

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES
December 12, 2006

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Kelly
Deputy Mayor Sue Uteck
Krista Snow
David Hendsbee
Harry McInroy
Gloria McCluskey
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
Robert Harvey
Reg Rankin
Gary Meade

REGRETS:

Councillors: Steve Streach
Gary Martin

STAFF:

Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Jan Gibson, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the invocation being led by Councillor Walker.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 28, 2006

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the minutes of November 28, 2006 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Additions

- 12.1 Councillor Johns - Outdoor Master Plan
- 12.2 Councillor Murphy - Contractual Services - Property Damage
- 12.3 Personnel/legal matter - Halifax Regional Development Agency (HRDA) and Greater Halifax Partnership (GHP)
- 12.4 Personnel Matter - Citizen Appointments to Boards/Committees and Commissions
- 12.5 Contractual Matter - Award of Expression of Interest 06-079 - Group Insurance Program
- 12.6 Legal Matter - By-Law W-101 - Wastewater Discharge

Councillor Wile requested item 10.1.11 be brought forward and addressed as the first item under reports.

Councillor Adams requested item 10.3.1 be brought forward and addressed prior to the consideration of deferred business.

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

8.1 By-Law S-420, An Amendment to By-Law S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements - New Paving Projects Outside the Core Area - 2005

- An extract from the October 31, 2006 Regional Council minutes was before Council.
- A staff report dated October 11, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.
- Correspondence from Leslie Taylor and Fred Downey, on the above noted, was before Council.

Mr. Dave Hubley, Manager, Design and Construction Services, presented the report to Council noting the rates to be charged and the three streets they would be applied to.

Mayor Kelly called for those wishing to speak either in favour of or in opposition to the proposed By-Law.

Ms. Nancy White, Hammonds Plains, expressed concern with the formula used to assess the fees to each resident. She noted that her cost is over \$12,000 as she has 511 feet of frontage. She suggested a flat charge per lot combined with a linear or per square foot would be more fair. She stated there is no value to have large frontage and it does not make her property worth any more.

Ms. Kimberley Hanko, Hammonds Plains, stated her main concern was that when they originally signed the contract they agreed to pay up to thirty dollars per foot. She questioned how the price was arrived at and noted she is also paying the other 50% as it is being paid with her tax dollars.

Mr. Andrew Hanko, Hammonds Plains, stated that the cost has gone from three dollars to twenty three over the past number of years. He noted that they are paying for public roads which are used by everyone and questioned why he was paying full cost out of his pocket to pave a public street.

Mayor Kelly called three times for any further speakers. Hearing none, the following motion was placed.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the public hearing close. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Sloane left the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that Regional Council approve By-Law S-420 Respecting Charges for Street Improvements from Capital Account No. CXU00585, New Paving of Subdivision Streets Outside the Core Area. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that staff provide a report on the efficiency of Local Improvement Charges and the By-Law and examine whether there are any other options. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

5. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

6. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION**

6.1 **Councillor Snow - Regional Council November 21, 2006 Regarding the Sackville Sports Stadium**

MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Council rescind a portion of the In Camera recommendation passed by Regional Council on November 21, 2006 regarding the Sackville Sports Stadium and the conversion of the curling rink space at the stadium to an indoor soccer facility and field house after the 2006/07 season.

MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that the question now be put. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Those voting in favour were Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Uteck and Councillors Snow, Hendsbee, McCluskey, Younger, Kent, Smith, Wile, Murphy, Fougere, Mosher, Adams and Harvey.

Those voting against were Councillors McInroy, Karsten, Walker, Hum, Johns, Rankin and Meade.

Councillors Streach, Sloane and Martin were absent.

MOTION OF RESCISSION PUT AND PASSED.

Those voting in favour of the motion of rescission were Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Uteck and Councillors Snow, Hendsbee, McCluskey, Younger, Kent, Smith, Wile, Murphy, Fougere, Mosher and Adams.

Those voting against the motion of rescission were Councillors McInroy, Karsten, Walker, Hum, Johns, Harvey, Rankin and Meade.

Councillors Streach, Sloane and Martin were absent.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Johns, that staff hold facilitative discussions with Lakeshore Curling Club with the assumption that curling will be a part of the long term recreational offering of the Sackville Sports Stadium and therefore part of its long term financial recovery. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3.1 Herring Cove Water and Sewer Funding

- A report dated December 6, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Mosher that staff provide a report on contingency funding from the Harbour Solutions Contingency Fund in the amount of \$1.5 million to be applied to the Herring Cove Water and Sewer Project. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - November 21, 2006

7.1 Motion of Reconsideration - Councillor Karsten Terms of Reference - Canada Day Committee

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Kent, that Council reconsider the amendment passed by Regional Council on November 7, 2006 regarding the Halifax-Dartmouth Canada Day Committee - Terms of Reference which states “That members serve for a two year term and where there are insufficient applicants, terms may be extended” MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Kent, that the Terms of Reference be amended to state “That members serve for a two year term”. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 By-Law S-420, An Amendment to By-Law S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements - New Paving Projects Outside the Core Area - 2005

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting. (See page 4)

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence - None

9.2 Petitions

Councillor Snow served the following four petitions in support of curling at the Sackville Sports Stadium:

- (i) A petition from the Save the Lakeshore Curling Club
- (ii) A petition from the users of the curling facility

- (iii) A petition from the general public
- (iv) A petition from the Mayflower Curling Club

9.3 Presentations

9.3.1 Halifax -Dartmouth Natal Day Committee

Mr. Clyde Paul, Chair, and Mr. Doug MacDonald, Sponsorship Chair, made a presentation to Council providing a history of Natal Day, the purpose and objectives of the festival, as well as some of the activities and events. It was noted that although costs have been increasing, HRM funding has not increased.

Councillor Murphy noted this has been an important event for many years and placed the following motion.

MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that the request to increase the HRM funding to \$150,000 be referred to the budgetary process. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.4 HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH NATAL DAY STEERING COMMITTEE

10.4.1 Terms of Reference

- A report dated December 4, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Regional Council approve the revised terms of reference with the name remaining the Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.11 2011 Canada Games Bid Budget

- A report dated December 8, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

Mr. Paul Dunphy, Director, Community Development, presented the report to Council.

Ms. Coleen Jones and Mr. Scott Ferguson, Co-Chairs, made a presentation to Council noting:

- The games allow young people to participate and compete in sporting events,
- The games impact the community in a positive way,
- The games provide a legacy of dreams in addition to new facilities,
- It is Canada's largest multi-sport event,
- Hosting the games will include approximately 3,500 athletes, coaches and managers, 450 technical officials, 400 media and broadcast professionals, and over 6,000 guests and VIP's,
- The legacy will include a multi-purpose field house, upgrades to all existing facilities, new sport programs and equipment, a stronger and more active community and

national awareness and attention.

Mr. Dunphy indicated the Capital and Operating budgets and noted there was a small surplus projected which will be invested in sport opportunities in this region.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the 2011 Canada Winter Games budget as indicated in Attachment A of the staff report dated December 8, 2006, and,**
- 2. Authorize staff to submit the bid for the Canada Winter Games.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. REPORTS

10.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

10.1.1 Tender 06-149, Sullivan's Pond Lighting and Fountain Installation Phase III

- A report dated December 6, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Younger, that Council award Tender No. 06-149 Sullivan's Pond Lighting and Fountain Installation Phase III for materials and services specified to Carvery's Painting Limited, for a total tender price of \$107,226.91 (including net HST) with funding from Capital Accounts No. CPG00483 Sullivan's Pond and CPG00900 Sullivan's Pond Management Plan, as per the Budget Implications section of the December 6, 2006 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.2 Tender 06-264, Pavement Resurfacing, Flying Cloud Drive - East Region

- A report dated November 28, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Council award Tender No. 06-264, Pavement Resurfacing, Flying Cloud Drive - East Region to Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$359,312 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CZU00782, Resurfacing Program, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the November 28, 2006 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Wile left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

10.1.3 Tender 06-112 - Supply of One (1) New 75 Foot Quint Fire Truck

- A report dated November 27, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Council award Tender No. 06-112, for One (1) New 75 Foot Quint Fire Truck to Micmac Fire & Safety Limited for a Tender Price of \$731,720.00 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CVJ00703 as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the November 27, 2006 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.4 Tender 06-385 - One (1) Tandem Truck Chassis with Dump Body; Tender 06-387 - One (1) Forestry Truck with 60 foot Aerial Device; Tender 06-388 - Two (2) Articulated Municipal Tractors (New or Refurbished)

- A report dated November 29, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Council:

- 1. Award Tender No. 06-385, for One (1) 2007 Tandem Truck Chassis with Dump Body to Lockhart Truck Centre for a Tender Price of \$131,557.00 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CVD00413 as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the November 29, 2006 report.**
- 2. Award Tender No. 06-387, for One (1) 2007 Forestry Truck with 60' Aerial to MacFarlands Truck & Utility Equipment for a Tender Price of \$172,199.00 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CVD00413 as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the November 29, 2006 report.**
- 3. Award Tender No. 06-388, for Two (2) Refurbished 2006 Articulated Municipal Tractors to Saunders Equipment Ltd. for a Tender Price of \$206,846.00 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CEU00880 as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the November 29, 2006 report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.5 Tender 06-137 - Supply and Support Livelink for Document Management

- A report dated November 2, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that HRM approve the award of Tender No. 06-137 - Supply and Support Livelink for Document Management, to Open Text Corporation, at a cost of \$263,148.19 (net HST included)

from Capital Account #CID00710 - Corporate Document/Record Management, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the November 2, 2006 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.6 Request for Quotation 06C367 - Janitorial Service for Bus Terminals

- A report dated November 28, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Uteck, that:

1. **Council award RFQ#Q06C367, Janitorial Services for ten (10) Bus Terminals to Janasco Ltd., for a two (2) year price of \$172,519.57 including net HST; and**
2. **Allow a third year option for RFQ#Q06C367 subject to an acceptable performance review by HRM staff for a single additional year to Janasco Ltd, for a 1 year price of \$86,109.67 including net HST.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.7 Withdrawal from Service Improvement Reserve - Capital Cost Contribution Policy Implementation Team

- A report dated November 3, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Younger, that Regional Council authorize a repayable withdrawal of \$108,000 in 2006/07 and \$442,000 in 2007/08 from Q310 Service Improvement Reserve to form a Capital Cost Contribution (CCC) Policy Implementation Team, to be repaid from regional CCC charges and CDS00101 - Capital Cost Contribution Area Studies. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.8 Commencement of Water and Wastewater Merger

- A report dated December 4, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Uteck, that Regional Council:

1. **Authorize HRM and HRWC staff to proceed with water and wastewater merger activities with a target date of April 1, 2007, for a combined utility operation.**
2. **Authorize HRM and HRWC staff to negotiate a transfer agreement to be approved by the HRWC Board and HRM Council with ultimate approval by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.**

Councillor Younger stated he did not support the merger as he feels this is an abdication of responsibility and expressed concern that this may result in massive increases in water bills.

Councillor Smith expressed concern and questioned whether Council would still have some control over sewer projects. In response, Mr. Yates, Manager, HRWC, advised there will still be a connection with HRM through the Council members on the Board.

Council recessed at 8:05 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:19 p.m.

In response to Councillor Hendsbee, Mr. Yates advised liability of assets will be transferred and both the storm water and waste water systems are being transferred as part of this merger.

It was further noted that the Harbour Solutions assets will be turned over to the Water Commission once they are commissioned.

In response to Councillor Karsten, Mr. Yates advised that certain By-Laws and policies such as the Capital Cost Contribution will be assumed as part of the merger.

Mr. Anguish advised there as been acknowledgement from the Utility and Review Board that they intend to acknowledge the rate increases already approved by Council that would support the completion of the increases associated with the Harbour Solutions project.

In response to Councillor Kent, Mr. Anguish advised the principles of the transfer will be coming back to Council regarding such things as seniority and collective agreements.

In response Councillor Johns, Mr. Yates advised Infrastructure and MRIF programs will be approved by the Board in future.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED (13 in favour, 4 against)

Those voting in favour were Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Uteck and Councillors Hendsbee, McInroy, Karsten, Kent, Smith, Murphy, Fougere, Hum, Mosher, Harvey and Rankin.

Those voting against were Councillors McCluskey, Younger, Walker and Johns.

Councillors Streach, Snow, Wile, Sloane, Adams, Martin and Meade were absent.

10.1.9 Halifax International Airport Authority Memorandum of Understanding

- A report dated November 29, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Uteck, that Regional Council approve the execution by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the MOU with Halifax International Airport Authority attached as Appendix A to the staff report dated November 29, 2006. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.10 Regional Plan Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference

- A report dated December 4, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Regional Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Regional Plan Advisory Committee, as outlined in Attachment “A” of the December 4, 2006 staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.11 2011 Canada Games Bid Budget

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting, (See page 8)

10.2 AUDIT COMMITTEE

10.2.1 Interim Audit Work Plan

- A report dated November 28, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that:

- 1. The additional \$150,000 approved by Regional Council in the 2006/07 Operating Budget for Business System and Control be allocated, in part, to hire a Senior Auditor (Business Consultant) and Junior Auditor (Auditor Analyst) on a term basis, with potential conversion to permanent status subject to the 2007/08 budget process.**
- 2. Business Systems and Control carry out two comprehensive reviews in the areas of the “HRM Procurement Processes and Practices” and “Employment Business Expenses and Reimbursements”.**
- 3. Business Systems and Control develop a recommended structure for an independent Audit Division of HRM to be presented to the Audit Committee by January 31, 2007.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (8 in favour, 7 against)

Those voting in favour were Mayor Kelly and Councillors Hendsbee, McCluskey, Younger, Karsten, Murphy, Walker and Hum.

Those voting against were Deputy Mayor Uteck and Councillors McInroy, Kent, Smith, Fougere, Johns and Harvey.

Councillors Streach, Snow, Wile, Sloane, Mosher, Adams, Martin, Rankin and Meade were absent.

10.3 ENERGY AND UNDERGROUND / HARBOUR SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10.3.1 Herring Cove Water & Sewer Funding

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting. (See page 6)

10.4 HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH NATAL DAY STEERING COMMITTEE

10.4.1 Terms of Reference

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting. (See page 8)

10.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10.5.1 Councillor Martin - Request for report re: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Policy

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Younger, that staff provide a report on the creation of a formal CPTED policy for HRM. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.5.2 Councillor Younger - Provincial Funding for Spider Lake Water Servicing

Councillor Younger noted there are a number of wells that are failing and people have been advised that new wells are not possible. The Councillor advised this matter has been reviewed by the water commission and the area has been surveyed. One of the concerns that has been raised is that one of the cost drivers in this project is the need to cross the Forest Hills Extension at a cost of \$180,000 including the engineering fees which averages to approximately \$1,500 per lot.

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that Mayor Kelly write the Minister of Transportation and the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations requesting funding in the amount of \$180,000 for the extension of water services across the Forest Hills Extension (Highway#107 Extension) to the Spider Lake Subdivision as it is a provincial highway. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. MOTIONS - NONE

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Councillor Johns - Outdoor Master Plan

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Younger, that an update be provided on the Outdoor Master Plan. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.2 Councillor Murphy - Contractual Services - Property Damage

MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that a staff report be provided on property damage as a result of snow clearing.

Councillor Murphy requested the report address the question of why the contractors are not using proper equipment, why HRM is not using it's own snow equipment, how many pieces of equipment does HRM have and would it be possible to use HRM staff instead of contracting out.

Councillor Hum requested the report include information on all HRM sidewalks that are plowed.

Councillor Kent questioned whether the properties can be reinstated sooner.

Councillor Smith questioned whether it would be possible to get the contractor out to fix the sods after each occurrence.

Councillor Younger ask for information on the valuation amount of claims.

Councillor Fougere questioned the protocol for residents to report occurrences and have them addressed in a timely manner.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.3 Personnel/Legal Matter - Halifax Regional Development Agency (HRDA) and Greater Halifax Partnership (GHP)

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

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Solicit expressions of interest for two members of Regional Council to serve as the Municipality's voting representatives on the Board of Directors;**
- 2. Subject to the incorporation of the new entity and wind up of operations respecting the existing operations of the GHP and HRDA, retire the Council positions on their respective boards; and**
- 3. That upon discussing the contents of the September 7, 2006 report and the personnel matter referenced in it by Council, the report be made public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.4 Personnel Matter - Citizen Appointments to Boards, Committees & Commissions

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

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Halifax Regional Council approve the Citizen appointments to HRM Boards/Committees/Commissions as outlined in Attachment 1 of the December 7, 2006 Private and Confidential staff report together with the appointment of Steve Scott to the Canada Day Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.5 Contractual Matter - Award of Expression of Interest 06-079 - Group Insurance Program

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

MOVED by Councillor Fougere, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Halifax Regional Council approve the following, effective February 1, 2007:

- 1. The Administration Services contract for the Employee Drug, Dental and Extended Health Benefits be awarded to our current provider, Medavie Blue Cross, at an annual cost equal to 4.5% of annual paid claims guaranteed for 36 months;**
- 2. HRM self-insure the Employee Drug, Dental and Extended Health Benefits at the approximate annual cost of \$5.2 million to be cost shared between HRM and its employees;**
- 3. The contract for Group Life and Long Term Disability Insurance be awarded to Desjardins Financial Security (DFS) at the rates contained in Table "C" of the December 6, 2006 Private and Confidential staff report, which are guaranteed for a period of 41 months at an approximate annual cost of \$2 million to be cost shared between HRM and it's employees so that employees pay 100% of the cost of the Long Term Disability Program with the total cost of the overall Group Life Insurance Program to be shared on a 50/50 basis between HRM and it's employees;**
- 4. A non-refund accounting arrangement for the Employee Life and Long Term Disability Insurance be implemented with DFS;**

5. **A fully insured Disability Waiver of premium for Life Insurance be implemented with DFS; and**
6. **That the December 6, 2006 Private and Confidential staff report not be released to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.6 Legal Matter - By-law W-101 - Wastewater Discharge

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

MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Uteck, that Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Authorize staff to enter into a surcharge agreement, as described in the Private and Confidential staff report dated December 4, 2006, pursuant to section 8 of By-Law W-101;**
2. **Authorize staff to negotiate a surcharge agreement to recover those costs of pumping and treating existing and future overstrength wastewater discharges to the municipal sewer system, and return to Regional Council for approval of the agreement; and**
3. **Not release the December 4, 2006 Private and confidential staff report to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Younger

Take Notice that at a future meeting of Regional Council I will introduce an amendment to amend By-Law T-108 Respecting Taxis and Limousine Licensing to permit advertising on the roofs of vehicles.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

The following information items were circulated to Council.

1. Memorandum from Director, Community Development dated November 3, 2006 re: Chebucto / Armdale Roundabout Update
2. Memorandum from Director, Legal Services dated December 6, 2006 re: Legislative Amendments to Provincial Legislation
3. Memorandum from Director, Transportation and Public Works dated November 28, 2006 re: Gravel Road Paving Prioritization
4. Memorandum from Acting Director, Finance dated December 5, 2006 re: Water Servicing, Fall River Village Phases 1 - 9, Additional Funding Sources
5. Memorandum from Director, Environmental Management Services dated December 4, 2006 re: Herring Cove Sewer and Water Funding
6. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated December 8, 2006 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None