

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 21, 2006

PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

Councillor Jim Smith

STAFF:

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

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1. INVOCATION

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 7 & 14, 2006

MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the minutes of February 7 and 14, 2006 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Additions

- 11.1 Sidewalk Snowplowing
- 11.2 Legal Matter - Settlement of Claim
- 11.3 Property Matter - Spryfield Lions Arena
- 11.4 Contractual Matter - 2014 Commonwealth Games - Letter of Intent

Council agreed to address item 11.3 prior to item 8.3.1

Council agreed to address item 11.4 immediately following item 8.3.1

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

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence - None

8.2 Petitions - None

8.3 Delegations

Council addressed item 11.3 at this time as agreed under the approval of the Order of Business.

11.3 Property Matter - Spryfield Lions Arena

- This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera meeting held prior to the regular session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Streach, that Regional Council:

- 1. Direct staff to provide an additional \$71,500 in transition funding to the Spryfield Lions Club as part of the 2006/07 Proposed Operating Budget as per the Budget Implications section of the February 16, 2006 Private and Confidential staff report.**
- 2. Not release the February 16, 2006 Private and Confidential staff report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.3.1 Halifax 2014 Commonwealth Games Bid

Mr. Scott Logan, CEO, made a presentation to Council advising:

- The Games can be a catalyst for a better Nova Scotia,
- The Games could be a way to enhance marketing objectives,
- Any legacy as a result of the Games has to be maintainable and sustainable,
- There is a need to ensure public support for the initiative,
- A unified front is very important,
- The bid will require a strong technical element and ability to provide athletes with qualitative experience here in Nova Scotia,
- Designs will take into consideration long term sustainability.

Ms. Dale MacLennan, HRM Director of Finance addressed the budget portion of the bid noting:

- Any proposal has to ensure the games reflect what the community needs and can use after the games are over,
- There has to be accountability,
- There must be a reporting process through the municipality and cabinet to the public,
- There is a need to protect the net benefit to the community,
- Risk management must be built into the games structure,
- Sponsorship funds can go one hundred percent to the bid,

- Inflation will be addressed in the budget.

In response to the Mayor, Mr. Logan advised that as the detail is developed in terms of the plan, budget etc. HRM will enter into negotiations with the federal government which will determine cost sharing while demonstrating that the business plan is sound. When that has been completed, HRM will have the final contract agreement to go forward with in terms of funding and other supports.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Logan advised:

- No ceiling had been reached on funding at this time,
- They will be coming back to Council with a final budget at a future date,
- Corporate sponsors have been identified,
- The budget includes long term sustainability for facilities,
- Inflation costs are covered in the contract,
- Existing facilities will be enhanced for the games,
- Potential for outside the core venues exists,
- There will be a volunteer database.

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. Logan and Ms. MacLennan for their presentation.

Council addressed item 11.4 at this time as agreed under the approval of the Order of Business.

11.4 Contractual Matter - 2014 Commonwealth Games - Letter of Intent

- This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera meeting held prior to the regular session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Rankin, that Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the Mayor to sign the “Candidate Procedure of Acceptance” indicating Halifax Regional Municipality’s intent to file an International Bid to Host the 2014 Commonwealth Games.**
- 2. Authorize immediate release of this report subject to the approval of the Commonwealth Games Canada.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. REPORTS

9.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

9.1.1 Tender 06-210, Paving Renewal, Poplar Drive - East Region

- A report dated February 10, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor McInroy, that Council award Tender No. 06-210, Paving Renewal, Poplar Drive - East Region to Dexter Construction Company Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$193,495 including net HST from Capital Account No. CYU00716, Paving Renewal Program, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the February 10, 2006 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.2 Tender 06-213, Traffic Signal Installation, Wright Avenue at Joseph Zatzman Drive and Raddall Avenue - East Region

- A report dated February 10, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Younger, that Council award Tender No. 06-213, Traffic Signal Installation, Wright Avenue at Joseph Zatzman Drive & Raddall Avenue - East Region to Black & McDonald Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$154,771 including net HST from the 2005/06 Capital Budget and the Approved Advanced 2006/07 Capital Budget from Account No. CTU00561, Traffic Signal Installation, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the February 10, 2006 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.3 Request for Quotation Q05C423 - Cleaning Contract, Acadia School Municipal Building

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

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Johns, that HRM award Quotation Number Q05C423 for cleaning contract services at Acadia School Municipal Building for a three (3) year period for \$173,395.20 (including net HST) commencing March 1, 2006 to D & J's Cleaning as outlined in the Budget Implication section of the February 8, 2006 report. Further funding is available from operating budget Account Number W130. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.4 Request for Proposal 05-157 - Architectural Services, District 2 Recreation Centre and Zone 4 Fire Station, Fall River

- A report dated February 7, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that HRM award RFP No. 05-157 Architectural Services - District 2 Recreation Centre and Zone 4 Fire Station to Sperry & Partners Limited for architectural services for the design and construction phases for a total tender award of \$479,910.56 including net HST. Further, funding is available from Capital Account No. CB200454, District 2 Recreation Centre, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the February 7, 2006 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.5 By-Law F-300, Respecting Fees for Provision of Tax Information

- A report dated February 13, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that Council approve, in principle, proposed By-Law F-300 and refer it to the By Law Rationalization Committee for review and comment with direction that it be returned to Council for final adoption before the end of the current fiscal year. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.6 Mainland Common Recreation Centre

- A report dated February 13, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Walker, seconded by Councillor Wile, that:

- 1. HRM enter into an agreement with a community based fund raising group, for the purpose of leading fund raising efforts for the new Mainland Common Recreation Centre (MCRC) that demonstrates commitment and broad based support to the selected option and to fund raising; and**
- 2. Based on demonstrated broad-based community support and commitment to community fund raising, HRM work with the community group to identify additional Provincial and Federal funding opportunities as outlined in the February 13, 2006 report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.1.7 Administrative Order SC-41, Respecting Closure of Surplus Right of Way - Cole Harbour Road, Cole Harbour

- An extract from the draft February 7, 2006 Regional Council minutes was before Council.
- A report dated January 31, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that Council approve the closure of a surplus portion of the Cole Harbour Road Right of Way, Cole Harbour, pursuant to HRM Administrative Order SC-41, and as shown on Attachment "A" of the January 31, 2006 staff report, to facilitate the sale of the subject lands. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2 ENERGY AND UNDERGROUND SERVICES COMMITTEE

9.2.1 Underground Wiring - Project Criteria

- A report from the Energy and Underground Services Committee dated February 21, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Regional Council approve the criteria to assess the merits of underground wiring projects, prioritize projects and allocate resources as described in the February 21, 2006 staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.3 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

9.3.1 Councillor Fougere - TRAX Street Opening Project

MOVED by Councillor Fougere, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Council support, in principle, the Ecology Action Centres TRAX street opening project and provide a report on how HRM, on an ongoing basis, can provide logistic support to make this a weekly event during the fine months based on the success of the pilot project. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.3.2 Councillor Mosher - Municipal Expenditures/HRM's Mandate

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that a staff report be provided recommending that all staff reports that include an expenditure of funds include a section that identifies whether or not the expenditure falls within HRM's clearly identified mandate. If not, the staff report must contain an explanation of the

rationale for the expenditure. **MOTION DEFEATED.**

10. MOTIONS - NONE

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.1 Sidewalk Snow Plowing

- This item was addressed at an earlier Committee of the Whole meeting held prior to the regular session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Wile, that the sidewalk snow removal program for Halifax Regional Municipality include all present elements and the following components:

- 1. All arterials and transit routes within the Municipality funded through the Urban General Tax rate;**
- 2. An enhanced Seniors and Disabled individuals' sidewalk snow removal program funded through the Urban General rate;**
- 3. Continue the service in the areas which receive residential sidewalk snow removal and fund through a single area rate; and**
- 4. That the sidewalk snow removal program be set for a period of not less than five years so staff can make the necessary operational and service level improvements to ensure program effectiveness.**

This recommendation will replace the motion set out in the August 9, 2005 meeting of Committee of the Whole.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 7 against)

Those voting **in favour** were Councillors Snow, McCluskey, Younger, Karsten, Kent, Wile, Sloane, Fougere, Hum, Johns, Harvey and Goucher

Those voting **against** were Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Walker and Councillors Hendsbee, Murphy, Mosher, Adams and Meade.

Councillors Streach, McInroy, Smith, Uteck and Rankin were absent.

11.2 Legal Matter - Settlement of Injurious Affection Claim against Halifax Regional Municipality re: 900 Windmill Road, Old Port Pub

- This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera meeting held prior to the regular session and was now before Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker, that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a payment of \$24,000.00 out of account CRU00584, Other Road Related Works, to the Claimant, in full and final settlement of this claim inclusive of legal fees and other costs and any further claims in connection with Old Port Pub and Grill's claim for injurious affect.**
- 2. Not release the February 10, 2006 Private and Confidential staff report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.3 Property Matter - Spryfield Lions Arena

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting. (See page 5)

11.4 Contractual Matter - 2014 Commonwealth Games - Letter of Intent

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

12. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Municipal Clerk

The following information items were circulated to Council:

1. Proclamation - Liver Health Month - March 2006
2. Memorandum from Director, Environmental Management Services dated February 21, 2006 re: Update on Aliant Activities with HRM
3. Memorandum from Director, Transportation and Public Works dated January 31, 2006 re: Petition Additional Crosswalks - Sheet Harbour
4. Memorandum from Director, Transportation and Public Works dated January 30, 2006 re: Commercial Sign Advertising - Prospect Road
5. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk, dated February 17, 2006 re: Requests for Presentation to Council

Date of Request(s)	Name of Delegation(s)	Disposition of Request(s)
February 13-17, 2006	Mr. Adam Conrod requested to address Council on the following matters: Commonwealth Games Bid, Eastern Shore Tax Structure, Metro Transit, Eastern Shore Community Transit and Road Hockey,	Matters which pertain to the Eastern Shore were referred to Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council. Matters pertaining to Metro Transit, the Commonwealth Games and road hockey were referred to staff. Mr. Conrod was advised that there will be an opportunity for the public to make their views known to Regional Council on the subject of the annual budget in late April / early May. Mr. Conrod further advised that a written submission could be circulated to Council at the present time.