

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 27, 2004

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter J. Kelly  
Deputy Mayor Steve Streach  
Councillors: David Hendsbee  
Ron Cooper  
Harry McInroy  
Brian Warshick (6:25 p.m.)  
Condo Sarto  
Bruce Hetherington  
John Cunningham  
Jerry Blumenthal  
Dawn Sloane  
Sue Uteck  
Sheila Fougere  
Russell Walker  
Debbie Hum  
Linda Mosher (6:55 p.m.)  
Stephen Adams  
Brad Johns  
Robert Harvey  
Len Goucher  
Reg Rankin  
Gary Meade

ABSENT:

Councillors: Krista Snow  
Jim Smith

STAFF:

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

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**1. INVOCATION**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION - MS. LYNN WAGNER**

Councillor Fougere and Mayor Kelly, on behalf of HRM and Council, made a presentation to Ms. Lynn Wagner and her family in recognition of their generosity and community spirit in providing food and lodging to the residents of a neighbourhood apartment building that had suffered a fire.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 13, 2004**

**MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that the minutes of January 13, 2004, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Additions

- 11.1 Councillor Rankin - Affordable Housing Resolution Proposal
- 11.2 Regional Planning Goals and Objectives
- 11.3 Personnel Matter - Herring Cove Community Liaison Committee
- 11.4 Councillor Johns - Status Update regarding Information Report from November 25, 2003 re sidewalk snow plowing

Council agreed to address item 11.1 following 8.3.2.

**MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

**5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

**6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE**

**7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

**8.1            Correspondence - None**

**8.2            Petitions**

There were no petitions served at this meeting.

**8.3            Presentation**

**8.3.1        Halifax Regional Firefighters Interpretation Centre**

Mr. Laurie Campbell, Vice President, and Mr. Don Snider, Secretary, addressed Council requesting consideration of Fire Station #12 Windmill Road, once surplus, being turned over for use as an interpretation centre.

Councillor Blumenthal suggested that artifacts from both the Police and Fire Department could be housed in the same building.

**MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that the presentation be referred to staff for a report.**

Councillor Harvey suggested a civic museum be considered as part of the replacement for the Spring Garden Road library.

Councillor Johns stated that if there is no fire station available, perhaps there is another suitable building.

Councillor Blumenthal asked that the report include what happened to the King Street station.

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. Campbell and Mr. Snider for their presentation.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8.3.2        Raising the Roof Campaign - Mr. Jason Buchanan, Chair**

Mr. Jason Buchanan, Chair, made presentation regarding the Raising the Roof Campaign and the selling of toques which raises awareness to homelessness.

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. Buchanan for his presentation.

**11.1         Councillor Rankin - Affordable Housing Resolution Proposal**

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Mayor Kelly write**

the current Federal, Provincial and Territorial Minister, with a copy to the Minister of Canada Mortgage and Housing, urgently requesting a Federal, Provincial, Territorial Housing Ministers meeting towards expediting an affordable housing program and to reorient the program toward local affordable rather than marketable housing. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. REPORTS**

**9.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**9.1.1 Request for Proposal 03-346, Claims Management Services**

- A report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, dated January 9, 2004, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Streach, seconded by Councillor Sarto, that RFP#03-346, Claims Management Services be awarded to the highest ranking evaluated proposal, Crawford Adjusters Canada, at the unit prices quoted for an estimated cost of \$287,500.00 plus net HST for a total estimated cost of \$305,983.38 from Hurricane Juan Account - PJUAN W928-6399 with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the report. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.****

**9.1.2 Capital Budget Increase - Halifax Artificial Sportsfield**

- A report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, dated January 15, 2004, on the above noted, was before Council.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Deputy Mayor Streach declared a Conflict of Interest and removed himself from debate.

**MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Council approve an increase in the Gross Capital Budget to Capital Account No. CPC00678, Halifax Artificial Sportsfield in the amount of approximately \$22,715.00. This is to reflect cost sharing from NS Sport and Recreation Commission in the amount of \$10,000.00 (Cdn) with no charge to the Net Budget, and by approximately \$12,715.00 (\$10,000 US funds), to reflect the Resource Recovery Rebate from Ford Motor Company Limited, with no charge to the Net Budget, as per the Background Section of the staff report. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.****

**9.1.3 Creation of Capital Budget Project - Bus Rapid Transit Showcase**

- A report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, dated

January 16, 2004, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Regional Council create a new capital account titled “Bus Rapid Transit Showcase” and approve the transfer of \$1,040,000 into that account from funds previously approved for the 2003-04 capital budget and pre-approved for the 2004-05 budget with funding authorized from Capital Account No.’s CB200428, Transit Terminal Upgrade/Expansion, CB200425, Park & Ride Improvements/Expansion, CRT00426, Transit Road Priorities, CGU00577, Akerley & Windmill Pumping Station, and CTU00420, Bikeways Master Plan, as indicated in the budget implications section of the staff report.**

Councillor Hetherington noted the terminal is not located in Cole Harbour but on Portland Street, Dartmouth. The Councillor advised the design differs from what was presented to and approved by the Harbour East Community Council. The design shown in the report is a new design which was never brought back to the Community Council. In response, Mr. Dave McCusker, Regional Transportation, advised the brochure was before Council to provide information, noting staff is continuing to work with the consultants in developing a design for the terminal.

Councillor McInroy suggested that the route review for Cole Harbour happen such that there will be a meshing of revised and expanded routing to coincide with the opening and putting into service this transit terminal.

In response to Councillor Cooper regarding timelines, Mr. McCusker advised they are required to have measurable results by early 2006. He advised there is federal funding program pressure to have early implementation. He advised they are still working towards acquiring the vehicles by end of this year and completing a large part of construction work this year. He stated it is expected to have one route by February 2005 and a second soon after.

Councillor Cooper noted the reference to the bikeways in the Cole Harbour/Forest Hills area and requested Community Council be appraised of what the changes will be and how they will be implemented. He also requested information be provided on whether the Municipality plans to restore the bikeway along the Forest Hills Parkway. The Councillor requested Mr. McCusker forward a supplementary report to Harbour East Community Council addressing some of these items.

#### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

##### **9.1.4 Corporate Donation Policy**

- A report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, dated January 20, 2004, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal , seconded by Councillor Sarto, that:**

- 1) information on how to make donations to the various HRM programs be included in the HRM website; and information on how to make donations regarding specific parks and replacement of trees be included in future parks recovery updates to the public.
- 2) staff develop a plan to provide information and advice to community groups interested in undertaking fundraising initiatives in support of initiatives, such as recovery from Hurricane Juan and improvements of HRM parks.
- 3) a formal program to recognize and thank donors regarding Hurricane Juan be initiated by the end of January including a letter of thanks from the Mayor and HRM Council, and a commemorative bookmark.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9.1.5 Leased Premises - Realignment 2003 Office Moves**

- A report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, dated January 20, 2004, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Warshick, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, that Council approve an increase of \$180,000 to 2003/04 Capital Budget under Capital Project CB300528 Capital Leasehold Improvement Alderney Drive, with funding to be provided from Q103 Capital Surplus Reserve, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9.1.6 Measures Respecting Non-compliance with Development Agreements**

- A report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, dated December 15, 2003, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Johns, that Regional Council formally request the provincial Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations to amend the Municipal Government Act to make violations of terms and conditions of a development agreement a prosecutable offence under the Act. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9.2 AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**9.2.1 Audited Financial Statements - Miscellaneous Trust Funds, March 31,**



**2003**

- A report from the Audit Committee, dated January 21, 2004, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that the audited financial statements of the Halifax Regional Municipality - Miscellaneous Trust Funds for the year ended March 31, 2003 be approved, and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be authorized to sign the financial statements on behalf of Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9.3 TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMITTEE**

**9.3.1 By-Law T-128, An Amendment to By-Law T-108, Regarding Geography Testing**

- A report from the Taxi and Limousine Committee, dated January 20, 2004, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that Regional Council approve in principle the amendments to By-Law T-108 found in Appendix "A" of this report, and direct staff to arrange for their formal adoption by Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9.4 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**9.4.1 Councillor Mosher - Week-Long Closure of all HRM Public Library**

Councillor Mosher noted the Halifax Regional Library computer systems were being upgraded and questioned why the libraries were being closed for a week and placed the following motion.

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Adams, that a report be requested from the library outlining the rationale for the seven day closure, how long will it take to freeze the system and transfer records, how long from start to finish as well as the information from the request for proposals that was sent out. MOTION DEFEATED.**

Those voting **in favour** of the motion were Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Streach and Councillors Hendsbee, Hetherington, Blumenthal, Sloane, Walker, Mosher and Adams.

Those voting **against** the motion were Councillors Cooper, McInroy, Warshick, Sarto, Cunningham, Uteck, Fougere, Hum, Johns, Harvey, Goucher, Rankin and Meade.

Councillor Snow and Smith were absent.

**10. MOTIONS - NONE**

**11. ADDED ITEMS**

**11.1 Affordable Housing Resolution Proposal - Councillor Rankin**

This item was addressed at an earlier point in the meeting. (see page 6)

**11.2 Regional Planning Goals and Objectives**

- This item was discussed earlier in a Committee of the Whole session and was now before Council for ratification.

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Regional Council:**

- 1. Endorse, in principle, the Regional Planning Goals and Objectives (Attachment 1 of the Regional Planning Committee report dated January 15, 2003) as set forth by its Regional Planning Committee; and,**
- 2. Approve revised wording of Regional Planning Principles #3 and#4.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.3 Personnel Matter - Herring Cove Community Liaison Committee**

- This item was discussed earlier at an In Camera session and was now before Council for ratification.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that Regional Council request staff bring forward a report outlining a process for the establishment of future Community Liaison Committees including input from HRM's Membership Selection Committee or the Community Council for the area. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.4 Councillor Johns - Information Report of November 25, 2003 regarding Sidewalk Snow Clearing**

Councillor Johns advised he had requested a staff report at the September 2, 2003 meeting regarding the sidewalk snow plowing deficit in his district. He noted an information report was received November 25, 2003 wherein staff highlighted where they saw the deficit to

be. The Councillor advised he had raised concerns with regards to the November 25<sup>th</sup> report and, to date, has not received an answer on what was brought forward in the report. The Councillor requested the issue be addressed.

**12. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Jan Gibson  
Acting Municipal Clerk