

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES

September 25, 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. Sherryl Murphy, Acting Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant  
Mr. Quentin Hill, Legislative Assistant

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**1. INVOCATION**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Hendsbee

**2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Councillors noted a number of community announcements and acknowledgements.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 14, 2012**

Councillor Watts noted an omission in the August 14, 2012 Committee of the Whole minutes. She indicated that the omission was that she had suggested to maintain the Forum and civic buildings and to add an additional ice pads.

Councillor McCluskey noted two typographical errors in the August 14, 2012 Regional Council minutes.

**MOVED by Councillor Barkhouse seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole, August 14, 2012 and Regional Council minutes of August 14 2012 be approved as amended.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Deletions: First Reading – Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By – Law Amendments to Planning District 14/17 for the Proposed River- Lakes Secondary Planning Strategy.

**MOVED by Councillor Uteck seconded by Councillor Sloane that information item # 2 be forwarded to Peninsula Community Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Sloane requested that information item 3 be placed on the next Regional Council agenda.

Councillor Blumenthal requested that 11.5.1 be moved up on the agenda to be dealt with after the Approval of the Order of Business, to which Council agreed.

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane seconded by Councilor Wile that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.5 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

**11.5.1 First Reading – Repeal and Replace Administrative Order 39, Amend Administrative Order 15, Repeal By-law T – 108 and Enact By-law T – 1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis and Limousines**

The following was before Council:

- August 20, 2012 Transportation Standing Committee report
- A supplementary staff report dated September 13, 2012
- Correspondence from David Marriott and Alphones DesLaurier

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded Councillor Hendsbee that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1) Give First Reading to repeal and replace Administrative Order 39, as set out in Appendix “A” of the September 13, 2012 staff supplementary report and an amendment to Administrative Order 15, as set out in Appendix “B” of the September 13, 2012 supplementary staff report; including:**
  - i) Rate increases as outlined in the July 13, 2012 staff report with an amendment to the drop rate, increasing it from \$3.09 to \$3.10;**
  - ii) Extension of the current open zones to Thursday 12:00 .m.(midnight) to Friday 5:00 a.m.; Friday 12:00 a.m. (midnight) to Saturday 5:00 a.m.; and Saturday 12:00 a.m. (midnight) to Sunday 5:00 a.m.; and any Sunday night 12:00 a.m. (midnight) to Monday 5:00 a.m. of a long weekend created by a statutory or declared local holiday in effect on the Monday; and**
  - iii) Addressing housekeeping and general amendments, as outlined in Appendix “F” of the July 13, 2012 staff report.**

**MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal seconded by Councillor Sloane that the motion be amended in sub-section (i) to provide that the drop rate be increased from \$3.10 to \$3.30:**

Councillor Rankin noted that there was no evidence to justify an increase in the drop rate. The Councillor indicated that a change may have unintended consequences to the taxi industry such as reduced demand.

Councillor Walker advised that he had received information that the present rates were not compatible with the current taxi meters. He requested that staff investigate the implications this would have on the taxi industry.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker seconded by Councillor Hum that the matter be deferred back to staff to investigate the implications of changing the taxi drop rate from \$3.10 to \$3.30.**

Councillor McCluskey suggested that since the matter dealt with the livelihood of taxi drivers that the issue should be held in a public hearing.

Mayor Kelly indicated that Council could consider a motion regarding a public hearing, once the motion of deferral was dealt with.

In response to questions, Mr. Brad Anguish, Director Community and Recreation Services, responded that the change in drop rate from \$3.10 to \$3.30 would represent a 10.14% increase (or 20 cents). He advised that there are obsolete meters in many taxis and an increase of any kind would require an update to these meters. Mr. Anguish stated that the changing of the meters would be the responsibility of the taxi owner. Mr. Anguish responded that the last rate increase was in 2005.

A vote was taken on the motion to defer. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour 9 opposed)**

Those voting in favour were: Councillors Streach, Dalrymple, Nicoll, McCluskey, Barkhouse, Wile, Blumenthal, Sloane, Watts, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Outhit.

Those voting against were: Mayor Peter Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten, Councillors, Hendsbee, Fisher, Smith, Uteck, Harvey, Rankin and Lund.

Councillor Johns was not present for the vote.

Councillor Adams expressed concern regarding the authority of the Halifax International Airport with regard to taxis. He indicated that the airport believes that they have jurisdiction over taxis and can limit the age of the vehicle. He asked staff if a surcharge had been researched. He invited staff to explore having the buses and ferries running late at night to take people off the street. He requested a Bill of Rights for the taxi driver and passenger to be posted in taxis.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that staff prepare a report to address the concerns raised by Councillor Adams.**

Responding to questions, Superintendent Don Spicer, HRM Police, indicated that the opening the zones for limited hours has been positive. HRP is requesting the extension of open zone times because most establishments close at 3 a.m. and that leaves many people requiring cabs out on the street.

Mayor Kelly advised that the Municipal Solicitor was present and could address the questions asked regarding taxi authority between the municipality and the Airport Authority.

Mr. Randolph Kinghorne, Municipal Solicitor, advised Council that talks are ongoing between the Municipality and the Airport Authority. Mr. Kinghorne advised that taxi drivers choosing to operate out of the airport had to meet the airport standards as the zone is the airports jurisdiction.

**Councillor Adams, with approval from the seconder, withdrew his motion.**

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey seconded by Councillor Sloane that Regional Council hold a public hearing on this matter once the report comes back to the October 2, 2012 meeting of Halifax Regional Council to deal with outstanding taxi issues raised in the September 13, 2012 staff report.**

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey seconded by Councillor Sloane that the motion now be put.**

A brief discussion ensued and the **MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED. (18 in favour, 5 opposed)**

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

Those voting against were: Councillors Smith, Watts, Harvey, Outhit and Rankin.

Councillor Johns was not present for the vote.

The Mayor called for the question on the main motion. **THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED. (19 in favour, 4 opposed)**

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

Those voting against were: Councillors Smith, Hum, Harvey and Rankin.

Councillor Johns was not present for the vote.

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. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**9.1 Street Closure – Portion of Bright Place Right-of-Way, Halifax**

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting. See page 15.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**10.1 Correspondence – NONE**

**10.2 Petitions**

**10.2.1 Councillor Watts–Petition re Alternate Route to Deadheading Buses between Downtown and Ragged Lake**

Councillor Watts submitted a petition signed by sixty - eight (68) residents of Chebucto Road requesting Metro Transit to find an alternate route for 'dead-heading' buses due to safety and traffic concerns as the area is in a school zone. The residents requested a response from Metro Transit.

**11. REPORTS**

**11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**11.1.1 Tender 12- 173 – Emera Oval Landscaping, (Plaza and Common Area Improvements) Halifax Common**

A staff report dated September 10, 2012 was before Council.

Councillor Streach declared a Conflict of Interest and left his seat.

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Wile that Halifax Regional Council award Tender No 12-173, Emera Oval Landscaping, Halifax Common, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Turfmasters Landscaping Ltd. for a Total Tender Price of \$1,081,410.26 (net HST Included) with funding from Project No. CPX01329 – Park Upgrades, and Project No. CDG01137 - Community Events Venues, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the September 10, 2012 staff report.**

A brief discussion and questioning of staff ensued.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (22 in favour, 1 opposed)**

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

Those voting against were Councillor McCluskey.

Councillor Streach declared a Conflict of Interest and did not vote on this matter.

Councillor Streach rejoined the meeting and took his seat in Council.

#### **11.1.2 Request for Proposal 12-168-Halifax City Hall Heating and Cooling system Replacement**

A staff report dated August 13, 2012 was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane seconded by Councillor Wile that Halifax Regional Council award RFP No. 12-168 to the highest scoring proponent, Atlantica Mechanical, for a Total Price of \$517,884.28 (net HST included), with funding from Project No. CBX01269 – Mechanical Upgrades, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the August 13, 2012 staff report.**

Councillors asked staff if the air quality would improve or if there was any attempt to link the heating and cooling system to the Trade Centre.

Mr. Terry Gallagher, Manager, Planning and Information, indicated that the air quality will be greatly improved. He indicated linking City Hall to the Trade Centre was explored and that it had been determined that the staff recommendation was the best option.

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that this matter be deferred pending a staff report which provides cost comparative and benefit analysis relative to partnering with the Trade Centre with regard to heating and cooling.**

Mr. Ken Reashor, Director, Transportation and Public Works informed Council that staff had looked at this possibility, however, as the plant would have had to be located in the Metro Centre, staff are confident that the recommendation provided is the best for HRM.

Following a further discussion and questioning of staff, a recorded vote was taken on the motion to defer. **MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (3 in favour, 21 against)**

Those voting in favour were Councillors Hendsbee, Blumenthal and Watts.

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

A vote was taken on the main motion.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (22 voted in favour, 2 voted against)**

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

Those voting against were Councillors Hendsbee and Uteck.

Council recessed at 3:05 p.m.

Council reconvened at 3:27 p.m. without Councillor Blumenthal in attendance.

### **11.1.3 6199 Chebucto Road – Maritime Conservatory of the Performing Arts**

A staff report dated July 16, 2012 was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Watts seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council authorize the postponement of the Buy-Back Agreement for the subject property in favor of a loan obtained by the Conservatory from a financial lender.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (20 voted in favour, 0 voted against)**

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

Councillors Smith, Blumenthal, Sloane and Outhit were not present for the vote.

### **11.1.4 Open Data Initiative**

A staff report dated August 28, 2012 was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Nicoll seconded by Councillor Outhit that;**

- 1. Regional Council adopt the concept of Open Data, as described in this report, and declare HRM data to be “Open” through an Open Data pilot;**
- 2. Regional Council amend the first sentence of Article I (“Data Covered by Policy”) on page 1 of the current GIS Data Dissemination Policy (Attachment A) by adding the clause “excepting those data sets listed in Schedule C” to read as follows:**
  - a) “All geographic data that is stored on the Halifax Regional Municipality’s corporate geographic information system, *excepting those data sets listed in Schedule C*, are covered by this policy.”**
  - b) And include Appendix B of this Report as Schedule C to the current GIS Data Dissemination Policy; and,**

**3. Regional Council approve HRM staff to engage members of the public and others knowledgeable about open data applications to assist HRM in the development and running of an Open Data Application contest.**

Councillor Lund asked how the Open Data initiative will support Explore HRM.

Ms. Donna Davis, Chief Information Officer with Finance and ICT, indicated that Explore HRM will still exist. She specified that Open Data will allow people to use the data and manipulate it, where that is not possible under the Explore HRM program.

Councillor Outhit asked staff how they will engage the ICT base in the city to help with the project.

Ms. Davis indicated that a plan is being developed with staff. She contacted other cities to see how they have set up the program. She noted that staff have reached out to the business and IT community and will rely on Councillors to engage the public.

Councillor Nicoll noted concern that the project would be placed on the existing HRM website and that the data may be lost or underused, she questioned staff if they planned on having a separate website for the project.

Ms. Davis advised that they did not have the details at this time. She agreed with the concerns raised by Councillor Nicoll.

**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, Wile, Uteck, Watts, Walker, Hum, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Harvey, Outhit, Rankin, and Lund.

Councillors Smith, Blumenthal and Sloane were not present for the vote.

**11.1.5 Early Funding for 40 – Foot Transit Buses**

A staff report dated August 29, 2012 was before Council.

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

- 1. Approve the early tender of a three year price agreement for 40-foot transit buses for the 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16 budget years; and**
- 2. Approve 100% advanced capital funding for 2013-14 in the amount of \$8,620,000 as per the Budget Implications section of the August 29, 2012 staff report.**

Councillor Rankin clarified that the motion is to pre-authorize funding from the 2013 – 2014 budget. He noted that it allows the Municipality to have timely arrival of the buses.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (21 voted in favour, 1 opposed)**

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

Councillor Johns voted against the motion.

Councillors Smith and Blumenthal were not present for the vote.

#### **11.1.6 Disbursement of Area Rate Funds Collected for Waverley Sidewalks**

A staff report dated August 23, 2012 was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple seconded by Councillor Fisher that Halifax Regional Council approve the use of the funds in the Waverley Sidewalk account by the Waverley Ratepayers' Association for use in the community of Waverley on the projects outlined in the Discussion section of the staff report dated August 23, 2012.**

Councillor Dalrymple explained the history of the area rate. He thanked the members of the Waverly Rate Payers Association for their hard work over the past year.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (20 voted in favour, 0 voted against)**

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

Councillors Smith, Blumenthal, Johns and Rankin were not present for the vote

#### **11.2 MARINE DRIVE, VALLEY AND CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

##### **11.2.1 First Reading – Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By – Law Amendments to Planning District 14/17 for the Proposed River- Lakes Secondary Planning Strategy**

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

#### **11.3 NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

##### **11.3.1 Hammonds Plains Road Improvements (i) Community Council Report**

**(ii) Transportation Standing Committee Report**

A staff report dated May 24, 2012 and a Transportation Standing Committee Report dated September 13, 2012 were before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Lund seconded by Councillor Outhit that Halifax Regional Council approve the upgrading identified in the attached April 20, 2012 information report entitled: Hammonds Plains Road Improvements be included in the five year budgetary planning process such that the upgrades be completed within the next five fiscal year.**

Councillor Lund explained that the motion was brought forward due to safety and maintenance issues on the Hammonds Plains Road. He specified the work is not just a re-asphalting issue but to address the safety concerns.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Karsten seconded Councillor Uteck that Regional Council refer this matter back to staff to for consideration of implications for both costs and priorities.**

Discussion ensued on the motion with Mr. Ken Reashor, Director, Transportation and Public Works, responding to questions and comments on identifying priorities for road building and upgrading.

Mayor Peter Kelly left the Chair at 4:11 p.m. and Deputy Mayor Karsten assumed the Chair.

Council voted on the motion to defer. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (19 voted in favour and 0 voted against.)**

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

Mayor Peter Kelly and Councillors Streach, Barkhouse, Blumenthal, and Sloane were absent from the vote.

**11.3.2 Planning Amendment – Floodplain Mapping for Little Sackville River**

A staff report dated September 17, 2012 was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to initiate the process of amending the appropriate planning documents to use the most recent flood plain mapping for the Little Sackville River.**

A discussion ensued with staff responding to questions of clarification.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (20 in favour, 0 opposed)**

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

Mayor Kelly and Councillors Streach, Blumenthal and Rankin were absent from the vote.

The Chair noted that it was 4:30 p.m. and asked Council if they wished to continue until 5:00 pm, to which they agreed.

**11.4 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE.**

**11.4.1 Urban Forest Master Plan**

A staff report was before Council dated September 6, 2012.

Mr. John Charles, HRM Senior Planner, presented the plan.

Councillor Mosher thanked the staff who worked on the project. She indicated that it is an important milestone in preserving HRM's urban forest.

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher seconded by Councillor Adams that Halifax Regional Council adopt in principle the Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP), as outlined in the staff report dated August 28, 2012, specifically;**

- 1. That the neighbourhood framework shall inform future operational and policy development service delivery;**
- 2. That the operating implementation actions be considered in the 2013/14 municipal budget process; and**
- 3. That the development of the municipal regulations reflecting the community's interest in conserving the urban forest from large-scale removal be brought back to Council in the 2013/14 fiscal year.**

A brief discussion ensued with Mr. Charles answering questions of clarity.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (20 in favour, 0 opposed)**

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

Mayor Kelly and Councillors Streach, Blumenthal and were absent from the vote.

Council recessed at 5:00 p.m.

Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m. for the public hearing and, following this, dealt with the remaining agenda items.

## **9. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **9.1 Street Closure – Portion of Bright Place Right-of-Way, Halifax**

A staff report dated July 12, 2012 was before Council.

This matter was given First Reading August 7, 2012.

Mr. Tom Crouse, Manager of Acquisition and Disposal, provided the staff presentation on the request for street closure of a portion of Bright Place right-of-way by the adjacent owner who wished to acquire the portion to use it for development in conjunction with his adjacent lots.

The Mayor opened the public hearing, calling three times for anyone wishing to speak on the matter; there being none, it was **MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the public hearing close. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane seconded by Councillor Wile that Regional Council approve Administrative Order SC-68, Street Closure of a portion of Bright Place Right-of-Way, Halifax as outlined in Attachment “A” and “B” of the July 12, 2012 staff report.**

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

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

Those voting against were Mayor Kelly; and Councillors Blumenthal and Mosher

#### **11.4.2 Flyer Distribution and Litter Strategy**

A report dated September 10, 2012 from the Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee was before Council.

Councillor McCluskey indicated that she was supportive of the recommendation from the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee; however, she had an amendment to the recommendation to put forward. She explained that she would like

the CAO to work directly with the Province to address the issue of the distribution of flyers, specific to HRM.

The Mayor advised that the correct procedure would be to put the original recommendation on the floor, and then it would be followed by an amendment.

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council recommend that HRM continue to liaise with the provincial working group on unwanted flyer distribution, and request that staff return to the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee with a status update on this matter within a six month time frame.**

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the motion be amended to request the CAO approach the Province with regard to establishing a working group, specific to HRM, on the issue of flyer distribution.**

A discussion ensued with the CAO and Deputy CAO responding to questions.

The amended motion now reads:

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council direct the CAO to approach the Province to establish a working group on unwanted flyer distribution specifically in HRM and request that staff return to the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee with a status update on this matter within six months.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (19 in favour, 2 opposed)**

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

Those voting against: Councillors Uteck and Hum

Mayor Kelly, and Councillors Blumenthal and Mosher were not present for the vote.

#### **11.4.3 First Reading Proposed Amendment to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License Permit and Processing Fees- Solar Collection Systems**

A report dated September 6, 2012 was submitted from the Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

**MOVED by Councillor Watts seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading of the proposed amendment to Administrative Order**

**15, as outlined in the staff report dated August 3, 2012, the purpose of which is to set a consolidated fee for the installation of solar collections systems.**

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

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

Mayor Kelly, and Councillors Blumenthal and Mosher were not present for the vote.

## **11.5 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

### **11.5.1 First Reading – Repeal and Replace Administrative Order 39, Amend Administrative Order 15, Repeal By-law T-108 and Enact By-law T-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis and Limousines**

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

## **11.6 GRANT COMMITTEE**

### **11.6.1 HRM Community Grants Program – 2012-2013 – Appeals**

A report dated September 10, 2012 was submitted from the Chair of the Grants Committee.

**MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council approve:**

- 1. The six (6) awards detailed in Attachment 1 of the July 23, 2012 staff report and an award of \$1,400 to Cat Rescue Maritimes and an additional \$5,000 to The Anglican Church of the Apostles as mentioned in the discussion section of this report for a combined total cost of \$32,549 from operating account M311-8004 (Community Grants Program);**
- 2. Amended conditions of funding for the Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society and the Secret Theatre Society as detailed in Attachment 2 of the July 23, 2012 staff report;**
- 3. The decline of seven (7) appeals detailed in Attachment 3 of the July 23, 2012 staff report.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (19 in favour, 2 opposed)**

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

Those voting against were Councillors Streach and Hendsbee.

Those not present for the vote were Mayor Kelly; and Councillors Blumenthal and Mosher.

#### **11.6.2 Business Improvement Districts (BID) Contributions Fund – 2012 Recommended Awards**

A report dated September 10, 2012 was submitted from the Chair of the Grants Committee.

**MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council approve the eight (8) awards detailed in Attachment 2 of the July 19, 2012 report for a combined total of \$106,000 from operating account C771-6919 and C764-6919.**

#### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (20 in favour, 0 against)**

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

Mayor Peter Kelly and Councillors Blumenthal, Mosher, and Johns were not present for the vote.

#### **12. MOTIONS - NONE**

#### **13. ADDED ITEMS - NONE**

#### **14. NOTICES OF MOTION**

##### **14.1 Councillor Fisher**

Take notice that at the next meeting of Regional Council to be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2012, he will ask for a staff report that will request permission for the Main Street Business Improvement Association to place artistic bike racks in the public right-of-way near the sidewalk within the Business Improvement District and, also, to allow the association to place a small 8" x 10" advertising plaque on each bike rack to assist with future upkeep and maintenance of these bike racks.

**14.2 Councillor Watts**

Take notice that at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 I propose to move approval of the proposed amendment to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, the purpose of which is to set a consolidated fee for the installation of solar collection systems.

**15. IN CAMERA**

**15.1 In Camera Minutes - August 7, 2012**

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Watts that the In Camera minutes of August 7, 2012 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett  
Municipal Clerk

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

The following information items were submitted:

1. Proclamation – World Ostomy Day – September 29, 2012
2. Memorandum from Acting Director, Planning and Infrastructure dated August 1, 2012 re: Petition to Prohibit Rinks and Arenas in the U-1 Zone
3. Memorandum from Director, Metro Transit dated August 31, 2012 re: Response – Petition to Re-route Route 6 Quinpool
4. Memorandum from Director, Metro Transit dated August 31, 2012 re: Response – Petition to Reconsider Route 15 Service Adjustments
5. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated September 18, 2012 re: Requests for Presentation to Council – Michelle Raymond re: Boscobel Development