

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
MAY 3, 2005
(Morning Session)

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter J. Kelly
Deputy Mayor Len Goucher
Councillors: Steve Streach
Krista Snow
David Hendsbee (10:10 a.m.)
Harry McInroy (9:45 a.m.)
Gloria McCluskey
Andrew Younger
Bill Karsten
Becky Kent
Jim Smith
Mary Wile
Patrick Murphy
Dawn Sloane (9:40 a.m.)
Sue Uteck
Russell Walker (10:20 p.m.)
Debbie Hum
Linda Mosher (11:30 p.m.)
Brad Johns
Robert Harvey
Reg Rankin (10:40 a.m.)
Gary Meade

REGRETS:

Councillors: Sheila Fougere
Stephen Adams

STAFF:

Mr. Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Sherryl Murphy, A/Municipal Clerk
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

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

The agenda, as distributed, was accepted.

4. **DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN**

Culture and Heritage Continued

At this time discussion continued on the Culture and Heritage portion of the plan.

- There should be monies to protect heritage properties such as Evergreen House in Dartmouth.
- Referencing scenic views, it was noted there is also one from the Brightwood Golf Course.
- Concern that there is no mention of archaeological artifacts or sites.
- Are there any incentives with regards to HRM cemeteries other than identification of same.
- Support the development of cultural plans.
- Suggested the use of public art and monuments be encouraged.
- Princess Lodge and Birch Cove should be designated as potential archaeological sites.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the issue of maintenance of public and private cemeteries within HRM needs to be addressed as well as a heritage site maintenance program. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Transportation

Mr. Dave McCusker, Regional Planning, overviewed the transportation portion of the Regional Plan.

Following the presentation, the following items were identified by Council.

- What other types of transit service has been discussed?

- Will the removal of truck loading from downtown be examined as freight traffic causes damage to roads?
- Will the matter of neighbourhood shortcutting be addressed as well as non resident parking on residential streets?
- Traffic calming needs to be examined relative to the safety of residents on the peninsula.
- Why is the province not being encouraged to move forward with the highway 101 interchange out to the Sackville collector?
- Wording be placed in the plan with regards to the maintenance of trails once they are completed.
- Concern that the Beaver Bank bypass is not a part of the plan.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Streach, that the issue of the routing of the Burnside Collector be looked at. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- What is the plan to deal with the traffic generated from development in Dartmouth along Victoria Road and Woodland Avenue as these two streets get traffic coming of the 100 series highway to the Macdonald bridge?
- Brightwood should be examined for use as a bypass to the Macdonald bridge.
- An evacuation plan needs to be developed.
- The on street parking policy should be revised as residents purchased their permits but non residents did not.
- Will there be public meetings with regards to the reclassification of streets?

RECESS

A recess was taken at 11:00 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Goucher took the Chair.

- Make sure rail is fully looked at by talking to the public and covering all the bases before it is excluded.
- The roadways need to be thoroughly analysed with regards to cost, road factors, emission standards, fatigue factors as well as other issues that are going to address the public in the long term.

MOVED by Mayor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Snow, that rail be fully looked at and analysed before it is excluded from the plan and further public consultation be undertaken on the use of rail. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mayor Kelly resumed the Chair.

- Beaver Bank needs to be investigated with regards to traffic as there is only one way out of Beaver Bank with many accidents and traffic situations.
- What is being looked at with regards to community transit to Fall River as well as a car pool areas for District 2?
- Ensure there is a 24/7 ferry or bus link between Halifax and Dartmouth.
- Concern that Eastern Passage/Cow Bay is being overlooked with regards to service improvements because of lack of flow through and geographical location.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Younger that Brightwood as a bypass to the Macdonald Bridge be examined. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- Need to identify transit terminals and car pool lots in outlying districts.
- Examine rural transit service through Lawrencetown and Three Fathom Harbour on Route 207.
- Is HRM looking at partnerships with private industry for the provision of shuttle bus service to rural areas?
- Staff have to keep in mind the traffic congestion coming off the 107 on to Main Street, Dartmouth.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Younger that transit staff be requested to attend the June 2 meeting in Sheet Harbour. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Municipal Clerk