

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2000

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor John Cunningham
Councillors: Steve Streach
Keith Colwell
Ron Cooper
Jack Greenough
Bruce Hetherington
Clint Schofield
Jerry Blumenthal
Graham L. Downey
Sue Uteck
Sheila Fougere
Russell Walker
Bill Stone
Graham Read
Stephen Adams
David Merrigan
Robert Harvey
Peter Kelly
Reg Rankin
Jack Mitchell

REGRETS: Mayor Walter R. Fitzgerald
Councillor Gordon R. Snow
Harry McInroy
Condo Sarto

STAFF: Mr. K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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Deputy Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Prior to the presentation on Prince's Lodge, Mr. George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update on the Provincial Budget, noting the following:

- there is a proposed reduction in the mandatory education rate for 2000/2001
- no change in social service costs
- no change in the library operating grant
- no change in the farmland grants in lieu of taxes
- no change in the HST rebate or the Nova Scotia Power transfer, noting both issues are under review
- the funding of the provincial capital grant remains the same as last year
- RCMP funding is expected to cost approximately \$82,000.00
- no change to the provincial electronic parking ticket program
- machinery and equipment - the Province have indicated they will no longer pay taxes on behalf of this assessment thus HRM will be permitted to bill the taxpayer directly
- there are proposed reductions in the provincial assessment staff
- there may be an impact to community programs under the economic development budget
- no tax cut or freeze proposed for either provincial or municipal employees

In response to Councillor Kelly, Mr. MacLellan advised staff will bring a report to Council at a later date as to what implications the provincial budget will have on HRM.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - March 20 & 21, 2000

MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Hetherington that the minutes of March 20, 2000 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Blumenthal that the minutes of March 21, 2000 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Colwell that the Order of Business, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. REPORTS

3.1 PRINCE'S LODGE MASTER PLAN

Presentation by Staff and Consultant representing the Land Owners

- Correspondence from F. D. Medjuck, Q.C., regarding Prince's Lodge and Royale Hemlock Estates was circulated to Council.

Mr. Austin French, Regional Coordinator, Planning Services, introduced the plan advising the primary objectives to be reached in the Master Planning process are:

- anticipating future community needs having regards to the trends and demographics, economics, housing affordability
- designs be integrated with the existing neighbouring community
- reduce travel time and energy requirements, encouraging the use of public transit
- preserving sensitive environmental areas and unique cultural features
- maintain adequate service levels for municipal infrastructure
- allow for flexibility and future change
- minimize future demands on the fiscal resources of Halifax Regional Municipality
- to provide policy guidance for the individual property owners within each master plan area

Mr. Barry Zwicker, representing Wallace MacDonald Lively, with the use of a power point presentation, updated Council as to where they are in the process and what they have been doing since September. Mr. Zwicker outlined the master plan area highlighting proposed development, highway improvements and growth in the areas that are most efficient for the entire region as a whole. Mr. Zwicker advised they have identified major infrastructure components, obtained cost estimates for each of them and have a suggestion in terms of how these can be split.

In response to Councillor Kelly, Council was advised the existing Bedford By-Law and the City of Halifax Mainland North Plan and By-Law will need to be amended to exclude this area from their jurisdiction in order for this entire area to be planned and implemented as a separate entity.

In response to Councillor Kelly regarding cost allocation and interest charges, Council was advised the 70/30 split was as a result of traffic studies that have been undertaken in the area that project the size of the roads, where traffic comes from and how it will use the system. Mr. Zwicker advised no interest has been included in the calculations.

Councillor Uteck expressed concern with the financial implications and traffic impacts.

In response to Councillor Cooper, Council was advised the four areas that were selected to go through the master planning process were selected prior to staff presenting to Council the details of the Regional Growth Management Strategy. Mr. French advised

there will be a review and recommendation to Council on amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy as well as information on how the development in these four areas relates to the areas of growth elsewhere in HRM.

Council agreed to hear Mr. Medjuck at the Council session scheduled for 6:00 p.m. as his request was regarding the Royale Hemlock Estates development.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Kelly that the meeting be adjourned at 4:15 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vi Carmichael
Municipal Clerk