

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES  
January 30, 2007

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Kelly  
Deputy Mayor Sue Uteck  
Steve Streach  
Krista Snow  
David Hendsbee  
Harry McInroy  
Andrew Younger  
Bill Karsten  
Becky Kent  
Jim Smith  
Mary Wile  
Patrick Murphy  
Dawn Sloane  
Sheila Fougere  
Russell Walker  
Debbie Hum  
Linda Mosher  
Stephen Adams  
Brad Johns  
Bob Harvey  
Gary Martin  
Gary Meade  
Reg Rankin

REGRETS: Councillor Gloria McCluskey

STAFF: Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Jan Gibson, Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 9 & 16, 2007**

January 9, 2007

**MOVED BY Councillor Wile, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the minutes of January 9, 2007, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

January 16, 2007

Councillor Streach referenced page 3 of the minutes and noted that the North Central fire station should be the North Central RCMP station and that the fire station is in Middle Musquodoboit not in the Musquodoboit Harbour area.

**MOVED BY Councillor Wile, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the minutes of January 16, 2007, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. 2014 COMMONWEALTH GAMES UPDATE (Oral)**

- A PowerPoint presentation entitled Commonwealth Games Staff Update, dated January 30, 2007, was circulated to Council at this time.
- A handout entitled Halifax 2014 Commonwealth Games Bid City, dated January 30, 2007, was circulated to Council at this time.

Mr. Scott Logan, CEO, Commonwealth Games Bid Committee (CWG) presented an update to Council on the International Bid Timelines. He advised that a detailed Media Briefing will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2007. Announcements in regard to which sports will be included in the bid will commence in February. Practice facilities for the athletes will be distributed among various districts upon advice of Council.

During the ensuing discussion on the matter, Council raised the following comments/concerns:

- That consideration be given to a memorial legacy for the Halifax Explosion.
- The CWG was encouraged to be more aggressive in communicating with the public as the public, and Council, need to know what HRM's contribution/costs for the Commonwealth Games will be.
- That consideration be given to recruiting volunteers from areas such as the Special

Olympics and Youth to engage the public and make the event more inclusive for everyone.

- That it be clearly outlined in the budget who will cover cost overruns.

The Mayor called a five minute recess at 2:44 pm.

The Committee of the Whole reconvened at 3:01 pm.

At this time, Mr. Dan English, CAO, presented the staff update. During his presentation Mr. English advised that:

- The Multi Party Agreement (MPA), between HRM, the Province of Nova Scotia, Federal Government, Commonwealth Games Canada and H2014, defines the roles and responsibilities of the partners, including the respective partner contributions. The MPA will be before Council in late March.
- The Provincial/Federal Governments are jointly undertaking a due diligence evaluation by an independent expert.
- CanMac Consultants will perform an independent Economic Impact Analysis. That information should be available by the end of February. The economic impact analysis is up to the funding partners, not the 2014 Bid Committee.
- Legacy Strategy development - (Endowment Fund) there may be costs pre-games and perhaps the Endowment Fund could cover some of those costs. Staff will review that very carefully.
- Financial strategy will be before Council in early March. Fiscal responsibility is key.
- A presentation will be made to Regional Council on March 6<sup>th</sup> with a decision of Council expected by March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Focus will be on what HRM can afford. The budget is very detailed.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> is the International Commonwealth Games Bid deadline.

During the ensuing discussion on the matter, Council raised the following comments/concerns:

- That cost overrides be discussed and partner contributions clarified prior to signing the Multi Party Agreement.
- Synergies should be stressed to the public such as a list of projects that HRM had planned that may now be included in the games budget. Give an example of due diligence by matching Council priorities with the games such as facility upgrades.
- That Council broadcast to the public as much as possible during the Games Bid discussions to alleviate public concerns with the matter being discussed behind closed doors. Get more information to the communities.
- That expenses to date, such as travel, cost of staff and personnel, those public employees who have been seconded, and municipal employee's salaries should be public.
- With the time lines as the Federal budget is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>, the Provincial budget around the first week of April and the Municipal budget in March.

- In negotiating the Multi Party Agreement, all costs are to be included such as security issues (Port Authority, Halifax Regional Police and the RCMP).

Mr. English concluded the session commenting that this is Canada's Commonwealth Games Bid with Halifax being the host for the event.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Jan Gibson  
Municipal Clerk