



**EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 22, 2014**

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Savage, Chair
Councillor Linda Mosher, Vice Chair
Councillor Russell Walker
Councillor Bill Karsten
Councillor Steve Craig
Councillor Matt Whitman
Councillor Reg Rankin

REGRETS: Councillor Brad Johns

STAFF: Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Cathy Mullally, Director, Human Resources
Mr. Chris Bryant, Senior Advisor, Government Relations & External Affairs
Mr. Britt Wilson, Manager, Total Compensation
Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant

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<http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/SCadmin/ExecutiveStandingCommitteeSeptember222014-Halifax.ca.php>

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. and convened into in camera at 10:14 a.m. The Standing Committee reconvened and adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 6, 2014 special

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the special meeting minutes of August 6, 2014 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the Order of Business be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

7.1 Supplementary Summary Report and Recommendations – Governance Review, External Committees

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A supplementary staff report dated September 19, 2014

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Craig that the Executive Standing Committee move the following highlighted amendment to the August 6, 2014 motion:

Recommendation #1A:

Regional Council make no changes to the process for appointments to the Halifax Water Commission board, the Police Commission, the Community Monitoring Committee or the FCM and UNSM boards **at this time.**

Recommendation #1B:

Regional Council reduce the number of Councillors appointed to the Regional Library Board **and the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission Board to two (2) Council members from four (4) and, with respect to the Regional Library,** work with the Provincial Government to make appropriate changes to the relevant agreements.

Recommendation #2:

Regional Council **may consider the appointment of Council members** ~~when dealing with appointments consider first, competency based appointment of HRM residents, second appointment of relevant HRM staff members, and third, appointment of elected officials only if suitable appointments cannot be made under the first two categories~~ **to external boards or committees, as set out by Administrative Order, which in the opinion of Council:**

- **Are regional in scope;**
- **Affect or may affect a municipal interest; or**
- **Is a community organization with a mandate to provide an alternate service delivery in respect of municipal property on behalf of HRM and to which the municipality is the primary funder.**

~~Recommendation #3: Regional Council cease appointing councillors to the boards of Alderney Landing, Canada Games Centre, Neptune Theatre and the Business Improvement Districts, and the boards of other organizations which might invite the appointment of councillors. That staff be directed to draft an Administrative Order to implement recommendation #2 as set out in Table 1 and Table 2 of the supplementary staff report dated September 19, 2014.~~

Recommendation #4: Regional Council advise all councillors who sit on boards or committees to which they have not been appointed by Regional Council to inform the Municipal Clerk of those positions, to annually review the list of those boards and committees and inform the Municipal Clerk of any errors or omissions and that, in accordance with the NS *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, the list be retained in the Office of the Municipal Clerk as a public record.

In consultation with the Municipal Solicitor, it was **MOVED** by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Walker to further amend recommendation #3 to include the addition of HRM Chain of Lake Trail Association in Table 1 (Council appointments).

A brief discussion was held and the **MOTION TO FURTHER AMEND WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

The Municipal Solicitor advised that the motion now before the Committee was a two-step process. The Committee should first consider the motion to amend as Moved by Councillor Rankin and Seconded by Councillor Craig and then vote on the amended motion.

THE MOTION TO AMEND WAS PUT AND PASSED

The motion before the Committee now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Walker that the Executive Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1a. Make no changes to the process for appointments to the Halifax Water Commission board, the Police Commission, the Community Monitoring Committee or the FCM and UNSM boards at this time.
- 1b. Reduce the number of Councillors appointed to the Regional Library Board and the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission Board to two (2) Council members from four (4) and, with respect to the Regional Library, work with the Provincial Government to make appropriate changes to the relevant agreements.
2. May consider the appointment of Council members to external boards or committees, as set out by Administrative Order, which in the opinion of Council:
 - Are regional in scope;
 - Affect or may affect a municipal interest; or
 - Is a community organization with a mandate to provide an alternate service delivery in respect of municipal property on behalf of HRM and to which the municipality is the primary funder.
3. That staff be directed to draft an Administrative Order to implement recommendation #2 as set out in Table 1 and Table 2 of the supplementary staff report dated September 19, 2014 with the addition of HRM Chain of Lakes Trail Association in Table 1 (Council appointments).
4. Advise all councillors who sit on boards or committees to which they have not been appointed by Regional Council to inform the Municipal Clerk of those positions, to annually review the list of those boards and committees and inform the Municipal Clerk of any errors or omissions and that, in accordance with the NS *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, the list be retained in the Office of the Municipal Clerk as a public record.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence

8.1.1 James S. Cowan, Halifax Stanfield International Airport dated August 20, 2014 re: Halifax International Airport Authority

Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk advised that a staff report respecting the nominations to various boards would be provided to the Committee in October 2014.

The Committee accepted Mr. Cowan's correspondence and no further action was taken at this time.

8.2 Petitions – None

8.3 Presentation – None

9. REPORTS – NONE

10. MOTIONS – NONE

11. IN CAMERA

11.1 Personnel Matter

A matter pertaining to a personnel matter about an identifiable individual/individuals or body with whom the municipality has a direct interest.

11.1.1 HRM Pension Plan (HRMPP) – Private and Confidential Report

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Karsten to convene into in camera at this time. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Standing Committee convened into in camera at 10:14 a.m.

12. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

13. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 27, 2014

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Ms. Cathy Mellett
Municipal Clerk