



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
July 21, 2015**

PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillors: Barry Dalrymple
David Hendsbee
Bill Karsten
Gloria McCluskey
Darren Fisher
Waye Mason
Jennifer Watts
Linda Mosher
Russell Walker
Stephen Adams
Reg Rankin
Matt Whitman
Brad Johns
Steve Craig
Tim Outhit

STAFF:

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Martin Ward, Solicitor
Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk
Mr. Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m., and recessed at 3:20 p.m. Council reconvened at 3:40 p.m. and recessed at 5:24 p.m. Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m. and recessed at 7:00 p.m. Council reconvened at 7:06 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera session at 7:12 p.m. and reconvened at 9:41 p.m. Council adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

1. INVOCATION/REFLECTION

The Mayor called the meeting to order in Council Chambers, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax. Council stood for a moment of reflection.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 26, June 2, 16, and 23, 2015

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll

THAT the minutes of May 26, June 2, 16, and 23, 2015 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: 14.1 Councillor Craig – Street Traffic Control Annual Pavement Marking (Painting)

14.2 Ratification of Motion of Committee of the Whole – Condo Assessment and Tax Incentives for Density

Councillor McCluskey requested that Information Item No. 5 - Memorandum from the Director of Halifax Transit dated June 16, 2015 re: Winter Tires for Halifax Transit Buses and Information Item No. 7 Memorandum from the Acting Chief Administrative Officer dated June 12, 2015 re: Municipal Alcohol Policy ("MAP") Consultation be brought forward for a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council.

Deputy Mayor Nicoll requested that Item No. 11.1.8 - 2015-16 Supplementary Education Area Rates & Final Budget Resolution, be dealt with after discussion of the In Camera items.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Craig

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

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 – NONE

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.1 Application to amend the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy to enable greater flexibility of use within select areas of the Burnside Business Park Expansion Area

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting, please see page 20-21 for details.

9.2 Case 19060 – Amendments to the Sackville Drive Secondary Planning Strategy (SPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) to enable a mixed use development at 8 Walker Avenue and 732 Old Sackville Road, Lower Sackville (Joint Public Hearing with North West Community Council)

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting, please see page 21-22 for details.

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

The Municipal Clerk noted correspondence submitted in relation to agenda items 9.2, 11.1.5, 11.1.9, 11.2.1 which was previously distributed to members of Halifax Regional Council.

10.2 Petitions

10.2.1 Councillor Hendsbee – Street Naming and Civic Addressing

Councillor Hendsbee submitted a petition with 13 signatures in relation to proposed Street Naming & Civic Numbering changes to Preston Road. He requested that the petition be forwarded to staff for response and a report.

10.2.2 Councillor Mosher – Removal of No Parking Signage Keating Road

Councillor Mosher submitted a petition with 21 signatures regarding the removal of no parking signage on Keating Road. She requested that the petition be submitted to staff for response.

10.2.3 Councillor Adams – Reinstatement of Transit Route #15

Councillor Adams submitted a petition with 300 signatures regarding the reinstatement of transit route # 15. He requested that the petition be brought forward for consideration during the upcoming Transit Services discussions.

10.3 Presentation – NONE

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Halifax Transit Sole Source Award – Voith Schneider Control System Upgrade for the Woodside I Ferry – Voith Canada Inc.

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated July 21, 2015

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Fisher

THAT Halifax Regional Council in accordance with the Sole Source Policy (Administrative Order 35, Section 8(11A) sub-sections (a) and (b) attached to the staff report dated July 21,

2015), award the Sole Source purchase of a Voith Schneider Control System Upgrade for the Woodside I ferry to Voith Canada Inc, for a total cost of \$341,765.95 (net HST included), with funding from Project No. CVD00436 – Biennial Ferry Refit, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the report dated July 21, 2015.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.2 Award – Unit Price Tender No. 15-261, Street Planer Patching Phase 2 – Various Locations

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated July 3, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 15-261, Street Planer Patching Phase 2 - Various Locations, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company Ltd. for a Total Tender Price of \$563,822.26 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No. CR000005 – Street Recapitalization, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the report dated July 3, 2015.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.3 Award – Tender No.15-218 Street Recapitalization, Water & Sewer Works & New Sidewalk – Kempt Road & Hood Street

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated July 3, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mosher

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a budget increase of \$719,894.60 (net HST included) to Project Account No. CR000005 – Street Recapitalization, funded through cost sharing with the Halifax Water Commission, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the report July 3, 2015; and**
- 2. Award Tender No. 15-218, Street Recapitalization, Water & Sewer Works & New Sidewalk, Kempt Rd. & Hood St. – West Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company Ltd. for a Total Tender Price of \$1,429,291.77 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No(s). CR000005 - Street Recapitalization, and CR000003 – New Sidewalks, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the report dated July 3, 2015.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Outhit

11.1.4 Second Reading, Proposed By-law S-440, an Amendment to By-law S-400 Respecting Charges for Street Improvements

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 4, 2015
- An extract of draft minutes from Regional Council on June 16, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the 2014 Local Improvement Charges as outlined in By-law S-440 attached to the staff report dated May 4, 2015 and;**
- 2. Adopt By-law S-440, amending By-law S-400, the *Street Improvement By-law*, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated May 4, 2015.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.5 Second Reading, Proposed By-law P-1300, Respecting Private Ways

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 27, 2015
- An extract of draft minutes from Regional Council on June 16, 2015
- Correspondence dated June 29, 2015 from Susan Sutherland

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law P-1300, Respecting Private Ways as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated May 27, 2015.

Councillor Hendsbee inquired about amending the amortization period associated with Proposed By-Law P-1300 from a twenty to thirty year period.

Ms. Donna Boutlier, Solicitor noted that if Council chose to change the amortization period from 20 years to 30 years, the interest accrued on the loan would increase from \$102,722.60 over the twenty year period to \$156,786.33 over a 30 year period.

In response to a follow up question from Councillor Hendsbee, Ms. Boutlier noted that the minimum annual payment on the loan principle amortized over twenty years is \$11,503.00 with an interest rate payment of \$10,600.07 for a total payment of \$22,103.07. She advised that the amount of interest would decrease over the course of the amortization period.

Ms. Boutlier advised that if the amortization period were changed to 30 year period, the minimum principle payment would equate to \$7,668.69 with an interest payment rate of \$10,452.42 in the first year for a total of \$18,121.11.

The following amendment to the main motion was proposed:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

THAT By-law P-1300 be amended to reflect a thirty year amortization/repayment period.

Councillor Mosher inquired if there would be additional costs borne by the municipality if the amortization period were changed.

Mr. Bruce Fisher, Acting Chief Financial Officer noted that there are no additional costs to the municipality with respect to amending the amortization period from twenty to thirty years. He further advised that municipality will recover the full cost of the loan.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion before Halifax Regional Council now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law P-1300, Respecting Private Ways as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated May 27, 2015, as amended to reflect a 30 year amortization/repayment period.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.6 HRM Asset Names

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 4, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve:

1. **The addition of the name William White to the existing Commemorative Names List as shown on Attachment A of the staff report dated June 4, 2015;**
2. **The renaming of the Greenwood Heights Ballfield to the Kevin Cox Ballfield, in the Greenwood Heights Park as shown on Attachment B of the staff report dated June 4, 2015;**
3. **The renaming of the Tantallon Elementary (Junior) Sportsfield to the Bryan Harvey Sportsfield, in the Tantallon Elementary (Junior) Park as shown on Attachment C of the staff report dated June 4, 2015;**
4. **The park feature name Lapierre Ballfield, for the new park feature in the Lakeshore Drive Park as shown on Attachment D of the staff report dated June 4, 2015;**
5. **The renaming of the Franklyn Street Park, Dartmouth to the Feetham Park as shown on Attachment E of the staff report dated June 4, 2015; and**
6. **The administrative park names as outlined in Attachment F of the staff report dated June 4, 2015.**

In response to a question from Councillor Watts, Ms. Kelly Denty, Manger of Development Approvals, noted that the Civic Addressing team will work with local councillors to determine an appropriate street location for the commemorative names.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.7 Plan Dutch Village Road – Boundary Amendment

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 8, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Adams

THAT Halifax Regional Council expand the boundary of the Plan Dutch Village Road Project to include all commercially designated properties in the Fairview Secondary Planning Process as shown on Map 2 Proposed Dutch Village Road Study Area attached to the report dated June 8, 2015.

In response to a question from Councillor Walker, Ms. Jennifer Chapman, Planner noted that the expansion will not cause delays with respect to the Fairview Secondary Planning process and advised that a recommendation report on this matter is forthcoming in the fall.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.8 2015-16 Supplementary Education Area Rates & Final Budget Resolution

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting, please see page 25 for details.

11.1.9 Building Canada Infrastructure Update & Downtown Capital Improvement Fund

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 22, 2015
- Correspondence from the Paul MacKinnon, Executive Director of the Downtown Halifax Business Commission, Anthony Kawalski, Richard Vinson, and Andre Doucet.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mosher

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct staff to develop a new list of Building Canada Fund (BCF) projects for Council's consideration to submit once final decisions are made on the existing submissions. It is expected that approved funds for the existing project list will cover the current fiscal year up until 2017-18;**
- 2. Rescind the February 11, 2014 Council motion to "Commit to a \$50 Million program, contingent upon other levels of government funding with one-third municipal contribution of \$17 million spread evenly over 5 years, beginning in fiscal year 2014-15"; (Two Third Majority Vote Required)**
- 3. Direct staff to develop business cases with funding from account no. CD000002 – Downtown Streetscapes – Capital Improvement Campaign for the Argyle Street and Spring Garden Road streetscaping projects, including detailed project scope, timelines, cost estimates, and funding strategy. Staff will return to Council for approval to proceed; and**
- 4. Direct staff to prepare and return to Council with a long-term Streetscapes Capital Improvement Plan, including a list of remaining urban core public realm improvement projects with an estimated project scope, timeline, and cost estimate for each project, and funding strategies including potential partnering opportunities for each project.**

Councillor Mason requested further information with respect to HRM's contribution plan for Downtown Streetscapes.

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer commented that there are two years of contributions within the reserve totalling \$7.6 million. He advised that future contributions to the reserve can be discussed by Council during the budget process.

The following amendment to recommendation number four was MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Mason:

THAT Halifax Regional Council

Direct staff to prepare and return to Council with a long-term Streetscapes Capital Improvement Plan *for inclusion of projects in the Halifax and Dartmouth urban core in*

the ten year capital project schedule, including a list of remaining urban core public realm improvement projects with an estimated project scope, timeline, and cost estimate for each project, and funding strategies including potential partnering opportunities for each project.

Councillor Hendsbee inquired as to how rural communities can be included within the Streetscapes Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Jacob Ritchie, Urban Design Manager noted that there is a Regional Streetscape budget for areas outside of the Regional Centre which is funded through the Capital Budget.

The amended motion was agreed to by the consensus of Regional Council.

The motion before Regional Council now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mosher

THAT Halifax Regional Council

- 1. Direct staff to develop a new list of Building Canada Fund (BCF) projects for Council's consideration to submit once final decisions are made on the existing submissions. It is expected that approved funds for the existing project list will cover the current fiscal year up until 2017-18;**
- 2. Rescind the February 11, 2014 Council motion to "Commit to a \$50 Million program, contingent upon other levels of government funding with one-third municipal contribution of \$17 million spread evenly over 5 years, beginning in fiscal year 2014-15"; (Two Third Majority vote required). MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 3. Direct staff to develop business cases with funding from account no. CD000002 – Downtown Streetscapes – Capital Improvement Campaign for the Argyle Street and Spring Garden Road streetscaping projects, including detailed project scope, timelines, cost estimates, and funding strategy. Staff will return to Council for approval to proceed; and**
- 4. Direct staff to prepare and return to Council with a long-term Streetscapes Capital Improvement Plan for inclusion of projects in the Halifax and Dartmouth urban core in the ten year capital project schedule, including a list of remaining urban core public realm improvement projects with an estimated project scope, timeline, and cost estimate for each project, and funding strategies including potential partnering opportunities for each project.**

Councillor Karsten requested further information with respect to funding requests for infrastructure projects from the provincial government under the Building Canada Fund.

Ms. Anne Totten, Corporate Policy Analyst, commented that she is not aware of a strict demarcation or specific guidelines under the Building Canada program which are specified for provincial governments as opposed to those directed toward municipalities. She advised that the provincial government also submits projects for funding under the program.

Councillor Outhit inquired if the Building Canada Fund requests overlap with previous transportation funding requests to the federal government submitted by Council. He further inquired if the transit funding requests should be more specific in nature and incorporate different options such as rail or ferry services.

Mayor Savage clarified that Council had submitted a previous funding request related to a federal program respecting transformative transportation options. He advised that the program may be for larger cities of which Halifax may not qualify. He noted that program details need to be confirmed.

In response to a follow up question from Councillor Outhit, Ms. Totten commented that staff had submitted Halifax Transit's ten year capital plan and framed each project application under the Building Canada Fund based on Halifax Transit's ten year plan. She advised that it is the prerogative of both the provincial and federal governments to suggest changes if deemed appropriate. She further advised that there will be an opportunity in the future for staff to scope specific projects under the Building Canada Fund which includes Council's direction respecting alternative transit projects.

Councillor Dalrymple inquired as to how the Building Canada Fund project list is populated, particularly those related to water and waste water.

Ms. Totten advised that Halifax Water has brought forward the recommendations to Council with respect to water and waste water project applications for funding under the Building Canada Program.

Mr. Butts commented that staff will bring forward recommendations to Council with respect to projects being submitted to the federal government. He advised that Council will make the final decision on what is to be submitted and further noted that all items which are currently on the list have been previously approved by Council.

Council agreed by consensus to vote on recommendation two separately:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mosher

THAT Halifax Regional Council Rescind the February 11, 2014 Council motion to "Commit to a \$50 Million program, contingent upon other levels of government funding with one-third municipal contribution of \$17 million spread evenly over 5 years, beginning in fiscal year 2014-15"; (Two-Third Majority vote required).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The motion before Council now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mosher

- 1. Direct staff to develop a new list of Building Canada Fund (BCF) projects for Council's consideration to submit once final decisions are made on the existing submissions. It is expected that approved funds for the existing project list will cover the current fiscal year up until 2017-18;**
- 2. Direct staff to develop business cases with funding from account no. CD000002 – Downtown Streetscapes – Capital Improvement Campaign for the Argyle Street and Spring Garden Road streetscaping projects, including detailed project scope, timelines, cost estimates, and funding strategy. Staff will return to Council for approval to proceed; and**
- 3. Direct staff to prepare and return to Council with a long-term Streetscapes Capital Improvement Plan for inclusion of projects in the Halifax and Dartmouth urban core in the ten year capital project schedule, including a list of remaining urban core public realm improvement projects with an estimated project scope, timeline, and cost estimate for each project, and funding strategies including potential partnering opportunities for each project.**

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11.2.1 Case 18120 – Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) Amendments for 348 Purcell's Cove Road, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from Halifax and West Community Council dated June 29, 2015, with attached staff report dated June 9, 2015
- Correspondence from Jenifer Tsang dated July 16, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Watts

THAT Halifax Regional Council refuse the request to amend the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law (LUB) to permit existing buildings and land uses (single unit dwelling, office of a professional person and accessory buildings) at 348 Purcell's Cove Road, Halifax.

Councillor Adams commented that he would like Council to defeat the staff recommendation as there is more information available from the proponents in relation to the application which was not included in the staff report.

Councillor Walker requested further information from staff respecting Case 18120.

Mr. Richard Harvey, Major Projects Planner, advised that there are various components to the application and advised that Council can provide a decision on whether or not to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) to allow for the current arrangement of land uses present on the property. He noted that permits for the current land uses on the property were not issued and cannot be issued under the current MPS and LUB. He further advised if Council were to choose the alternative recommendation, it would trigger the process for a public hearing to allow for the current property uses to exist under the MPS and LUB.

Councillor Watts expressed concern with allowing the matter to go to public hearing without having the new information on the application brought forward in a staff report. She advised that allowing the public hearing to go forward without this information would set a negative precedent and does not fully allow the time necessary for Council and staff to properly consider the information that is being brought forward before a decision on the application is made.

In response to a follow up question from Councillor Karsten, Mr. Harvey advised that a full application process has been undertaken with respect to Case 18120.

Councillor Karsten suggested that this matter be deferred until the new information from the proponent can be brought forward.

Councillor Fisher noted that if Council were to proceed with first reading, new information brought forward could not be considered until the public hearing is held.

Mr. Martin Ward, Solicitor commented that a motion to defer the matter would be appropriate as it would allow for receipt of the new information from the proponent and allow staff to provide input to Council prior to moving the case forward to a formal public hearing process.

MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council defer Case 18120 pending further submission/information from the proponent regarding the application for staff review and comment.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2.2 Case 19413 – Slaunwhite Request to allow further subdivision of land without road frontage in Terence Bay

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from Halifax and West Community Council dated June 29, 2015, with attached staff report dated May 8, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Rankin

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider proposed amendments to the Planning District 4 Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) and the Halifax Regional Subdivision By-law as set out in Attachments A, B and C of the staff report dated May 8, 2015; and schedule a public hearing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2.3 Western Common Advisory Committee

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from Halifax and West Community Council dated May 15, 2015, with attached staff report dated April 23, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

Direct staff to draft an Administrative Order to create an advisory committee to advise Council through the Halifax and West Community Council (HWCC) on the implementation of the Western Common Master Plan.

The terms of reference to reflect a mandate to advise, monitor and report on the phased development of the Western Common.

The composition to be made up to a maximum of 8 members nominated by Halifax and West Community Council and appointed by Regional Council in accordance with the Public Appointment Policy adopted by Regional Council.

To meet no less than twice annually and to provide an annual progress report through the HWCC on the community perspective on the implementation of the Western Common.

To refer the recommendation to the Audit & Finance Standing Committee prior to going to Regional Council to determine a source of funding for support of the Committee.

In response to a follow up question from Councillor Hendsbee, Mr. Peter Bigelow, Policy and Planning Manager, Parks and Recreation noted that the proposed committee would be similar to that of the Point Pleasant Park Planning Advisory Committee. He advised that a very specific Terms of Reference would need to be developed and approved by Community Council and Regional Council.

Councillor Karsten inquired if there is a funding source for the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee and requested further detail respecting the funding source for the proposed advisory committee.

Mr. Bigelow noted that the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee is currently supported by the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk noted that the financial support required by the Municipal Clerk's Office and Parks and Recreation for the proposed committee, is outlined in the financial implications section of the staff report. She advised that advisory committees typically meet in the evenings and require contract staff to provide support. She further noted that evening meetings typically involve overtime costs for HRM staff. She further advised that each new advisory committee established by Council have associated costs to the municipality.

In response to a question from Deputy Mayor Nicoll, Mr. Bigelow stated that the lands designated in the Western Common currently have a Master Plan and firm policy guidelines. He advised that the proposed mandate of the committee would not focus on planning as that work has been completed and is outlined within the Master Plan. He stated that the advisory committee could advise Council and Community Council on the implementation of the Master Plan in areas such as the capital projects and the impact of larger planning issues.

Deputy Mayor Nicoll inquired as to how many advisory committees would be required to advance similar projects throughout the municipality.

Mr. Bigelow commented that Council can make the final decision as to whether or not it requires the advice of an advisory committee in this regard. He noted the opinion of staff that an advisory committee on the Western Common Master Plan is not needed at the present time.

The following amendment to the main motion was proposed

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Adams

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the terms of reference of the Advisory Committee through adoption of the Administrative Order.

The amendment to the motion was agreed to by the consensus of Council.

The motion before Council now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Rankin

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct staff to draft an Administrative Order to create an advisory committee to advise Council through the Halifax and West Community Council on the implementation of the Western Common Master Plan, and that Regional Council approve the terms of reference of the Advisory Committee through adoption of the Administrative Order.**
- 2. The terms of reference to reflect a mandate to advise, monitor and report on the phased development of the Western Common.**
- 3. The composition to be made up to a maximum of 8 members nominated by Halifax and West Community Council and appointed by Regional Council in accordance with the Public Appointment Policy adopted by Regional Council.**
- 4. To meet no less than twice annually and to provide an annual progress report through the HWCC on the community perspective on the implementation of the Western Common.**
- 5. To refer the recommendation to the Audit & Finance Standing Committee to determine, on the recommendation of staff, a source of funding for support of the Committee.**

In response to a follow up question from Councillor Mosher, Mr. Bigelow noted that trail groups differ from advisory committees in that they are associations in partnership with the municipality. He noted that an advisory committee differs in this regard as it is established by Council with a specific mandate to provide advice to Council on the implementation of policy.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.3 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

11.3.1 Navigator Program

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated July 10, 2015; with attached recommendation report from the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee dated May 22, 2015, and staff report dated March 25, 2015

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Craig

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- (i) Give consideration to funding the Navigator Street Outreach Program in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, resulting in an increase to operating cost centre E400 — Intergovernmental Relations by \$45,000, with funding as a withdrawal from the Operating Surplus Reserve, Q328; and
- (ii) If Council chooses to make a contribution to the Navigator program, direct staff to negotiate a contribution agreement between HRM and the Downtown Halifax Business Commission that sets out the terms and conditions governing the municipal contribution to the Navigator program for the fiscal year 2015-2016, and return to Council for consideration of the resulting agreement.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten; Mosher.

11.3.2 Project ICT0961 – Election Management Solution - Authorization for Capital Project Increase

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated July 15, 2015, with attached staff report dated June 25, 2015

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Increase Capital Project Account C1990015 – Election Management Solution for the sum of \$87,500 (net HST included) with funding from the Municipal Elections Reserve, Q313; and
2. Pending a review of the projected Elections Reserve balance at March 31, 2016, consider an additional contribution of \$87,500 to the Reserve in the 2016/17 operating budget.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Karsten; Mosher.

11.3.3 United Way Housing First Funding Request

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated July 15, 2015, with attached staff report dated May 8, 2015

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Watts

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct staff to negotiate a Contribution Agreement with the United Way of Halifax Region to support Housing First Program — Phase One and that the resulting Agreement include the following key conditions:**
 - (i) that the term of the Agreement shall be one fiscal (1) year, starting in 2015/16 fiscal and that the amount of the grant or contribution shall not exceed \$25,000;**
 - (ii) the Agreement shall provide, at the Municipality's option, the ability to annually renew the Agreement up to a total of three (3) additional fiscal years beginning in 2016/2017 fiscal year and ending in 2018/2019 fiscal year, providing the annual grant or contribution for any renewable term shall not exceed \$25,000 per fiscal year and the combined sum of the grants or contributions for the four (4) fiscal years starting in 2015/2016 shall not exceed \$100,000;**
 - (iii) the Agreement shall not be renewed beyond the 2018/2019 fiscal year without Council approval;**
 - (iv) that any annual grant or contribution be subject to Council approving, in the budget, the funds for the grant or contribution for the applicable fiscal year; and**
 - (v) that the Contribution Agreement shall require annual reporting which accounts for the expenditures of any grant or contribution received by the Municipality since the last reporting period; and**
 - (vi) To fund the request from Operating Account #C320-6399; and**
 - (vii) Authorize the Chief Administrator Officer to:**

enter into and execute the resulting Contribution Agreement and any amendments thereto on behalf of the Municipality; and negotiate, enter into and execute any renewals of the Contribution Agreement on behalf of the Municipality.
- 2. Direct staff to develop an approach to considering any future housing related funding requests outside the Community Grants Program, including evaluation and potential funding, and return with a recommendation to Community Planning & Economic Development Committee and the Audit & Finance Committee for consideration by Regional Council.**

Deputy Mayor Nicoll inquired if the funding that is being committed to the United Way Housing First program is in relation to the evaluation component of the program.

Mr. Bjerke, Chief Planner, commented that it is the evaluation of the housing first program that will be funded by HRM. He advised that there are advantages to the municipality in this regard with respect to

cost savings through direct intervention. He further advised that staff will be looking at a range of indicators to track the benefits of the program.

Ms. Kasia Tota, Community Developer noted that there is a list of indicators listed on page six (6) of the staff report and advised that the majority of the funding originates from the Federal Homelessness initiative. She provided examples such as tracking participant involvement in employment, education, volunteer program and the amount of police calls and emergency calls.

In response to a question from Councillor Walker, Mr. Bjerke noted that the Housing First program does not qualify for funding under HRM's Grant program.

Councillor Walker requested further information with respect to Council's overall commitment to the program and whether additional requests for funding would be coming forward.

Mr. Bjerke noted that the Housing First program is a specific initiative from the Housing Partnership. He advised that the program involves leveraging funding from other levels of government and noted that staff will provide a funding framework for any additional requests for participation on the part of the municipality in future years should one arise.

Further discussion ensued.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED (16 in favour, 1 against).

In favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Nicoll; Councillors Dalrymple; Hendsbee; Karsten; McCluskey; Fisher; Mason; Watts; Mosher; Walker; Rankin; Whitman; Johns; Craig; Outhit

Against: Councillor Adams

11.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11.4.1 Case H00415 – Heritage Incentives – Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Grants 2015-16

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Heritage Advisory Committee dated June 26, 2015, with attached staff report dated June 5, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a grant of not more than \$100,000 and a tax credit of not more than \$160,500 for the restoration and renovation of the Pacific building located at 1537 Barrington Street as described in the report dated June 5, 2015.**
- 2. Approve a grant of not more than \$38,017 for the restoration and renovation of the Wright building located at 1672 Barrington Street as described in the report dated June 5, 2015.**
- 3. Approve a grant of not more than \$62,540 for the restoration and renovation of the Cleverdon building located at 1711 Barrington Street as described in the report dated June 5, 2015.**
- 4. Approve a grant of not more than \$65,664 and a tax credit of not more than \$8,963 for the restoration and renovation of the W.M. Brown building located at 1549 Barrington Street as described in the report dated June 5, 2015.**

5. Approve a grant of not more than \$71,281 for the restoration and renovation of the Phinney building located at 1678 Barrington Street as described in the report dated June 5, 2015.
6. Approve a grant of not more than \$33,416 for the restoration and renovation of the Johnson building located at 1663-65 Barrington Street as described in the report dated June 5, 2015.
7. Approve a grant of not more than \$100,000 and tax credit of not more than \$9,207 for the restoration and renovation of the D'Allaird building located at 1645-49 Barrington Street as described in the report dated June 5, 2015.
8. Approve the grants and tax credits referenced in recommendations 1 to 7 above conditional upon, and payment to the respective applicant shall not be made until, the respective applicant has:
 - a) completed the work set out in the respective application to the satisfaction of the Municipality;
 - b) provided well organized receipts and invoices, in a format acceptable to the Municipality, to support the total amount approved; and
 - c) executed and registered at the Registry of Deeds/Land Registration Office an agreement that the owner will not apply to demolish, nor will they demolish, the respective property for 20 years from the date of the agreement.
9. Approve the transfer of any approved but unused grant funds (at fiscal year-end) from the 2015-16 Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District Incentives Program budget, \$100,000 from account C310-8004 Planning & Applications, to the Cultural Development Reserve (account Q312) for expenditure once the approved projects are completed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Dalrymple; Rankin; Outhit

11.4.2 Case H00417 – 2015/2016 Heritage Incentive Program

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from the Heritage Advisory Committee dated June 26, 2015, with attached staff report dated June 4, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the recommended grants to the properties listed in Attachment A of the June 26, 2015 Heritage Advisory Committee report, and further approve those properties recommended as 'standby' as listed in the revised Attachment B of the June 26, 2015 Heritage Advisory Committee report, conditional upon the applicants' compliance with section 29 through 35 of Administrative Order Number 2014-002-ADM (Attachment C of the staff report dated June 4, 2015).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Dalrymple; Rankin; Outhit

11.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11.5.1 Councillor Karsten – District Capital Request

The following was before Council:

- A Request for Council's Consideration form submitted by Councillor Karsten

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve a request for \$10,000.00 from the District 3 District Capital Fund for the installation of new windows and doors at the Marine Interpretive Centre in Fisherman's Cove, Eastern Passage.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Outhit

11.5.2 Councillor Hendsbee – Request for a Staff Report – Musquodoboit Harbour

The following was before Council:

- A Request for Council's Consideration form submitted by Councillor Hendsbee

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report outlining the implications of amending the Halifax / Nova Scotia / Building Canada Fund Infrastructure Project list to include a central water distribution and sewage treatment collection project for the village core area of Musquodoboit Harbour based on a medium growth development scenario.

Councillor Walker inquired if the staff report could be directed to Halifax Water for input prior to it being brought back before Council. He suggested that the motion be amended to reflect this.

It was agreed by the consensus of Council that the motion be amended to gain input from Halifax Water.

The motion before Council now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report, with input from Halifax Water, outlining the implications of amending the Halifax / Nova Scotia / Building Canada Fund Infrastructure Project list to include a central water distribution and sewage treatment collection project for the village core area of Musquodoboit Harbour based on a medium growth development scenario.

Councillor Hendsbee noted that staff report should examine an accurate costing estimate for a sewage treatment plant and identify cost sharing options with other levels of government for potential design and construction work.

Councillor Watts inquired if the staff report will require extensive work on the part of staff and whether or not the report will go beyond obtaining Class D Estimates for potential construction work.

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer commented that staff has reported on the matter in the past. He noted that staff will review the scope of the work that was previously undertaken and advised that staff does not evaluate budget requests beyond class D estimates without specific direction from Council to do so.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED (14 in favour; 3 against).

In Favour: Deputy Mayor Nicoll; Councillors Dalrymple; Hendsbee; Karsten; McCluskey; Fisher; Mason; Mosher; Walker; Adams; Rankin; Whitman; Johns; Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage; Councillor Watts; Craig

11.5.3 Councillor Hendsbee – Request for Staff Report for Paved Shoulders on West Porters Lake Road

The following was before Council:

- A Request for Council's Consideration form submitted by Councillor Hendsbee

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

THAT Halifax Regional Council ask for a staff report about the possible funding partnership and identify a funding source for the street enhancement of paving the shoulders of the West Porters Lake Road to incorporate paved AT / bike lanes along this 5.5 km stretch of roadway. This has been identified in the Porter's Lake AT plan as a priority corridor.

Councillor Walker inquired if staff is aware of any potential funding source for this budget.

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer commented that funding for the project would be found in the Active Transportation budget. He noted that to obtain the funding for the request, another project would likely need to be removed for it move forward.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (7 in Favour; 9 against).

Councillor McCluskey declared that she intended to vote in favour on the motion related to item 11.5.3 and Council agreed to note her vote as such.

In favour: Mayor Savage; Councillors Dalrymple; Hendsbee; McCluskey; Adams; Whitman; Johns

Against: Deputy Mayor Nicoll; Councillor Karsten; Fisher; Mason; Watts; Walker; Rankin; Craig; Outhit

Not present: Councillor Mosher

12. MOTIONS

12.1 Councillor Johns

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Craig

That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding the reinstatement of a community based board, similar to the Canada Games Centre and Dartmouth Sportsplex; and that this board enter into a management agreement with the Municipality to oversee and operate the Sackville Sports Stadium.

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer commented that the Multi-District Facility report will be before the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee in September.

Councillor Johns expressed concern that programming at the Sackville Sports Stadium may be changed in the interim before the Multi-District Facility report comes forward. He commented that he would like assurance that no changes to the current programming at the Sackville Sports Stadium will take place until the report is before Council.

Mr. Butts provided an undertaking that no significant change to the operations or programs offered at the Sackville Sports Stadium would be implemented until the Multi-District Facility Report comes forward to Regional Council for consideration.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. IN CAMERA

13.1 In Camera Minutes – June 2, 16 & 23, 2015

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting, please see page 24 for details.

13.2 Intergovernmental Relations

A matter pertaining to any subject, the discussion of which could, violate the confidentiality of information obtained from another body of government, or a public body.

13.2.1 Supplementary Education – Agreement to Extend Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Private & Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting, please see page 24 for details.

13.3 Property Matter

A matter pertaining to providing instruction and direction to officers and employees of the Municipality pertaining to the acquisition / sale of land in regard to

13.3.1 Councillor Walker – Confidential Property Matter – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting, please see page 24 for details.

13.4 Personnel Matter

13.4.1 Audit and Finance Standing Committee – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting, please see page 25 for details.

14. ADDED ITEMS

14.1 Councillor Craig – Street Traffic Control Annual Pavement Marking (Painting)

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report that:

- explains the current street traffic control pavement paint marking policy and procedures as to why the standard is to paint all pavement markings once per year;
- explains the environment regulatory factors that impact the types of paint used, and further the quality and the application of paint required to ensure maximum durability;
- explains the Traffic Authority's role, responsibility and, use of and adherence to the national standards;
- provides options for Regional Council's consideration that could result in street pavement paint marking being done in a more accelerated timeline i.e. more equipment, different paint, etc;
- and that this report come back to Regional Council in advance of and for consideration during the 2016/17 budget deliberations.

Councillor Karsten noted his support for the report request and inquired if the staff report will examine crosswalk painting standards and re-markings for construction areas.

Councillor Fisher inquired if the requested report will address standards for crosswalk markings in high traffic urban areas.

Councillor Johns inquired if the requested staff report will address the usage of special or commemorative crosswalks to mark celebrations such as Canada Day as utilized in other jurisdictions across the country.

Deputy Mayor Nicoll inquired if the requested staff report will address the current in-house inventory of traffic painting equipment.

Council recessed at 5:24 p.m. and resumed discussion on this matter later in the meeting. Please see page 22 for details.

14.2 Ratification of Motion of Committee of the Whole – Condo Assessment and Tax Incentives for Density

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting please see page 23 for details.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

Notices of motion were dealt with later in the meeting, please see page 24 for details.

Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.1 Application to amend the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy to enable greater flexibility of use within select areas of the Burnside Business Park Expansion Area

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 19, 2015
- A staff presentation dated July 21, 2015
- An extract of draft minutes from Regional Council on June 16, 2015

Mr. Carl Purvis, Acting Supervisor of Community Planning delivered the presentation on the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy. Mr. Purvis indicated that the amendments were being sought because in October 2014, when Regional Plan amendments including Policy EC-6 were considered, the Corporate Real Estate unit was in the process of negotiating land sales in the Burnside Business Park Expansion Area. Since that time, businesses in the area have been refused development permits or are otherwise unable to construct or occupy buildings they had anticipated moving to in the near future. Mr. Purvis clarified that many of these uses would not be considered desirable within the Regional Centre; therefore, staff recommends that Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy to be applied to properties that were in negotiation at the time Policy EC-6 was introduced.

Mr. Purvis and Mr. Michael Wile, Business Parks Manager responded to questions of clarification from Council. In response to a request for information on the land use vision for the Burnside Business Park, Mr. Purvis indicated that as per the Business Parks Functional Plan, staff are considering a more nuanced zoning strategy for the entire Park and will soon begin to develop the public consultation plan.

Responding to a question regarding buy-back clauses to property purchase and sale agreements, Mr. Wile clarified that these are used to ensure that construction is initiated within twelve months of purchase and complete within twenty-four months. He noted that a buy-back provision is released when the building envelope is complete.

Mayor Savage opened the public hearing. There being no applicant, he called for anyone wishing to address Council on this matter to come forward.

Mr. Tristan Cleveland, Coordinator of HRM Alliance addressed Council and indicated that he is not opposed to nuanced adjustments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, but he is concerned that the rules may be excessively permissive. He advised that residential or office use in the area is not desirable because the area is not very walkable or transit-friendly. Mr. Cleveland expressed concern that if the process to adopt a new land use plan is not handled expeditiously, there could be a fundamental change to the composition of the Burnside Park and erosion of the goal of densifying the core.

The Mayor called three times for anyone else wishing to speak; there being none, it was **MOVED** by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Karsten **THAT the public hearing close. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Map 10 of the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy to amend the boundary of the Burnside Business Park Expansion Area to enable greater flexibility of use as per Attachment B of the staff report dated May 19, 2015.

A brief discussion ensued with Councillors generally indicating support for the motion as it would allow the municipality to live up to commitments that had been made and for developers and organizations to continue with construction.

Some Councillors expressed concern that the proposed amendment would be contrary to the Regional Plan and not advisable due to a limited inventory of lands zoned for light industrial usage. In response, Mr. Bob Bjerke, Director of Planning and Development indicated this amendment concerns a very small area and recognizes existing uses. Mr. Bjerke asserted that, together with the overall direction of the business park strategy, the proposed amendment is consistent with the Regional Plan.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Nicoll, Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, McCluskey, Fisher, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Whitman, Johns, Craig, and Outhit.

Against: Councillors Mason and Watts.

Not present: Councillor Rankin.

9.2 Case 19060 – Amendments to the Sackville Drive Secondary Planning Strategy (SPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) to enable a mixed use development at 8 Walker Avenue and 732 Old Sackville Road, Lower Sackville (Joint Public Hearing with North West Community Council)

The following was before Council:

- A report from North West Community Council dated June 5, 2015, with attached staff recommendation report dated April 23, 2015
- A staff presentation dated July 21, 2015
- A presentation by Tri-Arm Holdings Ltd. dated July 21, 2015
- An extract of draft minutes from Regional Council on June 16, 2015
- Correspondence from James Macleod, Wayne Roy and Ruth McCamon

Mr. Darrell Joudrey delivered a staff presentation outlining the applicant's proposed development and corresponding proposed amendments to the Sackville Drive Secondary Planning Strategy (SPS) and

Land Use By-law (LUB) recommended by staff. Mr. Joudrey indicated that the proposal was for two buildings with 5000 square feet of commercial floor space per building and a total of 124 residential units. He noted that the Regional Plan identifies the lands in question as being an Urban District Growth Centre, but the land use characteristics are not necessarily supported by existing policies that do not respond to the community's current vision for development and market trends.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and invited the applicant to address Council.

Mr. Adam McLean of Tri-Arm Holdings Inc. presented on behalf of the applicant. He indicated that his organization has owned the site for over ten years and carefully considered development options before coming forward with the current proposal. He highlighted the pedestrian accessibility of the proposed buildings as well as their unique design featuring a variety of finishes.

In response to a question from Council regarding the expected construction timelines, Mr. McLean noted that market and financial feasibility studies are currently being completed and the Development Agreement would allow three years for construction to begin and eight years to complete. He indicated that the intent is to initiate construction on the first building within the next twelve to eighteen months.

Mayor Savage read the rules of procedure respecting public hearings and invited members of the public to come forward and address Regional Council.

Ms. Michelle Champniss, Executive Director of the Sackville Business Association expressed support for the proposed development and indicated that there is demand for high quality residential units. She noted that the ground floor commercial space fits with the Sackville Business Association's objective to improve commercial space in the area. She concluded by urging Council to approve the proposed amendments.

The Mayor called three times for anyone else wishing to speak; there being none, it was **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten **THAT the public hearing close. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Johns

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Sackville Drive Secondary Planning Strategy (SPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) as contained in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated April 23, 2015.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Rankin.

Council recessed at 7:00 p.m. and reconvened in at 7:06 p.m.

14.1 Councillor Craig – Street Traffic Control Annual Pavement Marking (Painting)

Discussion on this matter was initiated earlier in the meeting, please see page 19 for details.

Councillor Craig moved an amendment to the motion on the floor to add: "for clarity the report is to also include, however not be limited to, new and renewed paving projects and crosswalks." Council agreed to accept the amendment as friendly and vote on the motion as follows:

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report that:

- **explains the current street traffic control pavement paint marking policy and procedures as to why the standard is to paint all pavement markings once per year;**
- **explains the environment regulatory factors that impact the types of paint used, and further the quality and the application of paint required to ensure maximum durability;**

- explains the Traffic Authority's role, responsibility and, use of and adherence to the national standards;
- provides options for Regional Council's consideration that could result in street pavement paint marking being done in a more accelerated timeline i.e. more equipment, different paint, etc;
- for clarity the report is to also include, however not be limited to, new and renewed paving projects and crosswalks;
- and that this report come back to Regional Council in advance of and for consideration during the 2016/17 budget deliberations.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Fisher and Rankin.

14.2 Ratification of Motion of Committee of the Whole – Condo Assessment and Tax Incentives for Density

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll

That Halifax Regional Council:

1. Direct staff to prepare the 2016-17 budgets using the current tax structure, without any specific changes for multi-unit properties;
2. Request a supplementary staff report on the tax credit for investment outlined on page 8 of the staff report dated June 30, 2015; and
3. Set a date for Committee of the Whole to discuss the assessment cap.

Council agreed to vote on each part of the motion separately:

That Halifax Regional Council:

1. Direct staff to prepare the 2016-17 budgets using the current tax structure, without any specific changes for multi-unit properties;

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 3 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Nicoll, Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Walker, Adams, Johns, and Craig.

Against: Councillors Mosher, Whitman, and Outhit.

Not present: Councillors Fisher and Rankin.

2. Request a supplementary staff report on the tax credit for investment outlined on page 8 of the staff report dated June 30, 2015; and

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Fisher and Rankin.

3. Set a date for Committee of the Whole to discuss the assessment cap.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Fisher and Rankin.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

15.1 Councillor Johns

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next Halifax Regional Council Meeting to be held on August 4th, 2015 I propose to move the following motion: Request a staff report exploring the potential for a long term lease agreement between the Cobequid Cultural Arts Society and the Halifax Regional Municipality (Halifax Transit) for the construction of an Arts and Cultural Centre on HRM owned land located at the intersection of Margeson Drive and Highway 101 in Middle Sackville.”

15.2 Councillor Dalrymple

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Regional Council on August 4, 2015 I intend to move a motion that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on a needs and feasibility study of a beach and park on the water frontage of the Gordon Snow Centre in Fall River.”

13. IN CAMERA

13.1 In Camera Minutes – June 2, 16 & 23, 2015

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll

THAT the In Camera minutes of June 2, 16 & 23, 2015 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The In Camera minutes of June 2, 16 & 23, 2015 were approved during the public session.

13.2 Intergovernmental Relations

A matter pertaining to any subject, the discussion of which could, violate the confidentiality of information obtained from another body of government, or a public body.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Craig

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera to address items: 13.2.1, 13.3.1, 13.4.1 and 13.4.2.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council recessed at 7:12 p.m. to convene an In Camera session. Mayor Savage left the meeting during the In Camera session. Council reconvened at 9:41 p.m. with the Deputy Mayor as Chair.

13.2.1 Supplementary Education – Agreement to Extend Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Private & Confidential Report

This matter was considered In Camera. The matter will be ratified at the August 4, 2015 meeting of Halifax Regional Council.

13.3 Property Matter

A matter pertaining to providing instruction and direction to officers and employees of the Municipality pertaining to the acquisition / sale of land in regard to

13.3.1 Councillor Walker – Confidential Property Matter – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with during an In Camera session. No further action required.

13.4 Personnel Matter

A matter pertaining to an identifiable individual or group.

13.4.1 Audit and Finance Standing Committee – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with during an In Camera session. No further action required.

13.4.2 Information Item – Personnel – Memo re: Assignment Halifax Regional Police Services

This matter was dealt with during an In Camera session. No further action required.

11.1.8 2015-16 Supplementary Education Area Rates & Final Budget Resolution

This item was deferred to after the In Camera meeting during the setting of the order of business.

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated July 6, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the Resolution to Approve the Area Rates for Supplementary Education and Amend the Approved Operating Budget for Fiscal 2015-16 as follows:

It is hereby resolved that:

- a) the Operating Budget in the amount of \$869,133,600 gross expenditures (which includes \$726,700,600 in municipal expenditures including the reserve withdrawals specified in the Operating and Project Budget); \$653,779,500 in property tax revenues (including area rate revenues) and \$215,354,100 in other revenues be approved; and**
- b) Supplementary Education, under Section 80 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, shall be set at the rate of \$0.030 per \$100 of the residential and resource assessment and at \$0.083 per \$100 of the commercial assessment.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors McCluskey and Rankin.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett
Municipal Clerk