

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
November 20, 2007

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Acting Municipal Clerk
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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1. INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Karsten.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor McCluskey noted that she had attended the Mayor's Roundtable on Violence the past week and thanked all of the presenters for their input and the Mayor for holding the event.

Councillor Snow thanked residents of Kinsac for helping a resident in need over the weekend.

Councillor Sloane thanked residents that attended and took part in the Parade of Lights last weekend. She encouraged everyone to attend the tree lighting at Grand Parade on Saturday night at 6:00 p.m. Councillor Sloane also noted that a meeting on the future land use of the Queen Elizabeth High School site will be held on November 26, 2007.

Councillor Murphy thanked, on behalf on the President of Northwood Manor, all responders to the fire at Northwood on August 21 2007.

Councillor Mosher encouraged residents to attend a meeting at the Captain William Spry Centre tomorrow night for an overview of the retro-fit for the centre. She also noted that Springvale Elementary School are holding their annual Christmas craft fair this Saturday.

Councillor Karsten thanked staff for their response to an incident in District 7 over the weekend where three lots that were under development agreement were clear cut.

Councillor McCluskey invited residents to Maitland Street, Dartmouth, tomorrow for the unveiling of the community art murals. She also encouraged residents to attend Christmas Full of Caring on December 2nd at 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in support of Feeding Others of Dartmouth.

Deputy Mayor Adams invited residents to the Spryfield Santa Claus Parade on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. He encouraged residents to attend the JL Ilsley Annual Auction on Saturday evening, with a 6:30 p.m. viewing and a 7:00 p.m. start.

Councillor Hendsbee encouraged all to attend the upcoming session of Imagine Our Schools this Thursday at the Black Cultural Centre.

Councillor Uteck congratulated the St. Mary's Huskies for making it to the Vanier Cup finals.

Councillor Smith noted that a meeting of the District 9 Neighbourhood Watch will be held tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at the Farrell Hall Benevolent Society.

Councillor Snow also noted that the Fall River Lions Annual Christmas Parade will be held this Friday.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 30, 2007

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the minutes of October 30, 2007 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 13.1 Cultural Advisory Committee - Annual Update Presentation
- 13.2 Councillor Martin - Request for report re: Walkway Easement Centre & Union Streets, Bedford
- 13.3 Legal Matter - Demand Side Management
- 13.4 Property Matter - Land Lease - Woodbine Trailer Park

Council agreed to deal with Item 9 - Public Hearings - as the first order of business.

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

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE Minutes - None

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - None

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - None

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

- 8.1 Motion - Councillor Harvey - "That Regional Council authorize and direct Mayor Kelly to write the Province of Nova Scotia requesting that the Governor in Council change the name of the Halifax Regional Municipality to Halifax."**

This item was addressed later in the meeting. See page 6.

8.2 **Councillor Hum** - Request to Add October 30, 2007 Information Item #3 - Ethical Procurement/Green Procurement

This item was addressed later in the meeting. See page 7.

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9.1 **Transfer of Title to Halifax Non-Profit Housing Society (Harbour City Homes): 5215 Artz Street (PID 40261281), 5219 Artz Street (PID 40261299) and 5221 Artz Street (PID 40261307)**

C An extract of the October 23, 2007 Regional Council minutes was before Council.

C A staff report dated September 19, 2007 on the above noted was before Council.

Ms. Peta Jane Temple, Team Lead, Tax, Grants & Special Projects, clarified that there is no buy back agreement attached to these transfers. She noted that there were Agreements of Purchase and Sale signed in 1979; however they were not registered and this is a housekeeping matter to transfer title unencumbered to the Halifax Non-Profit Housing Society.

Ms. Temple responded to questions of clarification from members of Council.

Mayor Kelly called three times for any speakers for or against the proposed transfer of title. Hearing none, the following motion was placed: **MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the public hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Regional Council approve the transfer of title to 5215 Artz Street, 5219 Artz Street, and 5221 Artz Street, Halifax, to the Halifax Non-Profit Housing Society, each for the sum of \$1.00, plus specific costs associated with this conveyance, subject to site survey and legal description, and the terms and conditions set out in the September 19, 2007 report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

8.1 **Motion - Councillor Harvey** - "That Regional Council authorize and direct Mayor Kelly to write the Province of Nova Scotia requesting that the Governor in Council change the name of the Halifax Regional Municipality to Halifax."

- C This matter was deferred from the September 25, 2007 meeting of Regional Council, pending a staff report.
- C An information report dated November 15, 2007 was before Council.
- C An extract of the September 25, 2007 Regional Council minutes was before Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the motion, with the following comments noted from members of Council:

- C "Halifax" is contained within the "Halifax Regional Municipality";
- C The cost of the name change would be over \$800,000;
- C HRM is a mixed community of communities;
- C There are duplicate street names within the Municipality in different communities, which would add to the cost of the name change;
- C A suggestion to amend the *Municipal Government Act* to allow flexibility, by stating "Halifax Regional Municipality, also known as Halifax".

Councillor Streach requested a recorded vote on this matter.

MOTION DEFEATED.

Those voting **in favour** were Councillors Wile, Sloane, Fougere, Walker, Hum, Harvey, Rankin, and Meade.

Those voting **against** were Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Adams, Councillors Streach, Snow, Hendsbee, McCluskey, Younger, Karsten, Smith, Murphy, Uteck, Mosher, Adams, and Johns.

Councillors McInroy and Martin were absent.

8.2 Councillor Hum - Request to Add October 30, 2007 Information Item #3 - Ethical Procurement/Green Procurement

- C This matter was deferred from the October 30, 2007 meeting of Regional Council.
- C An information report dated October 24, 2007 on the above noted was before Council.

Responding to questions from Councillor Hum regarding HRM green initiatives, Mr. Stephen King, Manager, Environmental Performance, reviewed HRM green initiatives, including the following:

- C Partnering with UNSM to establish a sustainability office;
- C Green design of new community centres;
- C Alderney 5 Project;
- C Natural Gas retrofits;

C Bio diesel use in buses and buildings.

Ms. Anne Feist, Operations Manager, Procurement, reviewed green initiatives within procurement, including the following:

- C Focus on training initiatives with business units, and discussing with managers various green opportunities;
- C Life cycle costing;
- C Anti-idling policies in price agreements;
- C Reducing packaging materials by purchasing in bulk;
- C Increasing post consumer paper products;
- C Environmental considerations in vendors.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Regional Council request that if an ethical/green procurement policy has not been established within six months, that staff update Council via a report on the status of this initiative.

Councillor McCluskey noted concern with a number of HRM environmental issues, including buses and other HRM vehicles idling, lack of environmental protection in development agreements, and deferred staff reports being reprinted.

Responding to questions from Councillor Younger, Mr. Paul Beauchamp, General Manager, Fleet Services, Metro Transit, advised that staff are including in tenders the fuel economy of vehicles, are working on how to reduce fuel consumption and overall cost, and to develop set criteria with procurement.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

10.1.1 12 Wing Headquarters Shearwater re: Sea King Helicopter Landing & Flypast Ross Road Elementary School

- C Correspondence from Captain Rob Truscott, 423 Squadron Operations Officer, 12 Wing Shearwater, dated November 13, 2007, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Regional Council grant permission for a landing and flypast at Ross Road Elementary School on November 28, 2007. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 Petitions

Councillor Wile served a petition with approx. 1,300 signatures requesting sidewalks in Bayers Lake Business Park.

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Tender 07-407, One (1) New All Wheel Drive Articulated Motor Grader with Snow Plow and Wing & Tender 07-415, Two Crew Cab Single Axle Truck Chassis with Dump Body

- A report dated November 5, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Regional Council:

- 1. Award Tender No. 07-407, for one (1) new Heavy Duty All Wheel Drive Articulated Motor Grader with Snow Plow and Wing to Atlantic Tractors & Equipment Ltd. for a Tender Price of \$235,819.00 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CVD00413, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the November 5, 2007 report; and**
- 2. Award Tender No. 07-415, for two(2) 2008 Crew Cab Single Axle Truck Chassis with Dump Body to Nova Enterprises Limited for a Tender Price of \$168,590.00 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CVD00413 as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the November 5, 2007 report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.1.2 Request for Proposal 07-139 - Business Parks Functional Plan

- A report dated November 8, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

Mr. Dan English, CAO, clarified that there was a conflict of interest issue raised in regard to this matter, and Council directed staff to retain the existing RFP proposals and strike a new evaluation committee. He clarified that the recommendation before Council this evening are the results from the new evaluation committee. Mr. English further noted that a report will be forwarded to the Audit Committee to explore policy and procedure on a go forward basis.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Johns, that Regional Council award RPF #07-139, Business Parks Functional Plan to Colliers International in the amount of \$108,182.00 (net HST included) with funding as per the budget implications section of the November 8, 2007 report.

Mr. Peter Stickings, Manager, Real Property, responded to questions of clarification from Council at this time, noting the following:

- C The Business Parks Functional Plan will cover all business parks within HRM, including Provincial, Municipal and privately owned;
- C No further expansion of the Bayers Lake business park will take place without the completion of the Plan.

Councillor Hum indicated for the record that she objects to the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that this matter be deferred pending the staff report to the Audit Committee.

Further discussion ensued on the deferral.

MOTION TO DEFER DEFEATED.

At the request of Councillor Snow, the CAO clarified that the Greater Halifax Partnership does not have the resources, nor the expertise to carry out the study, and it is not in their business plan for this year.

Mayor Kelly left the meeting at 7:35 p.m., and Deputy Mayor Adams assumed the Chair.

MAIN MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.1.3 Pension Plan Amendments

- C A report dated November 13, 2007 on the above noted was before Council.

Mr. Wayne Anstey, Deputy CAO, Operations, reviewed the November 13, 2007 staff report with Council. Mr. Anstey noted a correction to #1 (b) of the recommendation, which should read "A 2% increase to pension income for pensioners in the Halifax Regional Municipality Pension Plan *and the Prior Superannuation Plans*."

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

1. Approve the plan amendments respecting:
 - a. The removal of the current cap on the amount of pension a member can accrue per year of service which is stated in the Pension Plan text (\$1,722.22.), replacing it with the maximum provided for under the Income Tax Act within the Halifax Regional Municipality Pension Plan, the Prior Halifax County Municipality Full-Time Retirement Pension Plan, the Prior Metropolitan Authority Employees' Pension Plan and the City of Dartmouth Employees' Retirement Pension Plan.
 - b. A 2% increase to pension income for pensioners in the Halifax Regional Municipality Pension Plan and the Prior Superannuation Plans.
2. Approve funding from HRM to cost share at 50% retroactive contributions to HRM pension plans for employees whose pensionable earnings exceeded \$86,111 in the years 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007.

Mr. Anstey responded to questions of clarification at this time.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.1.4 Proposed Advanced Funding for the 2008/09 Capital Budget

- A report dated November 15, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that Regional Council approve advanced funding of a portion of the 2008/09 Capital Budget as follows (as outlined Schedule A of the November 15, 2007 report):

Buildings	\$ 350,000
Roads and Streets	11,135,000
Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters	2,475,000
Parks and Playgrounds	900,000
Traffic and Right of Way	1,669,000
Equipment and Fleet	3,575,500
Metro Transit	8,330,000
Total	\$ 28,434,500

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mayor Kelly resumed the Chair at 7:48 p.m., at which time Deputy Mayor Adams returned to his seat in Council.

11.2 GRANT COMMITTEE

**11.2.1 Administrative Order 10, Respecting Residential Tax Exemption:
Proposed Indexing of Rebate Values and Minimum Tax Payable**

C A report dated November 14, 2007 on the above noted was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Regional Council approve:

- 1. The implementation of an indexed Residential Tax Exemption Program, effective April 1, 2008; and**
- 2. Amendments to the Administrative Order 10 Respecting Partial Tax Exemption for Residential Taxation, as detailed in Attachment 2 of the November 14, 2007 staff report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

**11.2.2 By-Law T-221, Respecting Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations:
2007 - 2008**

- A report dated November 14, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Meade, that Regional Council approve:

- 1. The exemptions or partial exemptions awarded to 182 organizations under By-law T-200, as per Schedules 26 to 30 (shown in Attachment 1 of the October 18, 2007 staff report) for fiscal year 2006-2007 be renewed for the fiscal year 2007-2008 for a combined total cost of \$1,968,587;**
- 2. The HRM Grants Committee approve the addition of five (5) properties to By-law T-200 for fiscal year 2007-08. Namely, Supportive Housing for Young Mothers (Schedule 27), Affirmative Industries Association of Nova Scotia (Schedule 30), Ecology Action Centre (Schedule 29), Alexandra Children's Centre (Schedule 29), and Dartmouth Kinsmen Club (Schedule 29) for a**

combined total cost of \$36,566 as detailed in Attachment 2 of the October 18, 2007 staff report; and

3. The HRM Grants Committee uphold staff's recommendations with respect to three (3) applications declined tax exemption (Attachment 3 of the October 18, 2007 staff report), the deferral of twenty-eight (28) applications to next fiscal year 2008-09 (Attachment 4 of the October 18, 2007 staff report), and the removal of (7) exemption recipients (Attachment 5 of the October 18, 2007 staff report), effective April 1, 2007, unless otherwise noted.

Councillor McCluskey noted an issue with the Dartmouth Non-Profit Housing Society charging for parking. She requested that staff look into this issue further.

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Smith, that Item 13 of Attachment 4 - Deferrals, with regard to the Dartmouth Non-Profit Housing Society, 53-55 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth, be referred back to staff for further review.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Ms. Temple responded to questions of clarification from Council at this time.

Councillor Fougere requested Council to take note that 23 affordable housing applications were deferred to the next budget year due to a lack of funding in the program. Responding to questions from Councillor Fougere, Ms. Temple clarified that there has been an increase in affordable housing applications, and a complete review of the entire grant program is being undertaken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council recessed at 8:08 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

At the request of Councillor Younger, Council agreed to hear Item 13.1 - Cultural Advisory Committee - Annual Update Presentation in conjunction with Item 11.3.1 - 2010 Cultural Capitals of Canada Proposal and Funding.

11.3 CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

13.1 Cultural Advisory Committee - Annual Update Presentation

AND

11.3.1 2010 Cultural Capitals of Canada Proposal and Funding

- C A report from the Cultural Advisory Committee dated November 13, 2007 on the above noted was before Council.
- C A revised staff report dated November 9, 2007 on the above noted was distributed to Council.
- C A copy of the annual update presentation was distributed to Council.

Councillor Younger, Chair, Cultural Advisory Committee, presented the annual update of the Cultural Advisory Committee to Council, a copy of which is on file.

MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the Cultural Advisory Committee's recommendation to submit a proposal to Canadian Heritage for the 2010 Cultural Capital of Canada designation, as generally described in the November 13, 2007 CAC report;**
- 2. Approve the application request for \$1,999,429 dollars; and**
- 3. Approve, conditional on Federal Government approval of the application request as per recommendation #2, funding of HRM's share of the program costs in the amount of \$666,476 as per the 75%-25% cost-sharing requirements of the Cultural Capitals of Canada (CCC) Program, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the November 9, 2007 staff report.**

Discussion ensued regarding supporting arts and culture in HRM.

Responding to questions from Councillor Meade regarding wheelchair accessibility of the Khyber Centre, Mr. Andrew Whittemore, Manager, Community Development, advised that staff would look into this issue.

Councillor Younger clarified that the Public Art Forum will be held on November 29, 2007, at Dalhousie University.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.4 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11.4.1 Councillor Meade - Request for letter to Minister re: Paving of Gravel Roads

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that Regional Council request that the Mayor send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and

Public Works asking to implement a new program to pave roads that do not fall under the Aid to Municipalities for Subdivision Streets.

Councillor Meade commented that these gravel roads are in subdivisions and have existed for many years but there is no program to pave them.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. MOTIONS

12.1 Councillor Sloane

“To request staff to bring forth a recommendation regarding a process for the selection of Deputy Mayor for future Deputy Mayor elections based on the staff report on this matter dated November 21, 2006. “

Councillor Sloane suggested that there may be a more democratic process for the selection of Deputy Mayor, such as appointing each member for a three month rotating basis, or by allowing citizens to vote for Deputy Mayor.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that Regional Council request that staff bring forth a recommendation regarding a process for the selection of Deputy Mayor for future Deputy Mayor elections based on the staff report on this matter dated November 21, 2006 for the 2008/09 deputy mayor selection.

At the request of Councillor Karsten, Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor, advised that as per section 16 (1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, Council shall select one of its Council Members to be Deputy Mayor.

Council discussed the motion, noting the following comments and suggestions:

- C A committee has been struck to review the role of the deputy mayor, and suggested this matter be referred to that committee;
- C Councillors regularly represent the Mayor at functions, and the role of Deputy Mayor has been minimized;
- C The Deputy Mayor has legal responsibility to fill in for the Mayor in his or her absence.

MOTION DEFEATED.

12.2 Councillor Fougere

“That Mayor and Council grant a one-year moratorium on the Chebucto Widening and Reversing Lane Project, during which time members of Council,

HRM Staff from relevant Planning and Traffic departments, citizens and interested observers can consult to develop better solutions not just for cars, but for people walking, people cycling, people in buses, and people driving.”

- C A Frequently Asked Questions sheet regarding the Chebucto Road Reversing Lanes Project dated November 2007 was before Council.
- C Page 73 of the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, an article from the November issue of Chebucto News, and a Letter to the Editor from Dave McCusker, Manager, Transportation Planning, were before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Fougere, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Regional Council grant a one-year moratorium on the Chebucto Widening and Reversing Lane Project, during which time members of Council, HRM Staff from relevant Planning and Traffic departments, citizens and interested observers can consult to develop better solutions not just for cars, but for people walking, people cycling, people in buses, and people driving.

Councillor Fougere discussed the project, noting the following:

- C Much consultation has been done on active lifestyles and sustainable transportation;
- C There has been mis-communication with the public on this project, which has been ongoing since 1965;
- C The project will require the widening of 200 feet of Chebucto Road, requiring portions of seven private properties on the south side of the street and a portion of the St. Agnes Church property on the north side of the street;
- C The widening will allow a reversing lane just under 700 metres in length between Westmount Street and the Armdale Roundabout;
- C The project will scar the neighbourhood and cause a loss of potential for the homes affected;
- C The project will also require the removal of eight mature street trees, and cutting back of the remaining street canopy;
- C There will be seven structures placed over the roadway to allow for over head lane indicators which will be lit 24/7;
- C There will be five intersections for pedestrians to cross the reversing lane, with only one full set of traffic lights;
- C There will be no improvement to outbound traffic capacity due to the fact that there are already two existing outbound lanes of traffic for more than 2/3 of the length of the project;
- C There are no plans to eliminate left turns from the gas station just six car lengths from the Rotary, nor from the rear entrance of Walmart less than 100 metres from the Rotary, which will continue to allow backup into the rotary;

- C Several reports on traffic in the area, including this portion of Chebucto Road have been approved by Council since 2001, and the reports have consistently failed to respond to concerns and questions;
- C No other possible locations have ever been proposed;
- C Council and staff need to work toward the right solution, not the easy solution.

Councillor Mosher discussed the project, noting the following:

- C The petition submitted last week on this matter was several different petitions related to the project, and contained names from across Canada and other countries, as well as duplicate names and inaccuracies in the petition statement;
- C This project is an integral part of the Regional Plan, and appeared in each draft of the Plan;
- C The Regional Plan would have to be amended if this project were not to go forward;
- C It will assist with traffic congestion from current development and for new development over the next 25 years;
- C There will still be a sidewalk along Chebucto Road, contrary to inaccurate information published by the media;
- C A wide curb lane will be included for bicycle transportation;
- C Council has approved the capital budget for the completion of the project;
- C The St. Margaret's Bay project and the rotary conversion are essentially completed and dependant on this project;
- C A moratorium will increase the cost of the project;
- C If the project is not completed, traffic congestion onto the Peninsula will worsen significantly and increase shortcutting through side streets.

Councillor Mosher reviewed with Council photographs of the extensive work undertaken through the St. Margaret's Bay Road project.

The following comments, concerns, and suggestions were noted from members of Council:

- C The railway bridge could be used for a railway commuter;
- C Members of Council have heard from a significant number of residents opposed to the project;
- C The \$1.7 million could be better used for active and sustainable transportation;
- C Concern with what will happen when the increased traffic from the widening once it reaches Robie Street;
- C Inaccurate information has been published by the media on this project;
- C The opinion of an independent consultant hired by HRM validates the project;
- C This project will have a tremendous impact on this older, well established neighbourhood;
- C A previous staff report had indicated the one lane of Chebucto Road traffic handles approximately 900 cars/hour, and with the reversing lane project, it will increase to

- approximately 1,600 cars per hour, although the Armdale Roundabout conversion is only capable of handling an additional 300 cars per hour;
- C The issue of congestion in the Chebucto Road left hand turning lane was not addressed by staff;
 - C Council had agreed to review the Regional Plan within five years.

Responding to questions of clarification from members of Council, Ms. Cathie O'Toole, Director, Infrastructure and Asset Management, Mr. Dave McCusker, Manager, Regional Transportation, and Mr. Paul Burgess, Transportation Project Engineer, advised the following:

- C Staff follow the direction of Council, and Council has passed three motions to move forward with this project;
- C Council has approved the Regional Plan, which contains this project, and approved the capital budget for the project;
Option 1A of the November 6, 2007 information report shows the proposed roadway;
- C Staff have not yet completed the engineering design work and property appraisals; however, the current approximate cost of the project is \$1.7 million;
- C The maximum encroachment onto residential properties will be ten feet;
- C The \$1.7 million cost estimate does not include improvements to the Armdale Roundabout.

Councillor Fougere indicated that she had requested, during the approval of the Regional Plan and during budget deliberations last year, that the widening of Chebucto Road not be included in either the Regional Plan nor the capital budget.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Walker to extend the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m. to complete the agenda. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council recessed at 10:00 p.m.

Council reconvened at 10:14 p.m.

Discussion ensued, with staff responding to questions of clarification from members of Council. Mr. McCusker clarified the following:

- C The project is not intended to save people driving time, or improve upon congestion, it is to maintain the status quo;
- C Sustainable transit and active transportation planning, including bike lanes, is also included in the Regional Plan;
- C The independent consultant's report included a review of the methodology of the Regional Plan and supported staff's thorough work and also supported the widening project.

Councillor Fougere pointed out that the subdivision parkland planning fee, which was also a part of the Regional Plan, was recently reduced from 10% to 5% due to concerns from residents in a specific area of HRM.

Councillor Fougere requested a recorded vote on the motion.

MOTION DEFEATED.

Those voting **in favour** were Councillors Younger, Wile, Murphy, Sloane, Uteck, Fougere, Hum, Johns, and Harvey.

Those voting **against** were Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Adams, Councillors Streach, Snow, Hendsbee, McInroy, McCluskey, Karsten, Smith, Walker, Mosher, Adams, Rankin, and Meade.

Councillor Martin was absent.

13. ADDED ITEMS

13.1 Cultural Advisory Committee - Annual Update Presentation

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting. See page 13.

13.2 Councillor Martin - Request for report re: Walkway Easement Centre & Union Streets, Bedford

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Regional Council request a staff report regarding the possibility of discharging the existing walkway easement between 26 Centre Street and 24 and 26 Union Street in Bedford.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.3 Legal Matter - Demand Side Management

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

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Regional Council:

- 1. Confirm HRM's position on Demand Side Management, by encouraging the UARB to give government and institutional consumers the option to apply all**

DSM rate dollars to internal projects, under the conditions described in option A within the Discussion section of the November 20, 2007 private and confidential staff report; and

- 2. The Private and Confidential staff report dated November 20, 2007 not be released to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.4 Property Matter - Land Lease - Woodbine Trailer Park

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

MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a Lease Agreement between Woodbine Mobile Home Court Limited and the Halifax Regional Municipality for a portion of PID 00456947, based on the key terms and conditions outlined in the November 9, 2007 private and confidential staff report; and**
- 2. The November 9, 2007 private and confidential staff report not be released until the transaction has been completed.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Walker

Take notice that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 27th day of November, 2007, I propose to move First Reading of By-Law T-221, an amendment to By-Law T-200 Respecting Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations, the purpose of which is to amend the Schedules pertaining to renewals, applications deferred from the prior year (2006-07), new applications for fiscal year 2007-08, and records management.

Councillor Hendsbee

Take notice that, at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on November 27, 2007, I intend to introduce a motion to amend Administrative Order #19 (Respecting Corporate Coat of Arms and flag) in regard to the use of HRM emblems and

symbols so it will allow residents and businesses within the Halifax Regional Municipality to be able to purchase and to proudly fly the official flag of our Municipality above their place of residence and/or business without the requirement of gaining and securing permission of the Regional Council.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Acting Municipal Clerk

The following information items were circulated to Council.

1. Proclamation - National Housing Day - November 22, 2007
2. Proclamation - Canadian AIDS Awareness Week 2007 & World AIDS Day - November 24 to December 1, 2007
3. Memorandum from Manager, Corporate Communications dated November 15, 2007 re: Financial Impact of a Name Change
4. Memorandum from Director, Infrastructure & Asset Management dated November 6, 2007 re: Chebucto Road Reversing Lane Project
5. Memorandum from Chair, Grant Committee dated November 14, 2007 re: HRM Community Grants Program: Proposed Revisions 2008-2009
6. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated November 16, 2007 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None