

# HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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## HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES MAY 30, 2006

### **PRESENT:**

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

### **REGRETS:**

Councillors Harry McInroy  
Dawn Sloane  
Stephen Adams

### **STAFF:**

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

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**1. INVOCATION**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Deputy Mayor Walker.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 9, 2006**

**MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Wile, that the minutes of the May 9, 2006 meeting of Halifax Regional Council, as distributed, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council agreed to refer all other agenda items until 6:00 pm and address Item 9.3.1, Chebucto Neighbourhood Association Presentation at this time.

**9.3.1 Chebucto Neighbourhood Association**

- A letter dated May 17, 2006 from Ms. Andrea McQuillin, Chair of the Chebucto Neighbourhood Association, was before Council.
- A copy of the presentation: Chebucto Road & the Rotary - Thinking Outside the Box by the Chebucto Neighbourhood Association was before Council.
- A statistical chart regarding Chebucto Road Capacity SOV (Single Occupancy Vehicle) compared with HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) was circulated to Council.

Mayor Kelly reviewed the guidelines for public presentations and then invited the presenters to come forward.

Ms. Andrea McQuillan, Chair and Mr. Duncan MacAdams, on behalf of the Chebucto Neighbourhood Association, presented concerns to Regional Council on the proposed Chebucto Road widening project noting:

- Residents along Chebucto Road would lose their homes, front porches, mature trees as well as valued property separating homes from a busy thoroughfare,
- Other options should be considered such as a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane to ease traffic congestion. Ottawa, ON and Brisbane, AU were cited as two cities who have used the HOV strategy to avoid street-widening projects,
- Seventy five percent of cars travelling on Chebucto Road have one occupant (the driver),
- The Armdale Rotary be treated as a 5-road signalized intersection with the addition of signal lights at Herring Cove Road,
- The Terms of Reference in the contract, presently being negotiated with Delphi MRC, should include the design of an improved Armdale Rotary as per the

“Thinking Outside the Box” HOV Strategy presented by the Chebucto Neighbourhood Association.

**MOVED BY Councillor Fougere, seconded by Councillor Uteck that this matter be referred to staff for a report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**RECESS**

Council recessed at 3:50 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m with the following members of Council present: Mayor Peter Kelly, Deputy Mayor Russell Walker and Councillors Steve Streach, Krista Snow, David Hendsbee, Gloria McCluskey, Andrew Younger, Bill Karsten, Becky Kent, Jim Smith, Mary Wile, Patrick Murphy, Sue Uteck, Sheila Fougere, Debbie Hum, Linda Mosher, Brad Johns, Robert Harvey, Len Goucher, Reg Rankin and Gary Meade.

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

Deletions

Councillor McInroy - Canadian Urban Transportation Association Resolution Regarding Bill C-66 - deferred to June 13, 2006.

Additions

- 12.1 HRM Bike Week - Councillor Fougere
- 12.2 Community Wide Greenhouse Gas Emissions - Local Action Plan
- 12.3 Wastewater Funding Strategy
- 12.4 Timberlea/Lakeside/Beechville Service Boundary
- 12.5 Property Matter - Proposed Management Agreement for Lawrencetown Community Centre
- 12.6 Contractual Matter - Merger of Greater Halifax Partnership (GHP) and Halifax Regional Development Agency (HRDA)
- 12.7 Legal Matter - Settlement of Claim
- 12.8 Legal Matter - Settlement of Claim
- 12.9 Councillor Meade - June 13<sup>th</sup> Council meetings

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

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

5. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

6. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE**

7. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

8.1 **Case 00832: Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-Law (LUB) Amendment - 356 Hammonds Plains Road.**

- An extract of the draft Regional Council minutes of May 9, 2006 was before Regional Council.
- A Staff Report dated April 27, 2006 on the above noted was before Regional Council.

Mr. Andrew Bone, Planner presented the report to Council.

Mayor Kelly called three times for those wishing to speak either in favour of or in opposition to the proposed amendment. Hearing none, the following motion was placed.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that the public hearing close. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**DECISION OF COUNCIL**

**MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Johns, that Regional Council approve the proposed amendments to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law as contained in Attachment "D" of the staff report dated March 17, 2006. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8.2 **Administrative Order SC-43, Respecting Closure of Pathway from Prince Andrew High School to Irvin Cross Place, Dartmouth.**

- A staff report dated May 1, 2006 on the above noted was before Council.
- An extract of Draft Regional Council Minutes - May 9, 2006 was before Council.
- A letter from Mr. & Mrs Norman & Jean Smith, Dartmouth, was before Council.
- A letter dated May 13, 2006 from Mr. Gordon S. Stanfield, Dartmouth, was before Council.

- An e-mail dated May 18, 2006 from Ms. Kelly Greenwood, Halifax, was before Council.

Mr. Peter Bigelow presented the report to Council.

Mayor Kelly called for those wishing to speak either in favour of or in opposition to the street closure.

**Mr. Calvin Myra**, Dartmouth, stated:

- He is recommending closure of the pathway,
- Activities occurring at the pathway have caused their quality of life to deteriorate,
- There is a concern with the speed at which students drive their vehicles on the street,
- There is no sidewalk on the street,
- The residents are constantly picking up garbage,
- The students park in front of their homes making it impossible in some instances for the residents to find a parking space,
- There have been fires set on the street,
- The residents wish to maintain the current value of their homes and not have the values decrease as result of these activities.

**Mr. Gary Greenough**, Dartmouth, stated:

- The groups have no respect for the residents,
- The residents constantly pick up garbage in front of their properties,
- During the winter it is difficult for emergency vehicles and other service vehicles to access the street as a result of the parking on the street by the students,
- Illegal activities are taking place on a daily basis,
- His house has been paint balled,
- He was requesting HRM erect a fence and close the pathway.

**Ms. Betty White**, Dartmouth, stated:

- The problems began when students were no longer allowed to smoke on school property,
- There are drugs being sold daily,
- There is no respect for residents, police or school,
- She has cleaned up garbage,
- The situation is unacceptable,
- The solution is to close the pathway and fence the street off from the school.

**Mr. Bill White**, Dartmouth, stated:

- The street is less than two tenths of a kilometre from Woodlawn Road,
- The street does not have a sidewalk,



- The students walk on the street,
- There is a blind turn into the street and students use excessive speed on the street,
- Vehicles such as ambulances and other emergency vehicles cannot come up the street as it is blocked with parked vehicles belonging to the students,
- The pathway is used as a hangout for the school,
- There is no meaningful purpose to have the pathway.

**Ms. Patricia Walsh**, Dartmouth, stated

- The pathway only leads to the school yard,
- The residents are denied a quality of life during the school year,
- They have videos showing what the residents tolerate on a daily basis,
- Drugs are being sold and used,
- There is lewd behaviour, property damage as well as fires being set,
- There are cars speeding up the street,
- There are fast food containers littered on the street,
- Behaviours will escalate if the pathway is not closed.

**Mr. David Walsh**, Dartmouth, stated:

- The existence of the pathway creates a danger to the residents as the habits of the students are escalating,
- Ten months of the year they have to deal with mis-behaviours,
- They enjoy living on the street noting, the path is seldom used in the off hours,
- No one needs to come to that area to access the school as there is adequate access from Woodlawn Road,
- The situation is intolerable,
- The residents are asking Council to close the pathway.

Mayor Kelly called three times for any additional speakers. Hearing none, the following motion was placed.

**MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker, that the public hearing close. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **DECISION OF COUNCIL**

**MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Younger, that Regional Council approve Administrative Order SC-43 Respecting the Closure of Pathway from Prince Andrew High School to Irvin Cross Place, Dartmouth.**

Councillor Karsten stated the situation these residents have to endure is not a reflection on the administration of Prince Andrew High School. The students are there because they

are not longer permitted to smoke on school property policy. The Councillor requested Council support moving forward on this issue.

Councillor McCluskey suggested prohibition of parking on the street be examined.

Councillor Hendsbee stated there is no benefit to having the pathway and suggested the area be made into a lot that can be fenced.

Councillor Younger spoke in support of the closure and suggested a policy to allow for the installation of security cameras around schools.

Councillor Smith expressed concern that the students would seek out another location to carry on the same activities if the pathway was closed.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**9.1 Correspondence**

**9.1.1 Request for Aerial Display - Nova Scotia International Air Show**

- A letter dated May 3, 2006 from Mr. Colin Stephenson, Executive Director, Nova Scotia International Air Show was before Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Regional Council grant permission for the Canadian Forces Snowbirds and other participants of the Nova Scotia International Air Show to fly over populated areas during the Nova Scotia International Air Show scheduled for Saturday, September 9 and Sunday September 10, 2006. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9.2 Petitions**

**9.2.1 Councillor Murphy**

Councillor Murphy served a petition from residents requesting that the Bloomfield Centre be maintained until a proper community centre is established for the community.

**9.3 Presentation**

**9.3.1 Chebucto Neighbourhood Association**

This item was addressed during the afternoon session. (See page 4)

**10.           REPORTS**

**10.1          CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**10.1.1 Tender 05-274R - Beaver Bank Water Storage Reservoir - Central Region**

- A staff report dated May 17, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Kent, that Regional Council:**

- 1. Award Tender No. 05-274R, Beaver Bank Water Storage Reservoir - Central Region to Landmark Structures Co. for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$2,409,896 including net HST from Capital Account No. CGU00387, Beaver Bank Water Reservoir, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of the staff report dated May 17, 2006.**
- 2. Approve the appointment of CBCL Limited for contract administration and construction inspection services for an estimated fee of \$155,144 including net HST from Capital Account No. CGU00387, Beaver Bank Water Reservoir, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications Section of the report dated May 17, 2006.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.2 Tender 06-206 - Paving & Water Main Renewal, Norwood Street - West Region**

- A staff report dated May 18, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve an increase in the Gross Budget for Capital Account No. CYU00784, Paving Renewals, by \$131,636, with no change in the Net Budget, to reflect cost sharing related work from the Halifax Regional Water Commission for cost of the water main renewal on Norwood Street.**
- 2. Award Tender No. 06-206, Paving and Water Main Renewal, Norwood Street - West Region to Dexter Construction Company Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$330,352 including net HST from Capital Account No. CYU00784, Paving Renewals; Capital Account No. CKU00783, Sidewalk Renewals, and Capital Account No. CRU00683, Curb Renewals, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications Section of the report dated May 18, 2006.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.3 Tender 06-207 - Paving Renewal, Wedgewood Avenue - West Region**

- A staff report dated May 19, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Hum, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker, that Regional Council award Tender No. 06-207, Paving Renewal, Wedgewood Avenue - West Region to Ocean Contractors Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$356,008 including net HST from Capital Account No. CYU00784, Paving Renewal, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications Section of the report dated May 19, 2006. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.4 Tender 06-223, Resurfacing and Sidewalk Renewal, Novalea Drive - West Region**

- A staff report dated May 17, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Regional Council award Tender No. 06-223, Resurfacing and Sidewalk Renewal, Novalea Drive - West Region to Basin Contracting Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$365,001 including net HST from Capital Account No. CZU00782, Resurfacing, Capital Account No. CKU00783, Sidewalk Renewals and Capital Account No. CRU00683, Curb Renewals, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications Section of the report dated May 17, 2006. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.5 Tender 06-236 - Paving Renewal and New Sidewalk, Hillside Avenue - Central Region**

- A staff report dated May 18, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve the recovery of Local Improvement Charges for the new concrete sidewalk on Hillside Avenue - Central Region by an area rate for District 20;**

2. **Award Tender No. 06-236, Paving Renewal and New Concrete Sidewalk, Hillside Avenue - Central Region to Dexter Construction Company Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$744,565 including net HST from Capital Account No. CYU00784, Paving Renewals, Capital Account No. CJU00785, New Sidewalks, and Capital Account No. CRU00683, Curb Renewals, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications Section of the report dated May 18, 2006.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.6 Tender 06-255 - Micro Paving, Halifax Regional Municipality**

- A staff report dated May 25, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Kent, that Regional Council award Tender No. 06-255, Micro Paving - Halifax Regional Municipality to Industrial Cold Milling for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$1,435,819 including net HST from Capital Account No. CZU00782, Resurfacing, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications Section of the staff report dated May 25, 2006. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.7 Tender 06-155 - Halifax Ferry Terminal Siding Replacement**

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

**MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Regional Council award Tender No. 06-155, Halifax Ferry Terminal Siding Replacement, to White Rock Construction Ltd., for materials and services specified, for a total tender price of \$194,305.86, including net HST, with funding available from Capital Account No. CB100077 Transit Facilities Upgrades and Capital Account No. CB300862 Transit Facilities Upgrades, as per Budget Implications section of the report dated May 10, 2006. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.8 Tender 06-157 - Public Gardens, New Entry Plaza**

- A staff report dated May 17, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Regional Council award Tender No. 06-157 Public Gardens New Entry Plaza for materials and services specified, to Permacrete Restoration Services for a total tender price of \$282,965.87, including net HST with funding from Capital Account No. CPG00492, as**

per Budget Implications section of the report dated May 17, 2006. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.9 Trunk Storm Sewer Replacement - McDonald's Property, Main Street, Dartmouth**

- A staff report dated May 23, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve an increase to the 2006/2007 Capital Budget in the amount of \$156,000, including net HST, for a new capital account, Trunk Storm Sewer Replacement - McDonald's Property with funding from Sewer Redevelopment Reserve Account Q104, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the report dated May 23, 2006.**
- 2. Approve withdrawal from the Sewer Redevelopment Reserve Account Q104 in the amount of \$156,000.**
- 3. Award the Trunk Storm Sewer Replacement - McDonald's Property, Main Street, Dartmouth to Fraser Construction for the materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a quoted price of \$141,733 net HST from the above new capital account with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications Section of the report dated May 23, 2006.**
- 4. Approve an allowance for testing of materials and unforeseen work that is likely to arise with a project of this complexity, in the amount of \$14,267 including net HST.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.10 HRM Share of 2014 Commonwealth Games International Bid Budget**

- A staff report dated May 16, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Smith, that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve the Strategic Growth Reserve Q126 as the funding source for HRM's share of the 2014 Commonwealth Games International Bid Budget, as per the Budget Implications section of the report dated May 16, 2006; and**

2. Approve an interim contribution of \$1.5 million to be paid to 2014 Halifax (the 2014 Commonwealth Games Bid Society) towards the said Bid Budget. In recognition that the Bid Society has approved the release of the bid budget amount pending agreement on cost-sharing by the funding partners, HRM's full contribution will be made public at that time as well.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.11 Joint Use Agreement - Citadel High School and HRM Community Centre**

- A staff report dated May 2, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Fougere, seconded by Councillor Uteck, that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into a formal Joint Use Agreement with Halifax Regional School Board as per the key terms outlined in the body of the report dated May 2, 2006. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.12 Request to Exempt Seniors from Area Rates**

- A staff report dated May 18, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that the request to exempt seniors from area rates be referred back to staff until taxation and tax structure review is discussed. MOTION DEFEATED.**

**MOVED BY Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that Regional Council not introduce an exemption from area rates for seniors. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.13 Reserves Business Cases**

- A staff report dated May 16, 2006 on the above noted was before Council.

**Councillor Fougere declared a conflict on this item.**

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

1. Approve the establishment of the following new Reserves to be funded through re-allocation of existing funds within Operating and Reserve accounts, as described in the Reserve Business Cases.



- Operating Cost of Capital
  - Alderney Gate Recapitalization/Leasehold Improvement
  - Police Emergency/Extraordinary Investigation
  - Police Officer On the Job Injury
2. Approve the final business case for Bedford South CCC Interchange Reserve Q133, which has been operating with a draft business case.
3. Approve the Reserve budgets for 2005/06 as per the following table:

Operating Costs of New Capital	M317 Operating Costs for New Capital unexpended funds at March 31, 2006.
Alderney Gate Recapitalization/Leasehold Improvement	Contribution of \$344,400 (savings identified in the purchase vs status quo model).
Police Emergency/Extraordinary Investigation Reserve	Contribution of \$581,258 (transfer from Q205 Police Vehicle Reserve).
Police Officer on the Job Injury (Compensation) Reserve	Contribution of \$420,328 (transfer from Police Operating Accruals account 2080).
Bedford South CCC Interchange Reserve	Contribution of \$552,275 plus \$450,000 from Fiscal Services as per the financing model attached to the business case.

In response to Councillor Smith regarding consolidation of reserves, Ms. Cathie O'Toole, Acting Director, Financial Services, advised staff is examining reserves. She advised that some reserves are being recommended for consolidation because they may be used for a related purpose. If they are collapsed, the funds can be targeted to areas where there is a greater need with more administrative ease. She advised they are moving funds that are currently in the budget into a separate reserve. This represents an increase in accountability and transparency because a reserve business case is brought forward to Council for approval.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.14 Project 00382 - Bedford West Master Planning Study**

- A staff report dated April 27, 2006 on the above noted was before Council.
- A report from the Chebucto, North West and Western Region Community Councils on the above noted was before Regional Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Hum, that Regional Council:**

1. **Give first reading to the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-Laws for Bedford; Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, and Upper Sackville; and Halifax presented as Attachments A, B and C, respectively, and an amendment to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy presented as Attachment D;**
2. **Schedule a public hearing for June 20, 2006.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.1.15      2006 / 2007 Operating Budget (Staff Presentation)**

The Operating Budget was presented at a later point in the meeting. (See page 23)

**10.2            TAXI & LIMOUSINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**10.2.1        National Standards Certification for New Limousine Drivers**

- A report dated April 25, 2006 from the Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee was before Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Johns, that Regional Council approve, in principle, an amendment to By-Law T-108 to mandate that all new limousine drivers be required to complete the National Certification Program similar to that required for Taxi Drivers. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.3            MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**10.3.1        Deputy Mayor Walker - Bylaw Infraction Notification**

Deputy Mayor Walker noted that he has received numerous calls from property owners who have received invoices or fines for solid waste or unsightly property violations after the work has been completed by HRM. He advised these residents have no prior knowledge of the infraction prior to the receipt of the invoice and they have expressed concern with the fact that the notification is posted and not mailed to them.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Walker, seconded by Councillor Smith, that staff provide a report on the current By-law infraction notification policy including recommendations to improve the current policy particularly in regard to whether the notification should be in writing and sent by registered mail.**

Councillor Hendsbee noted a resident in his District had received a clean up bill but had not received notice that it was taking place. The Councillor requested the process followed in this case be clarified in the report.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.3.2 Councillor McInroy - Canadian Urban Transportation Association Resolution Regarding Bill C-66**

This item was deferred to June 13, 2006 under the approval of the Order of Business.

**10.3.3 Councillor Murphy - Centre for Youth at Bloomfield**

**MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that staff provide a report on partnerships with other levels of government and the private sector in establishing the Bloomfield Centre as a youth centre.**

Councillor Streach requested that the report examine long term opportunities for the facility and, if it is going to be closed, that this information be disclosed in the report.

Councillor McCluskey stated that every step should be taken to save the building and make it a youth centre.

Councillor Hendsbee requested the report identify what renovations are required if it is to be a long term facility, whether a building assessment has been undertaken and what needs to be accomplished in the immediate future and over the next number of fiscal years.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council recessed from 8:04 p.m. to 8:18 p.m.

**10.3.4 Councillor Mosher - Armdale Rotary**

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that staff come forward with a solution that will work better than the proposed reversing lanes and widening of Chebucto Road. The report to include the alternatives to ensure safe,**

**effective flow without enticing more drivers than the usual patterns to utilize the Armdale Rotary to access peninsular Halifax. The report to include, but not limited to, a parclo, tunnel, bridge and overpass.**

Councillor Mosher stated HRM cannot stay with the status quo as there are over 55,000 cars per day. She requested staff examine fast tracking the high speed ferry, bus rapid transit or whatever measures necessary to make the Rotary safe. She requested Council investigate every option before implementing any changes to the current situation.

Councillor Fougere requested the staff report include the issue of high occupancy vehicles and that this be included when looking at the terms of reference for the data collection and modelling of the Rotary.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.3.5 Councillor Snow**

**(i) Solid Waste Collection - HRM Churches**

**MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Streach, that the issue of solid waste collection in HRM churches be referred to the Solid Waste Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**(ii) Serviceable Sewer Boundary - Inclusion of Sidhu Dr, Beaver Bank**

**MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that staff provide a report on the process to follow to have Sidhu Drive, Beaver Bank, included in the serviceable boundary for sewer services. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**(iii) Serviceable Water Boundary - Inclusion of the Community of Fall River**

**MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Younger that staff provide a report on the process to follow to have the community of Fall River included in the serviceable boundary for water services. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11. MOTIONS - NONE**

**12. ADDED ITEMS**

**12.1 Councillor Sheila Fougere - HRM Bike Week**

Councillor Fougere outlined the activities planned for HRM Bike week (June 3 to 11).

**12.2 Community Wide Greenhouse Gas Emissions - Local Action Plan**

- The following item was addressed at an earlier Committee of the Whole session and was before Council for ratification.

**MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Snow, that Regional Council endorse a voluntary target of reducing community wide HRM greenhouse gas emissions by 20% from 2002 levels by 2012 as detailed in the GHG Community Action Plan attached to the April 18, 2006 staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12.3 Wastewater Funding Strategy**

- The following item was addressed at an earlier Committee of the Whole session and was before Council for ratification.

**MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Regional Council:**

- 1. (A) approve the collapse and consolidation of Reserves used to support HRM's Stormwater and Wastewater program, by amending Sewer Charges By-Law S-100 and any other relevant documents, and direct staff to return to Council with a new reserve business case.**  
**(B) direct staff to look for other opportunities to improve the Sewer Charges By-Law and make it administratively efficient and equitable for stormwater and wastewater customers in HRM.**
- 2. Authorize staff to proceed to a public hearing to increase the sewer redevelopment charge to a minimum of \$0.80/ft<sup>2</sup>. Should the public hearing be unsuccessful, staff will return to Council with an equivalent funding alternative.**
- 3. Approve the use of 100% of the Halifax Regional Water Commission annual water dividend as a funding source for the Stormwater and Wastewater**

Program, effective fiscal year 2006/07. The dividend is estimated to be approximately \$3.6 million annually.

4. Approve the use of 50% of the Gas Tax allocation for HRM's Stormwater and Wastewater Program in fiscal year 2007/08 (\$5.1 million), with 08/09 and 09/10 gas tax funding for Stormwater and Wastewater to be continued at a minimum of \$5.1 million per year.
5. Direct staff to prepare options to reallocate the proposed capital budget to offset the increased funding for the Stormwater Wastewater Program. Staff will develop options based on the discussion at Council during budget debate, and Council will have an opportunity to approve the reallocation prior to voting on approval of the Capital budget.
6. Direct staff to prepare a report to Council to initiate the Eastern Passage Sewage Treatment Plan and increase the proposed 2006/07 Capital Budget, recognizing that in order to meet the debt payments from 2009/10 onward, there are funding alternatives to be considered, as outlined in the Discussion section of the May 30, 2006 staff report.
7. Given that the above are short term funding strategies, direct staff to return to Council in 2009 with respect to increasing the wastewater rate to provide more sustainable funding levels.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12.4 Timberlea / Lakeside / Beechville Service Boundary**

- The following item was addressed at an earlier Committee of the Whole session and was before Council for ratification.

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Regional Council:**

1. Authorize staff to initiate the process to amend the planning documents for Timberlea, Lakeside and Beechville to allow development in accordance with the proposed total sewage treatment capacity of approximately two million imperial gallons per day.
2. Authorize staff to initiate the process to amend the Subdivision By-Law to implement capital cost contribution recovery as it applies to Timberlea, Lakeside and Beechville and Halifax for the sanitary main and other

**infrastructure necessary to direct about one million imperial gallons per day to the Halifax Sewage Treatment Plant;**

- 3. Instruct that the MPS and Subdivision By-Law amendment process include a public participation program in accordance with the Public Participation Resolution adopted by Halifax Regional Council on February 25, 1997.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12.5 Property Matter - Proposed Management Agreement for Lawrencetown Community Centre**

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

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Snow, that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement for the conveyance of the Lawrencetown Community Centre and associated lands to the Municipality.**
- 2. Authorize staff to enter into a Management Agreement with the Lawrencetown Community Centre for the continued operations of the facility whereby Lawrencetown Community Centre Board will remain as the facility managers and retain responsibility for all operating costs of the facility, on the basis that HRM will assume property ownership and the responsibility for capital programming of the asset.**
- 3. Authorize the commitment of \$85,800 from the District 3 Capital Fund (Cost Centre: C185) for required facility repairs and upgrades, the expenditure of which and capital repairs not to commence until property ownership by HRM is complete.**
- 4. Not release the May 8, 2005 Private and Confidential staff report.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12.6 Contractual Matter - Merger of Greater Halifax Partnership (GHP) and Halifax Regional Development Agency (HRDA)**

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

**MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Endorse the process whereby the Greater Halifax Partnership and the Halifax Regional Development Agency would jointly collaborate in the establishment of a new economic development entity for HRM in order to facilitate implementation of the regional Economic Strategy.**
2. **The May 25, 2006 report be released.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12.7           Legal Matter - Settlement of Claim**

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

**MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Settle this claim, as set out in the May 17, 2006 Private and Confidential staff report, brought by the Plaintiff in the amount of \$45,000.00 to achieve a full settlement of the Plaintiff's action upon obtaining a full release from the Plaintiff from any further claims arising out of the accident of April 26, 2001.**
2. **The May 17, 2006 Private and Confidential staff report not be released.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12.8           Legal Matter - Settlement of Claim**

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

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Settle this claim, as set out in the May 19, 2006 Private and Confidential staff report, brought by the Plaintiff in the amount of \$25,000.00 to achieve a full**



**settlement of the Plaintiff's action upon obtaining a full release from the Plaintiff from any further claims arising out of the accident of May 14, 2000.**

**2. The May 19, 2006 Private and Confidential staff report not be released.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12.9 Councillor Meade - June 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting**

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting be moved to June 14<sup>th</sup>. MOTION DEFEATED (9 in favour, 10 against).**

Those voting **in favour** were Mayor Kelly and Councillors Streach, Snow, Hendsbee, Karsten, Murphy, Hum, Mosher and Rankin.

Those voting **against** were Deputy Mayor Walker and Councillors McCluskey, Younger, Kent, Smith, Wile, Uteck, Fougere, Johns and Harvey.

Councillors McInroy, Sloane, Adams, Goucher and Meade were absent.

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Streach, that Council meet on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (17 in favour, 2 against)**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**13.1 Councillor Mosher**

Take Notice that at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of June, I propose to introduce for adoption By-Law T-136, an amendment to By-Law T-108, the purpose of which is to mandate that all new limousine drivers be required to complete the National Certification Program similar to that required by Taxi Drivers.

**10.1.15 2006 / 2007 Operating Budget (Staff Presentation)**

Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the budget to Council noting:

- Council had directed staff to reduce the tax rate by 5.1% from last year,
- There has been a realignment of some resources,
- An examination of existing revenue sources has been undertaken and additional revenue capacity was identified,

- HRM is looking at a \$22.6 million net increase,
- Compensation for salaries has gone up \$14 million, of which \$4 million relates to the pension solvency issue,
- External services are up approximately \$4 million,
- It is being recommended that Capital from Operating go up by \$5 million instead of \$8 million,
- HRM will be borrowing \$32 million which is compliant with HRM's best strategy,
- The budget includes \$4 million of new services related to Council's focus areas,
- The proposed budget is \$628 million which is a \$40 million increase over last year,
- There is \$216 million in non property tax revenues,
- There is a \$21 million increase in the tax levy and \$19 million in non tax revenues.

**MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Snow, that Regional Council table the budget and refer it to the budgetary process commencing June 14<sup>th</sup>.  
MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**14.           ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Jan Gibson  
Municipal Clerk

**The following information items were distributed to Council:**

1. Proclamation - Kids Day America / International - May 27, 2006
2. Proclamation - Purina Walk for Dog Guides Day - May 28, 2006
3. Memorandum from Chair, Audit Committee dated April 25, 2006 re: Comprehensive Audits
4. Memorandum from Director, Transportation & Public Works dated May 5, 2006 re: Petition for New Paving, Springgreen Drive and Ladyslipper Crescent, Oakfield - Central Region
5. Memorandum from Acting Director, Environmental Management Services dated May 10, 2006 re: Pesticide By-law P-800
6. Memorandum from Chief of Police dated May 10, 2006 re: Safety - Armdale Rotary (Councillor Mosher request May 2, 2006)
7. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk, dated May 12, 2006 re: Requests for Presentation to Council.

Date of Request(s)	Name of Delegation(s)	Disposition of Request(s)
May 15 - 26, 2006	Chebucto Neighbourhood Association - Andrea McQuillin, Chair & Duncan MacAdams re: Chebucto Road widening  Halifax-Dartmouth Canada Day Committee - Carol Dobson, Co-Chair re: Annual Presentation  Symphony Nova Scotia - Mary Pat Mombourquette, Managing Director re: Proposed school pilot project funded through Supplementary Funding	This presentation has been scheduled for May 30, 2006.  This presentation has been scheduled for June 27, 2006.  Group referred to Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB).

