church and President of the Porter's Lake Seniors Club that operates out of the facility. The Community Centre occupies a significant position in the community. His Church began its existence by meeting in the Community Centre; and, without a church hall, they use the Community Centre at no charge for church suppers which are a traditional part of life in Nova Scotia. The Church also takes part in the Lake & Shore Festival by hosting the annual pancake breakfast which allows the church to be visible in the community. Members of the congregation are enriched by being volunteers. This unique facility excels in providing arenas for social interaction and free rental space for non profit groups such as the Seniors Club, youth and teen dances, Scouts, Guides and the RCMP Community Policing office. Membership costs are kept at a minimum due to the lack of rental fee. The Centre reflects the best in community volunteerism. He encouraged Council to vote in favour of the proposal.

Laura Campbell, East Chezzetcook, Board member for Porter's Lake Elementary School and Hockey Association, noted that although the new recreation centre is attached to the school, it cannot always be accessed for events. The Community Centre is used for several fundraising auctions. Her autistic child has been able to meet other children from the community at the dances and she will now know students when she begins Junior High. It is important that both facilities remain open as both offer differing programs/services.

Denise Gallupe, Porter's Lake, noted that she was speaking as the voice of Porter's Lake children. Upon reviewing the booking schedules, she noted that many non profit groups use the Community Centre on a daily basis. The area youth are entertained and a sense of responsibility is fostered so that they reach out to others such as distributing gifts at the Salvation Army, singing Christmas Carols. She expressed concern with the safety of the youth who venture outside the community such as her son who was shot while waiting at a bus stop in Dartmouth the first time he attended a dance outside the community. She experienced another gunshot near her vehicle when approaching Dartmouth. Ms. Gallupe commented that it would be irresponsible to take the facility away from the Community as it keeps the children busy and off the streets. She asked that Council help the community save a building that is made of more than wood and siding.

Danny Cole, Porters Lake, commented that although HRM has deemed the property surplus and disposable, it is an asset to the community. It was exciting to receive the new Recreation Centre as the existing centre had not meet the needs of the community for many years; however, the Recreation Centre's focus is on sports/recreation and not on the social aspect which the current facility does have as its focus. A variety of non profit groups use the facility. The new facility does not meet the needs of the community but both centres together will meet most of the community's needs. There are 3400 residents in the community yet the community centre services outlying areas as well. There are two developments proposed for the area that will add another 3600 residents at which time the two existing facilities will not meet the need. The smartest thing would be to keep the status quo and plan for a new centre to meet the needs in the next ten (10) years. The facility is a community asset built by the community and operated by the community and needs to be returned to the community.

Holly Pothier advised that although she lives outside the community, she volunteers at the Community Centre as she enjoys the events hosted at the facility. Without the community centre, she and others outside the community would not have the sense of belonging and community. She was in support of the sale to the members for \$1.

Kayle Wagner, Porters Lake, Pastor for the Anglican Church, commented that there was concern with what would happen to the existing centre when the new centre was built. Both offer great and diverse services. The community will grow in the next ten (10) years and the two centres can meet most of the needs of the community. The community has gathered together in support and solidarity.

Max Warte, Porters Lake, advised that he has been a member of the PLCSA for thirty-six (36) years. The Centre has a lot to offer the families of Porter's Lake. Eighteen (18) years ago the lot next to the centre was purchased in anticipation of the septic system upgrade which has now been completed. The remaining land can still be developed.

Bob Rowlings, Porter's Lake, noted that a case could be made on sentiment alone with the numerous events hosted at the facility such as Easter Egg hunts, birthday

parties, use of the tennis and basketball court. The Centre is intrinsic to the community. The sale of the centre to the PLCSA makes sense as development slated for the area will see the need for more services not less. The cost to HRM to build a new facility would be in the millions; staff are already there in the form of volunteers and imagine the cost if the volunteers were drawing a paycheck.

Mayor Kelly gave the third call for speakers; hearing none, it was **MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that the public hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Fisher that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale, whereby the property located at 4693 Highway #7, Porter's Lake, pending subdivision approval, be conveyed to the Porter's Lake Community Service Association for the sum of \$1.00, plus associated costs, as per the terms and conditions set out in Table 1 of the April 16, 2012 supplementary staff report.

Councillor Hendsbee clarified that in the map shown by one of the speakers the blue circle indicates the location of the existing facility and the red circle is the location of the new facility; the facilities are 3.5 km apart. The Lake is large and covers areas from West Porter's Lake, East, West and Head of Chezzetcook, Lawrencetown and beyond. One speaker noted that the community gave the property to HRM for a school and now HRM has the opportunity to give the property back to the community.

Councillor Watts commented that it was good for Council to review the proposed land sale and to hear the strong community support for non-profit work and the importance of those organizations in the community. The facility provides not only a place for the community to meet, but also opportunity for skill development. As density increases there will be a need for two facilities with the diversity of programming being accessible to the people. She noted that it is important for all community groups whether in rural or urban core be able to speak on such a matter.

Councillor Sloane questioned how civic pride was measured. She noted that the residents have become a community as shown by the amount of community support for this initiative and the facility that they have made into a place where others are able to meet. Grassroots projects like this can also happen in the urban areas. HRM needs to invest more in social capital.

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (23 in favour, 0 opposed)

Those voting in favour were; Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors: Streach, Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Sloane, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: None

Those absent for the vote were: Councillor Blumenthal

11.2 HARBOUR EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11.2.1 Case 17224 – Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law Amendments and Development Agreement for 1948 Shore Road, Eastern Passage

The July 24, 2012 Harbour East Community Council report was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Barkhouse, seconded by Councillor Fisher that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider proposed amendments to the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law as set out in Attachments A and B of the June 12, 2012 staff report, and schedule a joint public hearing with Harbour East Community Council.

Councillor Barkhouse noted that a revised map was circulated to Members of Council.

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (21 in favour, 0 opposed)

Those voting in favour were Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors: Streach, Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Sloane, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Adams, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: None

Those absent for the vote were: Councillor Blumenthal, Mosher and Johns.

11.3 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

11.3.1 Request for Comprehensive Review of Halifax Metro Centre Operations

The July 19, 2012 Audit and Finance Standing Committee report was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Wile that Halifax Regional Council authorize staff to:

- 1. Undertake a comprehensive review of the operations of the Halifax Metro Centre, including a specific review of the box office operations, the commission structure and the cost allocation process in place.**

2. **Issue and award an RFP for portions of this work as necessary.**
3. **Carry out this review, and any necessary follow-up, under the direction of HRM's Chief Financial Officer with quarterly updates provided to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.**

In response to questions raised, Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer, and Mr. Greg Keefe, Director, Finance and Information Technology, advised that there were five (5) reviews suggested by the Auditor General that will take some time to do as external expertise may be required for some portions of that review. The timeframe for the review is expected to be not less than three months with quarterly updates provided. The next steps will be determined following the review.

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (22 in favour, 0 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Sloane, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: None

Those absent for the vote were: Councillors Streach and Blumenthal.

11.4 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

11.4.1 MacDonald Bridge Sidewalk Deck Panels

The following documents were before Council:

- July 24, 2012 Transportation Standing Committee report
- June 8, 2012 Staff report.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Uteck that Halifax Regional Council approve in principle the report "MacDonald Bridge Sidewalk Deck Panels: Active Transportation Applications, Final Report, June 2012"; and, that Halifax Harbour Bridges be requested to donate one hundred and twenty sidewalk deck panels and six hundred metres of railing to the Halifax Regional Municipality for re-use in Active Transportation bridges.

In response to questions raised, Mr. Richard Butts, CAO, advised that the projected cost of \$45,000 would not be incurred until the 2013/14 budget. Councillor Hendsbee advised that he was a member of the Halifax Harbour Bridge Commission and inquired whether they were aware of the report. He suggested that the Halifax Harbour Bridge Commission be requested to entertain other possible uses of the deck panels such as new ramping over North Street area, the new Dartmouth

Transit Terminal site, Highway 118 Circumferential pedestrian crossing to Burnside Industrial Park; active transportation proposals such as rail cuts.

Councillor Lund suggested that the panels and railings be used for stream crossings in some trails.

Deputy Mayor Karsten expressed concern that HRM may be stockpiling material that may not be of use if the material is not suitable for such projects as short bridges on trails. He noted that the material used for a bridge crossing in Russell Lake was wolmanized wood as that material works with the aesthetics and natural setting preferred for trails.

Councillor Uteck noted an immediate need for such material for Phase 2 of the Urban Greenway project.

Councillor Sloane expressed concern with imposing on the Halifax Harbour Bridge Commission with this request prior to the request for submissions.

A recorded vote was then taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (22 in favour, 0 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Sloane, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: None

Those absent for the vote were: Councillors Streach and Blumenthal.

11.4.2 Smart Trip E-Pass – 2013-14 Fiscal Year

The following documents were before Council:

- July 24, 2012 Transportation Standing Committee report
- May 30, 2012 staff report

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Uteck that Halifax Regional Council approve the extension of the Smart Trip E-Pass to the 2013/14 fiscal year.

In response to questions raised, Mr. Dave McCusker, Manager, Regional Transportation, Planning and Infrastructure, explained that the pilot program will commence in January 2013 and follow the University's fiscal year. It is staff's understanding that the program does qualify for the Federal Tax Credit. The cap of 750 passes may be increased during the 2013 calendar year; the cap was to keep the initiative revenue neutral.

Councillor Hendsbee suggested that information on greenhouse gas reduction, parking and traffic issues on peninsula, be included when promoting the project.

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (22 in favour, 0 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Sloane, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: None

Those absent for the vote were: Councillors Streach and Blumenthal.

11.5 GRANTS COMMITTEE

11.5.1 Less Than Market Value Sale of 2041 Hammonds Plains Road, Hammonds Plains to Hammonds Plains Fire Hall and Community Centre Association

The following documents were before Council:

- July 9, 2012 Grants Committee report
- July 3, 2012 Staff Report

MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Halifax Regional Council set a date for public hearing as required under Section 63 (2) of the HRM Charter to consider a less than market value sale of 2041 Hammonds Plains Road to the Hammonds Plains Fire Hall and Community Centre Association.

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (22 in favour, 0 opposed)

Those voting in favour were Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Sloane, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: None

Those absent for the vote were: Councillors Streach and Blumenthal.

11.6 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11.6.1 Councillor Barkhouse – Addition of Information Item 2 from July 10, 2012 Regional Council Agenda re: Public Reporting of Senior Employees’ Salaries

The June 28, 2012 Information Report on Public Reporting of Senior Employees’ Salaries was before Council.

Councillor Barkhouse submitted a Notice of Motion on this matter. See page 30.

11.6.2 Councillor Walker – UNSM Resolution Amendment

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Wile that Regional Council amend the resolution submitted by HRM to the UNSM Annual Conference regarding the UNSM request that the Province of Nova Scotia and FCM advocate for program criteria that are clear, consistent, and administered consistently; and the UNSM write the Province of Nova Scotia and FCM requesting that the new long term infrastructure plan mandate that program details and processes be available no later than 60 days after program creation and/or announcement; and that the UNSM advocate to the Province of Nova Scotia and FCM that the new long-term infrastructure plan utilize program-based funding such as the Gas Tax to ensure suitable and reliable funding while ensuring transparent and accountable reporting on the use of funds.

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (22 in favour, 0 opposed)

Those voting in favour were Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Sloane, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: None

Those absent for the vote were: Councillors Streach and Blumenthal.

11.6.3 Councillor Nicoll – Request for Staff Recommendation Report to the Transportation Standing Committee re: Transportation Demand Management Functional Plan (TDM) – Complete Streets Policy

An extract of the Transportation Demand Management Functional Plan, Section 8.3 , pages 72 and 73, was circulated to Members of Council.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that Halifax Regional Council request that staff prepare and forward a report to the Transportation Standing Committee in regard to the March 15, 2011 Council request for staff to prepare an implementation plan for the Complete Streets

Policy identified in the Transportation Demand Management Functional Plan adopted in principle by Regional Council on March 15, 2011.

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (21 in favour, 0 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: None

Those absent for the vote were: Councillors Streach, Blumenthal and Sloane.

12. MOTIONS

12.1 Councillor Smith

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Barkhouse that Regional Council support a staff report, to be provided to Regional Council before or during the next 2013/2014 budget deliberations, regarding the implementation of a \$200 per year discount coupon system for Senior Citizen residents in HRM over the age of 65. This discount program would have no cash value and would be available for these residents to purchase short term HRM recreational programs or access to public transit.

Mayor Kelly noted that the staff report would come back to Council as part of the budgetary process.

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (22 in favour, 0 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Sloane, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: None

Those absent for the vote were: Councillors Streach and Blumenthal.

12.2 Motion – Councillor Lund re: Unsightly Properties

This item was deleted from the agenda during the approval of the Order of Business.

13. ADDED ITEMS

13.1 Personnel Matter - Citizen Appointment to the Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM

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

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

- 1) Adopt the recommendation of the Transportation Standing Committee regarding a citizen appointment to the Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM to fill a vacant term position expiring November 30, 2012;**
- 2) By way of this motion, express their appreciation to all residents who have put forward their names to serve on Boards and Committees of Council; and**
- 3) Release this report to the public following Council ratification.**

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (21 in favour, 0 opposed)

Those voting in favour were Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten , and Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Sloane, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: None

Those absent for the vote were: Councillors Streach, Blumenthal and Mosher.

13.2 Personnel Matter - CAO (Chief Administrative Officer) Review

This matter was dealt with during an earlier In Camera session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council adopt the recommendation; as provided by the Executive Standing Committee in its July 17, 2012 Private and Confidential staff report.

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (20 in favour, 1 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Barkhouse, Smith, Wile, Sloane, Watts, Walker, Hum, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin and Lund.

Those voting against were: Councillor Uteck

Those absent for the vote were: Councillors Streach, Wile and Blumenthal.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 Councillor Barkhouse

“Take notice that at the next regular Council session to be held on Tuesday, August 14th 2012, I intend to introduce a motion to request that the provincial government designate HRM as a public sector body for the purposes of the public sector compensation disclosure act. This would mean that HRM would be required to disclose compensation it pays to any person whose yearly income exceeds \$100,000.”

14.2 Councillor Watts

“Take notice that at the next regular meeting of Regional Council to be held on Tuesday, the 14th of August 2012, I propose to put forward a motion requesting a staff report on amendments to HRM By-Law C-500 that would facilitate the positive growth of the mobile food service industry in HRM. Specifically I request that staff re-examine the by-laws for food trucks and mobile food carts (bicycle powered) with the aim to improve service delivery so as to support the development of the local food truck/food cart business. And that staff consult with current and prospective food truck/cart business operators and existing BIDs.”

14.3 Councillor Walker

“Take Notice that at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 14th of August 2012, I propose to move First Reading of By-Law S-802, Respecting Temporary Signage – Election Signage.”

15. IN CAMERA

Council may rise and go into a private In Camera session, in accordance with Section 19 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, for the purpose of dealing with the following;

15.1 In Camera Minutes – July 3, 2012

This matter was dealt with during an earlier In Camera session.

15.2 Personnel Matter

15.2.1 Citizen Appointment to the Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM

This item was dealt with during an earlier In Camera session and was ratified under Item 13. Refer to page 29.

15.3 Personnel Matter

15.3.1 CAO (Chief Administrative Officer) Review

This matter was dealt with during an earlier In Camera session and ratified under Item 13. Refer to page 29.

15.4 Labour Relations

15.4.1 Halifax Regional Police (HRP) Contract Negotiations Update - Oral

This item was dealt with during an earlier In Camera session.

Private and Confidential Information Item

1. Private and Confidential In Camera Information Report - re: Land Disposal - **Proposed Administrative Order SC-68**, Street Closure – Portion of Bright Place Right-of-Way, Halifax

This item was dealt with during an earlier In Camera session.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Cathy Mellett
Municipal Clerk

INFORMATION ITEMS
August 7, 2012

1. Proclamation – Taoist Tai Chi Awareness Day – August 11, 2012
2. Memorandum from Director, Metro Transit dated July 18, 2012 re: Metro Transit Ridership Trends
3. Memorandum from Director, Traffic Authority dated June 29, 2012 re: Baker Drive – Marked Crosswalk Request
4. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated July 30, 2012 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None