

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

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**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES  
June 22, 2004**

**PRESENT:**

Harry McInroy, Acting Deputy Mayor  
Councillors: Krista Snow  
David Hendsbee  
Condo Sarto  
Bruce Hetherington (1:30 pm)  
Jim Smith (1:20 pm)  
John Cunningham  
Jerry Blumenthal  
Russell Walker  
Debbie Hum  
Linda Mosher  
Steve Adams  
Brad Johns  
Robert Harvey  
Gary Meade

**REGRETS:**

Mayor Peter J. Kelly  
Deputy Mayor Streach  
Councillors: Ron Cooper  
Brian Warshick  
Dawn Sloane  
Sue Uteck  
Sheila Fougere  
Len Goucher  
Reg Rankin

**STAFF:**

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

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor McInroy, Acting Deputy Mayor, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 18 & 25, 2004**

**MOVED by Councillor Meade seconded by Councillor Adams, that the minutes of May 18 & 25, 2004 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Cunningham that the Order of Business and Additions and Deletions be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RESERVE BUSINESS CASE**

- A report dated June 14, 2004 was before Council.
- A PowerPoint presentation was shown.

Mr. Brad Anguish, Director, Environmental Management Services, introduced two presenters: Mr. Stephen King, Manager, Senior Advisor, Strategic & Sustainable Resource Management, and Mr. John Sibbald, Pollution Prevention Coordinator.

Mr. Stephen King, presented the report on Sustainable Community Reserve Business Case.

**Moved by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Hum that Committee of the Whole recommend that:**

1. **Council approve in principle, the borrowing of \$20 million from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Investment Fund for a ten year term at an interest rate of 1.5% below the applicable Government of Canada bond rate.**
2. **Council approve the reserve business case for the Sustainable Community Reserve as outlined in the attachment to this report.**

Mr. King clarified the money will be for use throughout HRM and not just related to Harbour Solutions as per Attachments "A" and "B" in the report. He further advised staff are presently

*“reviewing the role and mandate of the HRM Environmental Initiatives Group (EIG) which includes preparing a Terms of Reference that would enable the EIG to best meet the needs as the internal environmental stakeholders advisors group. This includes a staff governance role around project review and selection from the reserve.”*

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. POLLUTION PREVENTION (SOURCE CONTROL) UPDATE**

- A PowerPoint presentation was shown.

Mr. John Sibbald, Pollution Prevention Coordinator, presented on the *Pollution Prevention Program Source Control*. He indicated the definition of pollution prevention is:

*Any action which reduces or eliminates the creation of pollutants at the source achieved through activities which promote, encourage or require changes in the basic behavioural patterns of industrial, commercial, institutional, residential and individuals.*

During his presentation, Mr. Sibbald indicated the objectives and priorities of this plan and explained the challenges to Source Control. He advised By-Law Enforcement officers have received SOT (Summary Offence Ticket) training and an additional three (3) support staff will be in place by July 2004. He further indicated extensive educational information will be provided to residents/businesses/industries through a multi-year multi-media platform utilizing television, radio and existing mediums.

During the ensuing discussion, the following points were raised:

- Summary offence tickets would be affective and if there are repeat violations of By-Law W-101 injunctive relief would be sought from the Courts.
- Although full compliance is expected by businesses within three to five years, ticketing could begin as soon as the courts are notified of HRM's intention to begin issuing summary offence tickets.
- Approximately \$100,000 for this fiscal year has been set aside for education.
- Chemical use and disposal in our sewers is wide spread and over time HRM will want total compliance with By-law W-101. It will take some time and HRM has resources to provide information on the positive steps for the businesses to take. Total compliance of By-Law W-101 is expected from all businesses/industries/residential areas. Waste water will be tested and wet industries that discharge chemicals down sewers will be thoroughly reviewed. They are prohibited from diluting the waste with water. Tests will be done and a data base kept.
- Garborators are not currently prohibited but if organic downloading indicates a

- necessity to reduce bio-substances going into the wastewater treatment plant then prohibition of garborators would be considered.
- There is a complete list of all buildings that house hazardous chemicals provided by the Fire Department and information will be supplied to the Fire Department if any hazardous wastes are found during testing of waste water.
  - The By-law indicates HRM has the right to reasonably enter premises for samples etc. for use in summary offence. Further, a warrant could be obtained if required.
  - The By-law Enforcement Officers will not be Police Officers as they are not trained to deal with the confrontational situations and in those cases, they should have police officers there with them.

The Council thanked Mr. Sibbald for his presentation.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Jan Gibson  
Acting Municipal Clerk