



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
November 24, 2015**

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

REGRETS: Councillor: Tim Outhit

STAFF: Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. John Traves, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk  
Mr. Andrew Reid, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 11:09 a.m., and recessed at 12:12 p.m. Council reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Council recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 2:25 p.m. Council adjourned at 4:05 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 11:09 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 – October 6 and October 20, 2015**

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT the minutes of October 6 and October 20, 2015 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

**17.1 Ratification of Motion from Committee of the Whole – 16/17 Recommended Priority Outcomes (Continuation from November 10, 2015)**

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

Two-thirds majority vote required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Johns requested Item 14.1.10 be moved to the first order of business when Council reconvenes at 1:00 p.m. Council agreed to the request.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the rules of order be waived regarding Item 14.1.10 with respect to speaking time limits.**

Two-thirds majority vote required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

**6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

**7. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**

**8. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**

**9. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**10. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE**

**11. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

**12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**12.1 Correspondence**

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for Item 14.1.2. This correspondence was circulated to all members of Council. For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

**12.2 Petitions**

**12.2.1 Deputy Mayor Whitman - Glen Arbour / Granview Estates**

Deputy Mayor Whitman submitted a petition containing 117 signatures from the residents of the Glen Arbour Golf and Residential Community regarding Grandeur Estates and similar establishments, which requested Council enforce the R-1 Zoning Bylaw as it pertains to the restrictive covenants for the Glen Arbour Golf and Residential Community. This petition was forwarded to staff for review.

**13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

**14. REPORTS**

**14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**14.1.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies – Case CA0100 – Street Naming and Renaming 2002-2015**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 17, 2015

Notice of motion was given on November 10, 2015.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated September 17, 2015 in order to ratify and confirm the street names currently in use within the Municipality.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Outhit

**14.1.2 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies Case – CA0101 – Street Naming and Renaming**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 20, 2015
- Correspondence from Mr. Jason Ghosn dated November 18, 2015

Notice of motion was given on November 10, 2015.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

**THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting HRM Civic Addressing Policies as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated October 20, 2015 in order to approve:**

1. **The naming of the private lane located adjacent to 791 Bedford Highway as Esquire Lane, Bedford as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated October 20, 2015;**
2. **The renaming of the southern portion of Rainnie Drive to Gottingen Street, Halifax as shown on Map 2 of the staff report dated October 20, 2015; and**
3. **The renaming of the eastern portion of Jamieson Street, Dartmouth to Ropewalk Lane as shown on Map 3 of the staff report dated October 20, 2015.**

Mr. Bob Bjerke, Director Planning and Development, responded to concern regarding part two of the recommendation. He stated that the Civic Addressing Policies prevented against segmenting streets. He stated that changes to the traffic configuration had created a continuous street along Gottingen and the southern portion of Rainnie Drive, prompting the decision to rename that portion.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request part two be deferred pending consideration of an entirely different name to the southern portion of Rainnie Drive.**

Councillor Mason stated he would be voting against the deferral. He highlighted that the recommendation was consistent with policy.

**THE MOTION TO DEFER WAS PUT AND DEFEATED.** (5 in favour, 10 against)

In favour: Councillors: McCluskey, Mosher, Adams, Rankin, Johns

Against: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Whitman; Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Mason, Watts, Walker, Craig

Not present: Councillor Outhit

The question was called on the motion.

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

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

Against: Councillors: Adams and Mosher

Not present: Councillor Outhit

#### **14.1.3 Case CA0102 – East Preston Community Boundary Project**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 19, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple

**THAT Halifax Regional Council recognize East Preston as an official HRM Community as per Map 1 of the October 19, 2015 staff report, and authorize staff to install community signs as identified on Map 2.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Outhit

**14.1.4 Case 19722 – Amendments to the Halifax Mainland South Secondary Planning Strategy for 15 Shoreham Lane, Halifax**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 28, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to initiate the process to consider amending the Halifax Mainland South Secondary Planning Strategy and Mainland Land Use By-law to:**

1. **Broaden the range of permitted land uses at 15 Shoreham Lane, as identified on Map 1 of the October 28, 2015 staff report ; and**
2. **Follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments that was adopted by Regional Council on February 27, 1997.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors: Outhit and Johns

**14.1.5 Appointment of Member of Council – Heritage Advisory Committee**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 16, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**THAT Halifax Regional Council appoint Deputy Mayor Whitman of Halifax Regional Council to the Heritage Advisory Committee for a term to November 2016, as required under By-law H-200 – Heritage Property.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Outhit

**14.1.6 Proposed Administrative Order 2015-006-ADM, Respecting Disclosure of Employee Salaries**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 15, 2015

Notice of motion was given on November 10, 2015.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order 2015-006-ADM Respecting Disclosure of Employee Salaries as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated October 15, 2015.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Outhit

**14.1.7 Support for Refugees**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 15, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts

**That Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Authorize on-going discussion and advocacy with the federal government in support of receiving an increased number of refugees to Halifax;**
- 2. Endorse the proposed activities of the Halifax Regional Municipality in support of refugee resettlement and settlement as outlined in the “Settlement Support - Municipal Response” and “Resettlement Support – Municipal Response” sections of the September 15, 2015 staff report; and**
- 3. Direct staff to consider the possibility of a municipal contribution to an assurance fund to support increased private sponsorship of refugees.**

A number of Councillors noted the importance of the report and voiced support for the recommended actions and provision of further assistance to incoming refugees.

Councillor Adams requested the recommendations be voted on separately. He asked what would be the baseline number of refugees referenced in recommendation one. Ms. Maggie MacDonald, Managing Direction Government Relations and External Affairs responded that the request would be to consider an increase in the overall percentage but the number of refugees was yet unknown.

The question was called for on part one of the motion

**That Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Authorize on-going discussion and advocacy with the federal government in support of receiving an increased number of refugees to Halifax;**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors: Walker, Johns, Outhit

The question was called for on part two of the motion

**That Halifax Regional Council:**

- 2. Endorse the proposed activities of the Halifax Regional Municipality in support of refugee resettlement and settlement as outlined in the “Settlement Support - Municipal Response” and “Resettlement Support – Municipal Response” sections of the September 15, 2015 staff report; and**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors: Walker, Johns, Outhit

The question was called for on part three of the motion.

**That Halifax Regional Council:**

- 3. Direct staff to consider the possibility of a municipal contribution to an assurance fund to support increased private sponsorship of refugees.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (11 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Whitman; Councillors: Dalrymple, Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Rankin, Craig

Against: Councillors Adams, Hendsbee

Not present: Councillors: Walker, Johns, Outhit

Council recessed at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

#### **14.1.8 Snow Clearing Service Outside of the Municipal Service Boundary**

This matter was discussed later in the meeting. See page 9.

#### **14.1.9 Winter Sidewalk Service Improvements for Winter 2015/16**

This matter was discussed later in the meeting. See page 12.

#### **14.1.10 Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency Operational Staffing**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 24, 2015
- A staff presentation dated November 24, 2015.
- A extract of minutes from Regional Council May 12, 2015

Chief Doug Trussler, Fire and Emergency Services, presented regarding Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency Staffing as described in the staff report dated November 24, 2015. This presentation is available on file and online. Chief Trussler outlined the background, recommendations, findings, and described two additional staffing deployment and apparatus assignment options for Council's consideration. The Chief recommended Option 2, itemizing the benefits and stating the importance of maintaining four person engine and aerial crews.

The Clerk noted that the rules have been waived regarding number of times members of Council are allowed to speak.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. To improve the effectiveness and safety of fire protection and to crew apparatus, per Council's motion of May 12, 2015:**
  - a) convert Station 4 (Lady Hammond) to an E Platoon station;**
  - b) convert Station 11 (Patton Road) to a Volunteer station; and**
  - c) convert Station 13 (King Street) to an E Platoon station.**
- 2. Authorize staff to increase the HRFE's career firefighter complement from 413 positions to 423 positions, by close of fiscal 2017/2018.**

**3. Endorse the consolidation of equipment, career personnel and volunteer personnel in urban, suburban and rural fire stations, to more effectively and safely deliver fires services, as detailed in Table 2 of the report dated November 24, 2015.**

Councillor Mason stated support for the motion in terms of resources and meeting the recommended safety standard of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for four person engines and Occupational Health and Safety. He stated that the motion would keep the stations open as requested by Council and address concerns raised by residents to ensure adequate response via the E Platoon stations.

In response to questions from Deputy Mayor Whitman, Chief Trussler stated:

- 15-25 new volunteers were anticipated to be recruited at Station 4 (Lady Hammond) and Station 13 (King Street) and would be active within a year.
- As of November 4, 2015, Black Point Station has 12 volunteers with 3 qualifying as active firefighters, active being defined as having attended 25% or more of Emergency calls.
- There would be little to no change in service level standard to Stations 4 (Lady Hammond) and 13 (King Street) with the E Platoon versus full-time firefighters.
- There were 5 active firefighters living nearby Station 11 (Patton Road) and a recruitment drive would also be held.

Deputy Mayor Whitman requested an update regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lunenburg County. Deputy Chief Holland, Fire and Emergency Services, responded that Hubbards Commission was currently reviewing taxation and financial information, which was being done at the request of the Commission. Regarding Ecum Secum, Deputy Chief Holland responded that discussions have begun with respective division commanders in Ecum Secum, Enfield, and Mount Uniacke.

In response to a question regarding deployment of volunteers at Patton Road, Chief Trussler stated that Station 11 (Patton Road) was considered a career firefighting station and volunteers are required to live within six minutes travel time of the station. Chief Trussler highlighted the overlap of Station 11's area with Station 10. Councillor Johns stated concern that areas like Station 11 (Patton Road) had difficulty in recruiting the requisite 15 volunteers to make the station viable. He requested an opportunity to further discuss Station 11 (Patton Road) with Fire management staff.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

**THAT this matter be deferred pending further discussion regarding Station 11 – Patton Road with Senior Fire staff.**

Council discussed the length of time of the deferral. Council agreed to a friendly amendment that the deferral return no later than the first Council meeting of the New Year. Regarding the scope of the deferral, the Municipal Solicitor indicated that the recommendations could not be dealt with separately as it was an integrated recommendation and the deferral would apply to all three recommendations. The Chief confirmed the recommendations could not be separated.

Discussion ensued on the deferral, with certain Councillors voicing support and others stating they would not support the deferral because of the broader implications.

In response to a concern regarding staffing at Station 11 (Patton Road), Chief Trussler responded that Station 10 would provide volunteers to Station 11, and in addition that Station 11 (Patton Road) area was already covered by Station 10. He stated that if Council wished, he could retain two full time firefighters at the Patton Road station until a base of volunteers were recruited, in addition to discussing the staff plan further with the district Councillor.

Deputy Mayor Whitman highlighted that a viable station was defined as having 15 active volunteer firefighters. He stated concern that there were only 5 volunteers in the vicinity of Station 11 (Patton Road). Councillor Johns highlighted the difficulty in staffing volunteers at Station 11 (Patton Road), stating



that the two full-time firefighters were required for that reason. He voiced concern that removal of those firefighters from Station 11 (Patton Road) would be against Council's previous direction to keep all stations open. He requested there be four full-time firefighters deployed at Station 11 (Patton Road).

The Municipal Solicitor responded to concerns around the process of introducing changes to the report before Council as previous direction was given by Council. He stated that the report before Council further clarified previous direction as it sought to describe how the stations would be staffed.

The motion to defer reads:

**THAT this matter be deferred pending further discussion regarding Station 11 – Patton Road with Senior Fire staff, to return no later than the first Regional Council meeting of 2016.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (10 in favour, 5 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Whitman; Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Mosher, Adams, Johns, Craig

Against: Councillors: McCluskey, Mason, Watts, Walker, Rankin

Not present: Councillor Outhit

Council recessed at 2:12 p.m. Council reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

The following matter was discussed at this time.

#### **14.1.8 Snow Clearing Service Outside of the Municipal Service Boundary**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 3, 2015
- A map provided by Councillor Hendsbee

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Walker

- 1. THAT Halifax Regional Council not expand the snow clearing service to roadways outside the Urban Core Services Boundary.**

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman the motion be amended to add:

- 2. THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to explore a winter service agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia that may include the following streets in Lawrencetown: Greendale Drive 318m; Moore Drive 454m; Lahey Drive 636m; Maple Drive 690m (in total 2.098 km). And in reciprocal, the Province of Nova Scotia be asked to provide winter ice control and snow removal service to the following streets in Porters Lake: Alps Road (extension) 1,780m; Sugarwood Court 950m; Big Bear Loop 255m; Dewberry Drive 215m (in total 3.200 km).**

Mr. Bruce Zvaniga, Director Transportation and Public Works, stated that he was familiar with the proposed amendment and it was consistent with the winter service exchange agreement in place.

Councillor Rankin proposed a friendly amendment: **'THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to explore a winter service exchange agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia where operational efficiencies may be gained in the estimation of staff...'** He stated that this would be preferable over

agreements being dealt with on a case by case basis by Council. Councillor Rankin's suggestion was accepted as a friendly amendment.

A number of Councillors disagreed with the motion, stating concern for the process of determining which roads are serviced by the Municipality and also concerns regarding services leapfrogging certain streets and not fulfilling operational efficiencies. Deputy Mayor Whitman requested further information regarding the process of how certain roads could be taken over by the Municipality based on population. Mr. Zvaniga responded that he could provide that information at a later date.

The motion now reads:

1. **THAT Halifax Regional Council not expand the snow clearing service to roadways outside the Urban Core Services Boundary.**
2. **THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to explore a winter service exchange agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia where operational efficiencies may be gained in the estimation of staff, that may include the following streets in Lawrencetown: Greendale Drive 318m; Moore Drive 454m; Lahey Drive 636m; Maple Drive 690m (in total 2.098 km).  
And in reciprocal, the Province of Nova Scotia be asked to provide winter ice control and snow removal service to the following streets in Porters Lake: Alps Road (extension) 1,780m; Sugarwood Court 950m; Big Bear Loop 255m; Dewberry Drive 215m (in total 3.200 km).**

**AMENDMENT PUT AND PASSED.** (12 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Whitman; Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Rankin, Johns

Against: Councillors: Craig, Nicoll

Not present: Councillors: Outhit, McCluskey

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to consider requesting the Province adopt roadway snow and ice clearing level of service standards used by Halifax for 2016/17, and beyond, for HRM owned roads outside the Urban Core Service Boundary and direct staff to include the required funds for consideration in the 2016/17 Operating Budget.**

Deputy Mayor Whitman confirmed the approach would be to request the Province to increase or match standards to the Municipality and that the Municipality would be responsible for the incremental cost of achieving those standards.

Discussion ensued on the proposal, with Councillors stating concern for the ambiguity of the amendment, specifically the unknown financial implications to be incurred to the Municipality. Other Councillors voiced support for the motion, stating that the aim would be to discover the implications and costs to create a similar level of service. Deputy Mayor Whitman accepted as friendly amendment **THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to consider requesting the Province adopt roadway snow and ice clearing level of service standards used by Halifax for 2016/17, and beyond, for HRM owned roads outside the Urban Core Service Boundary and direct staff to include the required funds for consideration in the 2016/17 Operating Budget.**

A number of Councillors voiced concern that the amendment was out of order. In response, the Municipal Solicitor stated that the amendment was in relation to the subject matter of the report.

The motion now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Walker:

1. **THAT Halifax Regional Council not expand the snow clearing service to roadways outside the Urban Core Services Boundary.**
2. **THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to explore a winter service exchange agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia where operational efficiencies may be gained in the estimation of staff, that may include the following streets in Lawrencetown: Greendale Drive 318m; Moore Drive 454m; Lahey Drive 636m; Maple Drive 690m (in total 2.098 km).  
And in reciprocal, the Province of Nova Scotia be asked to provide winter ice control and snow removal service to the following streets in Porters Lake: Alps Road (extension) 1,780m; Sugarwood Court 950m; Big Bear Loop 255m; Dewberry Drive 215m (in total 3.200 km).**
3. **THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to consider requesting the Province adopt roadway snow and ice clearing level of service standards used by Halifax for 2016/17, and beyond, for HRM owned roads outside the Urban Core Service Boundary and direct staff to include the required funds for consideration in the 2016/17 Operating Budget.**

**AMENDMENT PUT AND PASSED.** (8 in favour, 6 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Whitman; Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Mosher, Adams, Rankin, Johns

Against: Mayor Savage; Councillors: Nicoll, Mason, Watts, Walker, Craig

Not present: Councillors: Outhit, McCluskey

Councillor Watts requested that the recommendations be voted on separately.

Council discussed procedure and whether recommendation one would need to be defeated before voting on recommendations two and three. The Municipal Solicitor clarified for the record that passing recommendation one would not negate recommendations two and three. He stated that the amendments did not run contrary but qualified recommendation one. The Municipal Solicitor suggested a friendly amendment that recommendation one read **Not expand municipal snow clearing service** so as to distinguish it from recommendation two and three which dealt with Provincial services. Council accepted the friendly amendment.

As the recommendations were separated, the question was now called on part one of the motion:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Walker:

1. **THAT Halifax Regional Council not expand municipal snow clearing service to roadways outside the Urban Core Services Boundary.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (9 in favour, 5 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage; Councillors: Karsten, Nicoll, Mason, Watts, Walker, Rankin, Johns, Craig

Against: Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Mosher, Adams, Whitman

Not present: Councillors: Outhit, McCluskey

The question was called on part two of the motion:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Walker:

- 2. THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to explore a winter service exchange agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia where operational efficiencies may be gained in the estimation of staff, that may include the following streets in Lawrencetown: Greendale Drive 318m; Moore Drive 454m; Lahey Drive 636m; Maple Drive 690m (in total 2.098 km). And in reciprocal, the Province of Nova Scotia be asked to provide winter ice control and snow removal service to the following streets in Porters Lake: Alps Road (extension) 1,780m; Sugarwood Court 950m; Big Bear Loop 255m; Dewberry Drive 215m (in total 3.200 km)**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (9 in favour, 5 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Whitman; Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Mosher, Adams, Rankin, Johns, Craig

Against: Councillors: Karsten, Nicoll, Mason, Watts, Walker

Not present: Councillors: Outhit, McCluskey

The question was called on part three of the motion:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Walker:

- 3. THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to consider requesting the Province adopt roadway snow and ice clearing level of service standards used by Halifax for 2016/17, and beyond, for HRM owned roads outside the Urban Core Service Boundary and implications to include the required funds for consideration in the 2016/17 Operating Budget.**

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.** (7 in favour, 7 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Whitman; Councillors: Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Mosher, Adams, Rankin, Johns

Against: Mayor Savage; Councillors: Karsten, Nicoll, Mason, Watts, Walker, Craig

Not present: Outhit, McCluskey

The following matter was discussed at this time:

**14.1.9 Winter Sidewalk Service Improvements for Winter 2015/16**

(i) Transportation Standing Committee Information Report dated October 5, 2015

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 16, 2015
- Extract of Regional Council and Committee of the Whole Minutes from August 4, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct that staff continue with the initiated service improvements as described in the staff report dated November 16, 2015.**

Councillor Mosher noted for the record that page 3 of the report indicates staff would present a report in January of 2016 on revising service standards regarding snow and ice for bus stops, sidewalks, intersections, ramps at intersections and priority one and two streets to ensure public safety.

Councillors voiced approval for the service improvements outlined in the report.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (11 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Whitman; Councillors: Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Craig

Against: Councillor Dalrymple

Not present: Councillors: McCluskey, Rankin, Johns, Outhit

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff information report in regards to the status, waiting list, and possible funding requirements of the 2015-2016 Snow Removal Program for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors: McCluskey, Rankin, Johns, Outhit

## **14.2 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

### **14.2.1 Councillor Karsten – Acquisition of Parkland in Eastern Passage**

The following was before Council:

- A Request for Council's Consideration form re: Acquisition of Parkland in Eastern Passage

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a recommendation report in consideration of HRM acquiring a 16,600 square foot parcel of parkland at PID#00354589, Eastern Passage, from the Nova Scotia Department of Justice.**

Councillor Watts stated support for the recommendation; however, requested that a context be included in the staff report in terms of other similar requests received to provide fairness.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors: McCluskey, Rankin, Outhit, Johns

## **15. MOTIONS**

### **15.1 Deputy Mayor Whitman**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the feasibility of developing a Rockcliffe extension across Hammonds Plains Road to Highland Park south side and to create a new second entrance to the Highland Park subdivision.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors: McCluskey, Rankin, Outhit, Johns

**16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

This matter was discussed later in the meeting. See page 14.

**17. ADDED ITEMS**

**17.1 Ratification of Motion from Committee of the Whole – 16/17 Recommended Priority Outcomes (Continuation from November 10, 2015)**

Moved by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Karsten

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the 2016/2017 Priority Outcomes as described in Attachment A of the October 30, 2015 staff report and direct staff to develop the 2016/2017 Budget and Business Plans in support of these priorities with the following amendment:**

**Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians all share responsibility for travelling safely together. Through education, enforcement, and improved infrastructure (engineering), engagement and evaluation, pedestrians in Halifax and provided with a safe environment in which to walk and cycle.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors: McCluskey, Rankin, Outhit, Johns

The following matter was discussed at this time.

**16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

The following matters were dealt with in public session. No in camera session was held.

**16.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – October 20, 2015**

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Rankin

**THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of October 20, 2015 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Not present: Councillors: McCluskey, Rankin, Outhit, Johns

**16.2 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:*

**16.2.1 Naming and Renaming of Streets and Roads within Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) – Private and Confidential Report**

The following was before Council:

- A Private and Confidential Report dated October 30, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee to convene in camera.

As there was no seconder, the motion was lost.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Whitman

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:**

- 1. Seek amendments to the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated October 30, 2015; and**
- 2. It is further recommended that the private and confidential report dated October 30, 2015 not be released to the public.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (11 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage; Deputy Mayor Whitman; Councillors: Dalrymple, Karsten, Nicoll, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Adams, Craig

Against: Councillor Hendsbee

Not present: Councillors: McCluskey, Rankin, Johns, Outhit

## **18. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **18.1 Councillor Johns**

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council on December 1, 2015, I will be requesting a staff report to adopt a policy that vehicles bearing the veterans’ license plates have year round free parking at all HRM parking locations including meters.”

## **19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon  
Municipal Clerk