

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES

November 13, 2012

PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Reg Rankin
Councillors: Barry Dalrymple
David Hendsbee
Lorelei Nicoll
Gloria McCluskey
Darren Fisher
Waye Mason
Jennifer Watts
Linda Mosher
Russell Walker
Stephen D. Adams
Matt Whitman
Brad Johns
Steve Craig
Tim Outhit

STAFF:

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Martin Ward, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Mr. Matt Godwin, Legislative Assistant

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1. INVOCATION

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Dalrymple.

SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Whitman, that Councillor Reg Rankin be nominated to the position of Deputy Mayor for the period November 2012 to November 2013.

Councillor Dalrymple remarked on Councillor Rankin's experience and his suitability for the position of Deputy Mayor.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that Councillor Linda Mosher be nominated to the position of Deputy Mayor for the period November 2012 to November 2013.

Councillor Adams remarked on Councillor Mosher's service and suitability for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor McCluskey moved that nominations for Deputy Mayor be closed.

Councillor Rankin thanked his colleagues for his nomination and offered his commitment to serve faithfully if selected for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Mosher thanked her colleagues for her nomination and committed to work with respect and integrity if selected for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Outgoing Deputy Mayor Bill Karsten thanked HRM for the opportunity to serve in this role and offered Regional Council and the Mayor his very best wishes for the term ahead.

The Mayor thanked the outgoing Deputy Mayor for his service.

Regional Council voted by secret ballot.

Mayor Savage announced Councillor Reg Rankin had received the majority of votes and is the Deputy Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 23, 2012

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that the minutes of October 23, 2012 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that Information Item #5, Chief Administrative Office (CAO) 2nd Quarter Update, be moved to the Council agenda.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the agenda be accepted, as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence – NONE

9.2 Petitions – NONE

10. REPORTS

10.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

10.1.1 Tender 12-211 – Installation of Armour Stone Breakwater (Phase 1) – Cow Bay Road, East Region

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

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Fisher that Halifax Regional Council award Tender 12-211 Installation of Armour Stone Breakwater (Phase 1) – Cow Bay Road, East Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company Ltd. for a Total Tender Price of \$667,075.83 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No. CRU01079 – Other Road Related Works, as outlined in the Budget Implication section of the October 17, 2012 staff report.

Councillors posed questions to staff. The CAO noted that this procurement process with the provincial government is common across Canada.

Ken Reashor, Director, Transportation and Public Works, advised the breakwater was owned by the HRM.

Councillor Hendsbee noted after the last hurricane the asphalt preserved the road and asked staff if a sea-level rise threat has been considered.

Mr. Ken Reashor, Director, Transportation and Public Works, advised that a consultant was hired to consider environmental issues and water level threats. He advised structural provisions were made to mitigate threats with a view to the next fifty to one hundred years.

Mr. Ken Reashor, Director, Transportation and Public Works, committed to provide further information on paving.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED (16 in favour, 0 against)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Rankin; and Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Johns, Craig, Outhit.

Not Present for Vote: District 3 – No Incumbent

10.1.2 Memorandum of Agreement – ATU Local 508

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

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to sign the attached Memorandum of Agreement, which permits Long Term Disability (LTD) modified employees to accrue and utilize pro-rated sick leave and vacation leave as a component of the Return to Work program, with funding as per the Budget Implications section of the October 23, 2012 staff report.

Mr. Edward Robar, Director, Metro Transit, advised Regional Council that that signing of this MOU was overlooked during the last contract and noted that it was part of the agreement approved by Council with the ATU.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED (16 in favour, 0 against)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Rankin; and Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Johns, Craig, Outhit.

Not Present for Vote: District 3 – No Incumbent

10.2 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

A report from the Executive Standing Committee dated October 22, 2012 was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax Regional Council amend the Terms of Reference for the Executive Standing Committee and the Audit and Finance Standing Committee to reflect that:

- 1. Human Resources and Fire Services fall under the purview of the Executive Standing Committee and that they report to the Committee on a semi-annual basis on key factors in the organization including but not limited to health and safety, absenteeism, overtime, grievance issues, and best practices; and**
- 2. That Halifax Libraries fall under the purview of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.**

Councillor Mosher provided background on the motion, noting there should be a reporting body for these business units, including Halifax Libraries.

Councillor Watts requested more information about what this entails for Halifax Libraries.

Councillor Walker, Chair, Audit and Finance Standing Committee, noted this reporting structure is similar to other HRM arrangements, such as the Trade Centre. He further noted Halifax Libraries will be advised as to what this change entails.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED (16 in favour, 0 against)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Rankin; and Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, McCluskey, Fisher, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Johns, Craig, Outhit.

Not Present for Vote: District 3 – No Incumbent

10.3 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10.3.1 Councillor Walker – Request for staff report re: Re-Naming of Municipal Districts

A Request for Council's Consideration from Councillor Walker dated November 13, 2012 was before Council.

Councillor Walker noted that Council was not given the opportunity to have input in to the names of the Districts and **MOVED, seconded by Councillor Johns, that Halifax Regional Council request staff to poll Council to see if any Councillors want to change the name of their District to better reflect the communities included in the District.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED (14 in favour, 2 against)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Rankin; and Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Nicoll, Fisher, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Johns, Craig.

Those voting against were: Councillors McCluskey and Outhit.

Not Present for Vote: District 3 – No Incumbent

11. MOTIONS – NONE

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 Councillor Hendsbee

Councillor Hendsbee gave Notice of Motion that at the November 20, 2012 meeting of Halifax Regional Council he will request a staff report for the acquisition of a strategic parcel of land in Porter's Lake for the purpose of securing the property for public use parkland.

12.2 Councillor Walker

Councillor Walker gave Notice of Motion that, at the Regional Council meeting of November 27, 2012, he intends to bring forward a motion to adopt Administrative Order No. 48 to establish a new Community Council structure and to amend Section 3 of Administrative Order No. 57 to return certain powers currently vested in Regional Council to the newly established Community Councils.

13. IN CAMERA

13.1 Approval of the Minutes of October 23, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that the In Camera minutes of October 23, 2012 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. ADDED ITEMS

14.1 Councillor McCluskey – Chief Administrative Office (CAO) 2nd Quarter Update

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer, advised this report is provided to the Executive Standing Committee to update on corporate initiatives and how they align with goals, mid-term programs and ensure they are adding taxpayer value.

The AVL platform and automatic fare system for Metro Transit is one example of an ongoing item in the CAO's report, as is the procurement process with the Province of Nova Scotia which is being pursued to find efficiencies. As a result of this process, HRM is expecting considerable savings.

Councillor McCluskey requested further information about the Strategic Urban Partnership.

Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy CAO, manages this file for HRM and described the body as a collection of interested organizations focused on growth in the regional centre. The body meets quarterly and priorities include housing, movement and cultural issues.

Councillor McCluskey requested details on Enhanced Service Levels.

Staff responded to the question and advised the goal is to streamline HRM processes, which includes density bonusing.

Councillor Nicoll commended staff on these initiatives, particularly the AVL. She advised more work needs to be done on the HRM website.

In response, Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer, advised staff are aware of the need for work on the website and that work is underway.

Councillor Watts asked about Human Resources Cooperative efforts and if this service delivery is related to the SAP.

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer advised this is unrelated to the SAP and is about hiring quality candidates for HRM. This item will report back to the Executive Standing Committee.

Councillor Watts requested further information on the Champions Table Initiatives.

Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy CAO, identified himself as the lead. Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer further advised that this is a process-based initiative and situated around Council's priorities.

In response to a question from Councillor Fisher, Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy CAO advised the Multi District Facility Expansion Reserve will be tabled in the near future with the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

Councillor Hendsbee asked about the roll-out of the 311.

Staff advised 311 goes live on November 15, 2012 and has an ability to answer questions in 150 languages. The former 490-4000 number will be phased out over time. 311 is accessible across Halifax Regional Municipality. Staff committed to resending information about 311 to members of Council.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett
Municipal Clerk

INFORMATION ITEMS
November 13, 2012

1. Proclamation – Movember – November 2012
2. Memorandum from Chair, Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated October 22, 2012 re: Consolidating the Budget Process
3. Memorandum from Chair, Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated October 22, 2012 re: Reports from Investment Policy Advisory Committee
4. Memorandum from Traffic Authority dated October 15, 2012 re: Frederick Avenue Parking
5. Memorandum from Chair, Executive Standing Committee dated October 22, 2012 re: Chief Administrative Office (CAO) 2nd Quarter Update
6. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated November 5, 2012 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None