

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 23, 2007

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Kelly
Deputy Mayor Sue Uteck
Krista Snow
David Hendsbee
Harry McInroy
Gloria McCluskey
Andrew Younger
Bill Karsten
Becky Kent
Mary Wile
Patrick Murphy
Dawn Sloane
Sheila Fougere
Russell Walker
Debbie Hum
Linda Mosher
Robert Harvey
Gary Martin
Reg Rankin
Gary Meade

REGRETS:

Councillors: Steve Streach
Jim Smith
Steve Adams
Brad Johns

STAFF:

Mr. Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Randolph Kinghorn, 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 5:30 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Harvey.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Wile reminded residents of a public workshop on off leash dog parks to be held on Monday, January 29th at the Halifax West High School.

Councillor Snow noted a number of forces personnel were heading to the Middle East.

Councillor Hum advised there will be a town hall meeting with MLA Len Goucher for residents of Districts 16 and 21 on January 31st at 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Church and a second meeting on February 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Rockingham United Church.

Councillor Younger advised there was a meeting taking place at Ecole du Carrefour at 7:00 p.m. on January 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Uteck noted that on Wednesday, January 24th there will be a Peninsular School closure review meeting at St. Patricks and on January 27th there will be a meeting at the Tower of St. Mary's University regarding potential off leash dog parks.

Councillor Hendsbee advised the official opening of Mineville Health Centre will take place on Wednesday, January 24th. Further he advised there will be community consultation with the GHP and RDA at the Black Cultural Centre on the 24th and in Oyster Pond Fire Hall on the 25th.

Councillor Martin advised that there will be a meeting regarding off leash strategy at Basinview School on Wednesday, January 31st at 6:30 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 9 & 16, 2007

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the minutes of January 16, 2007 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Additions

- 12.1 07/08 Fiscal Framework
- 12.2 Councillor Hum - Update - Canada Games Bid Committee

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

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

8.1 Halifax Inland Terminal Plan - Federal Agreement

- A report dated December 22, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Halifax Regional Municipality authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Transport Canada for the funding of the Halifax Inland Terminal Plan as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the December 22, 2006 report.

Councillor Snow requested the report provide specific in depth examination of the impact that this will have on the residents in the Lakeview area. She expressed concern with noise and lighting in the area.

Councillor Hum requested the report indicate what the impact would be to her district.

Councillor Martin expressed concern with truck traffic on the Bedford Highway and stated alternate routes need to be examined.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence - None

9.2 Petitions

Councillor Fougere served a petition from the residents of Doug Smith Drive, Halifax in opposition to the renaming of the street.

9.3 Delegations

9.3.1 Hakodate/HRM Twinning - 25th Anniversary Planning Committee

Dr. Jim Morrison, committee member, made a presentation to Council outlining the plans for the upcoming Japanese New Year celebrations.

10. REPORTS

10.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

10.1.1 Tender 06-120 - Supply of One (1) New Rescue Pumper

- A report dated December 20, 2006, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Council award Tender No. 06-120, for One (1) New Rescue Pumper to E-One Canada Ltd., for a Tender Price of \$441,344 (net HST included), with funding from Capital Account No. CVJ00703 as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the December 20, 2006. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.2 Request for Proposal 06-395 - Property Management Services - Alderney Gate

- A report dated January 9, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Council award RFP#06-395, Property Management Services - Alderney Gate Office Building, to the highest scoring proponent, Citigroup Properties Limited, at an annual cost of \$60,000 plus applicable net HST, with funding as per the budget implications section of the report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.3 Request for Permanent Encroachment - 73 to 79 Alderney Gate

- A report dated January 8, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Younger, that Halifax

Regional Council approve the application for permanent encroachment of a proposed balcony in the street right of way at 73 to 79 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth.

During discussion, the following concerns were expressed by members of Council:

- The current alignment of Alderney Drive,
- There may be a liability issue as Alderney Drive is narrow,
- The close proximity of the posts to the curb could pose a safety issue,
- There is a potential for objects to be dropped or fall onto the street,
- Noise may become an issue,
- This is a substantial change in the appearance of Downtown Dartmouth,
- This is a severe safety hazard as there is potential for the pillars to be hit and/or damaged from snow removal vehicles.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.4 Proposed By-Law T-702, an Amendment to By-Law T-700 Respecting Tax Deferrals, Proposed Interest Rates

- A report dated January 17, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that:

1. **Regional Council approve, in principle, implementation of an interest rate of Prime -2% on cumulative property tax deferred under the authority of By-Law T-700, as detailed in the Discussion section of the January 17, 2007 report, effective April 1, 2007;**
2. **The interest rates for the program be calculated using the Prime rate in effect on April 1st of each fiscal year;**
3. **Regional Council set a date for a public hearing to revise By-Law T-700 by revoking Item 3.4**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2 GRANTS COMMITTEE

10.2.1 HRM Community Grants Program 2007 - 2008: Revisions

- A report dated January 8, 2007, on the above noted, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Regional Council approve revisions to the HRM Community Grants Program as detailed in the Discussion section of the January 8, 2007 report for the 2007-2008 program.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. MOTIONS - NONE

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 07/08 Fiscal Framework

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

It was requested that each item be voted on individually.

Part 1

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Regional Council:

- 1. Treat Provincial Mandatory charges as a Regional Area Rate. HRM Council would set the tax rate based only on municipal services that are within HRM's control.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Part 2

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Regional Council:

- 2. Place accountability for rate setting and control of Provincial mandatory expenditures with the Province and give notice that HRM will be paying Mandatory service at capped rate.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Part 3

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Fougere, that Regional Council:

3. That HRM Council adopt “Maintain” under “Possible Service Level Strategies” whereby HRM maintain the same level of service as per the staff presentation at Committee of the Whole on January 23, 2007.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 Councillor Hum - Update - Canada Games Bid Committee

Councillor Hum provided an update recognizing staff, volunteers and organizations involved.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Walker

Take Notice that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 30th day of January, 2007, I propose to move First Reading of By-Law T-702, the purpose of which is to amend By-Law T-700, revoke clause 3.4 and set an interest rate for property tax deferred under By-Law T-700.

Deputy Mayor Uteck

Take Notice that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 30th day of January, 2007, I propose to move a motion with respect to the Municipal Parking By-Law, Section 153, which would have to receive consent from the Province, which would allow HRM to use signs to control parking under the same fines as meters. HRM could then make the corresponding changes to its Parking Meter By-Law.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Municipal Clerk

The following information items were circulated to Council.

1. Memorandum from Director, Legal Services dated January 3, 2007 re: Human Rights Complaint - Location of Halifax Wastewater Treatment Facility
2. Memorandum from Director, Community Development dated January 12, 2007 re: Project 00854 - Wind Turbines: Community Consultation
3. Memorandum from Acting Director, Finance & Deputy Treasurer dated January 16, 2007 re: Investment Activities, Quarter Ending September 30, 2006
4. Memorandum from Co-Chairs, Investment Policy Advisory Committee dated January 16, 2007 re: Quarter Ending September 30, 2006
5. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated January 19, 2007 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None