



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 20, 2015**

REVISED

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. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 11:32 p.m., and recessed at 11:54 a.m. Council reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera session at 5:58 p.m. and reconvened at 7:23 p.m. Council adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

1. INVOCATION/REFLECTION

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. and 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 – September 22,, 2015

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll

THAT the minutes of September 22, 2015 be approved.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 13.1.1 Contract Negotiations – Third Party Request for Proposal – Private and Confidential Report
- 14.1 Deputy Mayor Nicoll – Cole Harbour Outdoor Artificial Turf Facility
- 14.2 Ratification of Motion from Committee of the Whole – Preliminary Fiscal Direction 2016-17

Deletion:

- 12.1 Motion – Councillor Mason

Councillor Mason advised that in conversation with staff he has been advised that his request can be accomplished through traffic management signage; therefore his motion could be deleted from the agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Karsten,

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 - NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items: 11.2.1 and 11.3.2. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

10.2 Petitions – None

Council recessed at 11:54 p.m.

Council reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Savage noted that Councillor Darren Fisher joined the meeting at this time. On behalf of Council, the Mayor congratulated Councillor Fisher on winning his seat as a Member of Parliament for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour in the October 19th Federal election.

Councillor Fisher thanked the Mayor and acknowledged the volunteers who worked on his campaign and the other candidates for a very positive campaign. Councillor Fisher thanked the residents of his district for their support over the years he has been Councillor, and to members of Council for their support through this election process.

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Traffic Authority

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 14, 2015.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council continue its recent practice of appointing the Director of Transportation and Public Works to the position of Traffic Authority.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Johns

11.1.2 Rainnie Drive Bicycle Lane

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 25, 2015

MOVED by Mason, seconded by Watts

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the installation of a protected two-way bicycle lane on Rainnie Drive from the Citadel Hill Driveway to Gottingen Street.

Councillor Johns entered the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.3 Disposal of Surplus Property – Portion of Block B2Y-1 (PID NO. 00217018) Portland Street, Dartmouth

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 21, 2015.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a public hearing for consideration of HRM Regional Council officially closing a portion of Block B2Y-1 (PID No. 00217018), which is parkland dedicated lands located abutting Civic No. 669 Portland Street, Dartmouth, to facilitate its disposal.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Fisher

11.1.4 Halifax Town Crier Update

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 23, 2015.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to cease work on the recruitment of a permanent HRM Town Crier and continue to work with the Nova Scotia Guild of Town Criers to meet ongoing commitments for the use of town criers.

A brief discussion ensued with some Councillors expressing the view that this matter should be deferred and staff asked to look at alternative ways to recruit a town crier. Mr. Richard Butts, CAO clarified that the staff report advises that even though there were no official HRM Town Crier at this time, there are guild town criers available and if the municipality were to recruit a town crier, it would restrict the ability to hire others.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (11 in favour, 5 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Nicoll; and Councillors: Dalrymple, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Walker, Adams, Rankin, Whitman, Craig, and Outhit.

Against: Mayor Savage; and Councillors: Hendsbee, Karsten, Mosher, and Johns.

Not present: Councillor Fisher

11.1.5 First Reading, Proposed By-law A-700, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 18, 2015.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Give First Reading to proposed By-Law A-700, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership, which will repeal and replace By-Law A-300, including**

- housekeeping and general amendments, as set out in appendix A of the staff report dated September 18, 2015: and
2. Give First Reading to proposed By-law N-302 (attached as Appendix C of the staff report dated September 18, 2015) amending By-law N-300, Respecting Nuisances to repeal Part 3 – Cats, Section 12 (1)(a) and (b) to include these provisions in proposed By-law A-700, as set out in Appendix A of the staff report dated September 18, 2015.

Councillor McCluskey inquired as to whether there would be a public hearing in regard to the proposed changes. The Municipal Clerk clarified that, in accordance with the provisions of Administrative Order 32 - *Procedures for Development By-laws*, a public hearing on this matter would be at the discretion of Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that the motion be amended to include:

3. And, schedule a public hearing.

THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not Present: Councillor Fisher

The main motion, as amended, now reads:

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Give First Reading to proposed By-Law A-700, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership, which will repeal and replace By-Law A-300, including housekeeping and general amendments, as set out in appendix A of the staff report dated September 18, 2015: and
2. Give First Reading to proposed By-law N-302 (attached as Appendix C of the staff report dated September 18, 2015) amending By-law N-300, Respecting Nuisances to repeal Part 3 – Cats, Section 12 (1)(a) and (b) to include these provisions in proposed By-law A-700, as set out in Appendix A of the staff report dated September 18, 2015; and
3. And, schedule a Public Hearing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Fisher

11.2 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE

11.2.1 Blue Dot Campaign

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated October 5, 2015 submitted by the Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee; attached was a staff supplementary information report dated September 18, 2015.
- Correspondence from Tamara Lorincz

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council make a declaration of the right to a healthy environment as per Attachment 1 of the report dated October 5, 2015.

In response to concerns that there may be costs associated with the declaration, Mr. Bob Bjerke, Director, Planning and Development advised that the recommendation is a declaration of Council and there would be no action that would flow from it, therefore, there would be no financial implications.

Further to this, the Municipal Solicitor advised that this declaration is not amending or overriding Council's current direction or specific policies, in particular the vision and principles set out in the Regional Plan. He explained that if it was Council's intent to make those specific changes, then Council would have to give specific policy direction to do so. The declaration is a political statement with respect to its intention on a healthy environment.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not Present: Councillor Fisher

11.3 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

11.3.1 Proposed Administrative Order 2015-004-OP, Respecting Traffic Calming

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated October 2, 2015 submitted by the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee; attached was a staff recommendation report dated September 15, 2015.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve Administrative Order #2015-004-OP, the Traffic Calming Administrative Order, as outlined in the Attachment A of the Transportation Standing Committee report dated October 2, 2015.

There was a suggestion by several Councillors that Council refer this matter to a Committee of the Whole so that Council could have an opportunity for an indepth discussion and staff response to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Craig

That this matter be referred to a Committee of the Whole and, in the interim, members of Council are to submit their questions to staff and staff will come back to Committee of the Whole with a supplementary report and a presentation.

MOTION TO REFER WAS PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Fisher and Johns.

11.3.2 Commuter Rail Feasibility Study

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report dated October 6, 2015 submitted by the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee; attached was a staff recommendation report dated September 11, 2015.
- A document entitled, 'CPCS Final Report, Commuter Rail Feasibility Study' dated August 31, 2015. A presentation dated October 20, 2015

Correspondence was submitted from: Melissa MacKay, Rob McCleave, Ann Marie Baker, Janet Watters, Pamela Lovelace, Ruth Jordan, Don and Sylvie Ross, Susan Tremills, Shaun Bona, Ed Grant, Craig Bannon, Dave MacDonald, Donna Lugar, Tina Parker, Roberta Spicer, John Calder, Chris Clarke, Steve Caldwell, Natasha Clarke, Aimee Chow, Andrew Walker, Ian Marc Smith, David and Jane MacLachlan,

Sandria van den Heuvel, Tristan Cleveland, Shawn McCarville, Tammy and Chris Blackmore, John Whyte, Ray Wagner and Murray Metherall on behalf of C.R.E.S.T. (Communities and Residents for Sustainable Transportation), Tom Servaes, Shannon Gavin, Phyllis Collier, Sarah Kirby, Brian Lugar, and Janice Veniotand Alan Bell.

Mayor Savage advised that as requested by Councillor Outhit he will allow some leeway in terms of the amount of times a Councillor can speak on this matter to allow Council to have a thorough discussion.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- (a) Accept the findings of the Commuter Rail Feasibility Study; and**
- (b) Direct staff to undertake a process to integrate land use planning and transportation planning to develop a strategic plan specifically aimed at increasing the modal split of sustainable forms of transportation as per the Regional Plan;**
- (c) And, further, direct staff to continue consultation with CN in terms of receiving information on cost implications.**

Mr. Eddie Robar, Director, Halifax Transit and Mr. George Kaulbeck, CPCS provided a presentation to Council. Mr. Robar advised that CPCS was the consultant hired in regard to Regional Council's motion of January 10, 2012 to engage a consultant to conduct a full feasibility analysis of Commuter Rail in the Halifax to Windsor Junction and Enfield corridor.

Council recessed at 2:55 p.m.

Council reconvened at 3:17 p.m.

Mr. Robar and Mr. Kaulbeck responded to questions.

Councillor Walker pointed out that the report doesn't have all the necessary costs for Council's consideration, noting that they need the cost of access to the railway tracks and the cost to use the tracks.

Councillor Watts agreed with Councillor Walker advising that there wasn't enough information to analyze whether someone would actually give up their vehicle for their commute to the city in favour of taking commuter rail. In addition, she indicated that it would be helpful to have the analysis around the costs for the Municipality to build out the road network to support additional vehicles, versus the costs of implementing commuter rail.

Councillor Karsten advised that he believed there wasn't the population base to support commuter rail.

Councillor Mason also noted that he felt that the population base may not be sufficient at this time to support commuter rail. He suggested there were things that could be done in advance of a time when it would be more viable, such as determining where stations would be located and what the residents who lived near those areas would be prepared to do to reach the population density required to support a commuter rail line.

Councillor Hendsbee suggested that recommendation (a) should be amended to read that Council 'receive' the report instead of 'accepting' because it suggests Council is accepting everything in the report.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

That recommendation (a) be amended to read, "receive the findings of the Commuter Rail Feasibility Study";

THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not Present: Councillor Fisher

Councillor Hendsbee also suggested that now was the time to start planning for commuter rail, so that when the time is right, the infrastructure will be in place.

Mayor Savage stepped down from the Chair to speak to this matter. The Mayor advised that this was not the time to shut the door on the idea of commuter rail. He pointed out that the recently elected Federal Government has made a commitment in regard to transit; therefore, Council should not abandon the idea.

Councillor Outhit advised that there was substantial public support for commuter rail, and noted that it should be clarified that no one is suggesting light rail but rather dayliners type cars. He added that he disagreed with the view that this wouldn't be economically feasible, and he asked for clarification of the terms financial feasibility versus economic viability.

In response, Mr. Kaulbeck explained that economic benefits are in regard to society at large, and noted that the economic impacts regarding the value of the land at train stations has not been captured as part of this study.

Councillor Whitman questioned if, in preparing the study, there were discussions with CN or VIA.

Mr. Kaulbeck advised that both CN and VIA were consulted. He added that VIA expressed interest in being involved in some capacity but CN indicated they have no interest in operating the trains or having crews available.

In response to a question from Councillor Whitman in regard to transporting commuters from their homes to train stations, Mr. Eddie Robar advised that supporting transit service would have to be part of a plan for commuter rail service. In response to a further question, Mr. Robar advised that possibilities in regard to the south end rail cut were investigated but it was determined to be extremely expensive.

Councillor Watts advised that residents may support the idea of commuter rail but not necessarily commuter rail itself. She reiterated the need for Council to know all the implications or proceeding or not with further study of commuter rail or alternatives.

Councillor Outhit advised that if Council was going to proceed with further investigation of options to move people and vehicles from the growth areas such as West Bedford and address the traffic issues on the Bedford Highway he felt that it was important that timelines be assigned.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Craig

That recommendation (b) be amended to read: that Regional Council direct staff to develop a strategic plan specifically aimed at increasing the modal split of sustainable forms of transportation as per the Regional Plan which integrates both land use and transportation planning and includes comparative costing analysis of road and right of way infrastructure upgrades and widening as compared to other forms of transportation and report back to Regional Council by April 30, 2016 (dependant on appropriate project scoping and funding source as identified through Audit & Finance).

Councillor Walker asked for staff to comment on whether this was feasible.

In response, Mr. Bob Bjerke, Director of Planning and Development advised that in terms of the next steps, it is the right direction, however staff would have to scope the project appropriately to ensure it is something that they could be delivered in that time frame. He added that part of this would include coming

back to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee with the funding details at which point staff would have a clearer indication of the milestones and timeframes.

Further, the CAO added he agrees that Council has to be provided with the information necessary to bring together the disparate pieces of transportation, planning, and transit and develop an overall longer term strategy to define how it will move people around this Municipality in the future.

Councillor Walker indicated that he was still concerned that this was not feasible, in particular, with the timeframes given and that funds have not been identified. He also questioned if recommendation 'C' was included in the report being requested to come back by April 30, 2016.

In response, Mr. Bjerke advised that recommendation 'C'—*to work with CN*-- would require staff to work with CN regarding the infrastructure needs. Mr. Bjerke added that if Council were going this route and suggested one particular type of commuter rail that would be the time to engage CN. He added that staff have had some discussion with CN and would continue, but in terms of getting to a detailed level of discussion for scheduling and costing, it is a specific set of work which should follow on the initial work staff is going to do, and he was not sure it could get done by April. He indicated that the report that will come back to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee will provide a plan and timeframes.

Councillor Dalrymple noted that Council hasn't yet considered possible private sponsorships, and pointed out that it wasn't too early to begin dialogue with the Provincial and Federal Governments on this idea, at least to determine the parameters on what they are willing to fund. Councillor Dalrymple also advised that he would like to see additional public participation at some point in time.

Mayor Savage advised that prior to approaching other levels of government for funding opportunities, Council would have to determine first where it puts commuter rail on the priority list, and he pointed out that Council has many other transit priorities.

Councillor Outhit advised that the cost of transit has risen substantially since amalgamation, but there has been minimal increase in ridership. He questioned whether Council needed to provide direction for the Mayor and CAO to begin high-level discussions with other levels of government.

Mayor Savage reiterated that Council has not formally made commuter rail a priority and at this stage Council is only saying that it wants to investigate the idea further.

The CAO agreed with Mayor Savage adding that the idea was in the very early stages and before any approach is made to other levels of government for funding, other levels of government would want to see a definitive plan and mandate from Council.

THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not Present: Councillor Fisher

The motion now reads:

That Halifax Regional Council:

- (a) Receive the findings of the Commuter Rail Feasibility Study.**
- (b) Direct staff to develop a strategic plan specifically aimed at increasing the modal split of sustainable forms of transportation as per the Regional Plan which integrates both land use and transportation planning and includes comparative costing analysis of road and right of way infrastructure upgrades and widening as compared to other forms of transportation and report back to Regional Council by April 30, 2016 (dependant on appropriate project scoping and funding source as identified through Audit & Finance).**
- (c) And, further, direct staff to continue consultation with CN in terms of receiving information on cost implications.**

THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not Present: Councillor Fisher

11.4 SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11.4.1 We Day Atlantic Canada 2015 Funding Request

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report submitted by the Acting Chair, Special Events Advisory Committee dated October 14, 2015; attached was a staff supplementary report dated October 5, 2015 and a staff report dated August 13, 2015.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Karsten

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve a Payment of \$65,000.00 to fund We Day Atlantic Canada to be funded from Operating Surplus Reserve (Q328), pending reserve capacity.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Fisher

11.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11.5.1 Councillor Whitman – Executive Compensation Retirement Savings Plan

The following was before Council:

- A staff information report dated September 25, 2015.

Mr. Britt Wilson, Manager, Total Compensation responded to questions of clarification.

Councillor Whitman indicated that he was concerned about the impact this Plan would have for taxpayers and that he was prepared to put forward a motion to request that staff report back with alternatives.

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Johns

That Regional Council request staff provide a report outlining an alternative to the Defined Benefit SERP.

In response to a question, Mr. Wilson advised that that the Defined Benefit SERP is the least expensive option, and that in his view any other possible alternatives would be more expensive options.

In response to a question, the CAO explained that this Plan was not a unique offering and that many companies within the marketplace provide such a benefit. He added that this was being offered in order for the Municipality to maintain competitiveness in the marketplace.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED (1 in favour, 15 opposed)

In favour: Councillor Whitman

Against: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Nicoll; and Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Rankin, Johns, Craig, and Outhit.

Not Present: Councillor Fisher.

11.5.2 Councillor Karsten – Acquisition of Lands – Belvedere Playground Dartmouth

The following was before Council:

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

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

THAT Halifax Reginal Council request a staff report on possible acquisition of lands currently hosting the Municipality's Belvedere Playground in Dartmouth.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not Present: Councillors Fisher, Mosher, and Johns.

11.5.3 Councillor Mason – South End Community Day Care

The following was before Council:

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding possible continuation of below market lease to South End Community Day Care at Spencer House.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not Present: Councillors Fisher and Johns.

11.5.4 Councillor Mason– Noise Management and Mitigation in Downtown Areas

The following was before Council:

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Karsten

That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding noise in downtown areas that shall include:

- a) Research on other municipalities approaches, including a jurisdictional scan and discussion with stakeholders such as the business commissions, Argyle Entertainment District, and the Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia and others;**
- b) Recommend possible improvements to the Land Use Bylaw and other policy to address sound mitigation for construction of new or substantially renovated residential dwelling units and other uses with overnight guests, such as hotels, in the downtown area;**
- c) Recommendations regarding the possible establishment of an entertainment district on Argyle Street for inclusion in the Prescribed Exemptions or Local Exemptions section of the Noise By-Law (N200)**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not Present: Councillor Fisher.

11.5.5 Councillor Mosher – Donair – Official Food of Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

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

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Johns

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to consider approving the Donair as the Official Food of Halifax Regional Municipality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 4 against)

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

Against: Councillors: Karsten, Mason, Watts, and Craig.

Not Present: Councillor Fisher.

12. MOTIONS

12.1 Councillor Mason

'THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to outline options to amend By-law S-801 Respecting Licensing of Temporary Signs to allow for greater flexibility and/or license exemption for signs on hoardings or scaffolding in the right of way to indicated nearby businesses and services are still open and accessible. '

This item was deleted during the approval of the order of business.

12.2 Ratification of In Camera Motion from October 6, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Adams

That Halifax Regional Council ratify the motion from item number 13.3.3 "Appointment to the Board of Police Commissioners" from the in camera session held on October 6, 2015.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED (13 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Nicoll; and Councillors: Hendsbee, Karsten, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Rankin, Whitman, Craig, and Outhit.

Against: Mayor Savage and Councillor Dalrymple.

Not Present: Councillors Fisher and Johns.

13. IN CAMERA

Council dealt with added in camera item 13.1.1 later in the meeting.

14. ADDED ITEMS

14.1 Deputy Mayor Nicoll – Cole Harbour Outdoor Artificial Turf Facility

The following was before Council:

- A 'Request for Council's Consideration' form submitted by Deputy Mayor Nicoll.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

That Regional Council request an information report in response to the petition submitted to Council on September 22, 2015 with 387 signatures advocating that the planned all-weather facility at the Gordon Bell location in Cole Harbour be domed to protect that investment and to ensure the residents of Dartmouth Cole Harbour have access to a year rounded field facility for sporting and other traditional outdoor events.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not Present: Councillors Fisher and Johns

14.2 Ratification of Motion from Committee of the Whole – Preliminary Fiscal Direction 2016-17

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll

That Halifax Regional Council direct that staff develop the preliminary 2016-17 budget based on:

- 1. Alignment of average tax bills for residential homes and commercial properties with relative economic indicators.**
- 2. Consistent past direction from Council to maintain a moderate and declining debt position.**
- 3. Positive evidence of expenditure management aligned with growth in inflation, dwellings, personal income and GDP.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not Present: Councillor Fisher and Johns.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

15.1 Deputy Mayor Nicoll

Deputy Mayor Nicoll gave notice that at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council scheduled for October 27, 2015, she intends move the following motion:

That Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

1. Draft amendments to Bylaw S-400, the Street Improvement Bylaw, to allow a property owner abutting on more than one street to receive a credit where:
 - (a) the property owner has already paid for chipsealing on one of the abutting streets; and
 - (b) a second abutting street is subsequently paved; and
2. Return to Council for consideration of the amendments

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll

That Council convene in camera.

Council recessed at 5:58 p.m. to an in camera session.

Council reconvened at 7:23 p.m. to ratify the motion from in camera.

13.1.1 Contract Negotiations – Third Party Request for Proposal

MOVED by Councillor Walker seconded by Councillor Mosher

That Regional Council approve the recommendation as presented in the Private and Confidential In Camera staff report dated October 16, 2015.

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

In favour: Mayor Savage; and Councillors: McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, and Whitman.

Against: Deputy Mayor Nicoll; and Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Rankin, Craig, and Outhit.

Not Present: Councillors Fisher and Johns.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett
Municipal Clerk