

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
December 9, 2003

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Kelly
Councillors: Krista Snow
David Hendsbee
Ron Cooper
Harry McInroy
Brian Warshick
Condo Sarto (1:15 p.m.)
John Cunningham
Jerry Blumenthal
Dawn Sloane
Sue Uteck (1:20 p.m.)
Sheila Fougere (1:15 p.m.)
Russell Walker
Debbie Hum
Linda Mosher (1:25 p.m.)
Brad Johns
Robert Harvey
Len Goucher
Gary Meade

ABSENT:

Deputy Mayor Steve Streach (regrets)
Councillors: Bruce Hetherington (regrets)
Jim Smith (regrets)
Stephen Adams
Reg Rankin (regrets)

STAFF:

Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Jan Gibson, Acting Municipal Clerk
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

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

MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the Order of Business be adopted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. SNOW & ICE REVIEW PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

- This item was deferred from the December 2, 2003 Committee of the Whole meeting and at this time was brought forward for continuation and discussion.

Mr. Paynter advised he will be investigating the option of empowering supervisors to have vehicles towed.

Councillor Walker expressed concern with the number of times plows were making passes on bare streets as well as the number of parked cars.

Councillor Cooper suggested staff look at extending the time when people can start parking on the streets again after a snow event suggesting it be moved up five or six hours to make sure there is adequate time to do the clean up that is required.

Councillor McInroy suggested that staff ensure that supervisors are aware that there are instances where locations may need to be physically checked to confirm that they have actually been plowed. The public should be advised that the 911 dispatch is in contact with the snow clearing crews and, in the case of an emergency, are immediately dispatched to where they are needed.

Councillor Warshick noted one of the problems experienced when there is a large amount of snow is access to parking meters and asked staff to examine the possibility of turning the meters around to provide easier access.

5. ENFORCEMENT POLICY FOR PART 1 OF BY-LAWS-300, REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM SIDEWALKS

Mr. Allan Wayne, By-Law Enforcement, with the aid of overheads, presented an overview of the

staff report.

Councillor Walker requested separate reports be provided on the amount of money that was collected in 2002 and 2003. The total collected regarding remedies, fines and payment for work.

Councillor Fougere expressed concern that the standard to which HRM clears the sidewalks is not bare pavement and yet the By-Law requires that the residents have to. The Councillor suggested that the By-Law be re-examined relative to the standard the residents are being asked to clear as opposed to the standard HRM is setting on itself.

In response to Councillor Mosher, Mr. Paynter suggested staff would re-examine the By-Law and policy in terms of how sidewalk snow plowing is being done both inside and outside the Peninsula to see if staff can come up with a new plan that is fair across the board.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Acting Municipal Clerk