

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES

January 24, 2012

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Kelly  
Deputy Mayor Bill Karsten  
Councillors: Steve Streach  
Barry Dalrymple  
David Hendsbee  
Lorelei Nicoll  
Gloria McCluskey  
Darren Fisher  
Jackie Barkhouse  
Jim Smith  
Mary Wile  
Jerry Blumenthal  
Dawn Sloane  
Sue Uteck  
Jennifer Watts  
Russell Walker  
Debbie Hum  
Linda Mosher  
Brad Johns  
Robert Harvey  
Tim Outhit  
Reg Rankin  
Peter Lund

REGRETS:

Councillor Stephen Adams

STAFF:

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Acting Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant  
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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**1. INVOCATION**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Rankin.

**2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Councillors noted a number of community announcements and acknowledgements.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE**

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

Addition:

- 12.1 Councillor Hendsbee – Request for a Staff Report Regarding Acquisition of Waterfront Property Located On Crowell Road in East Lawrencetown for the Purpose of Parkland Use

Councillor Sloane requested that item 10.1.5 be moved to the top of the agenda. Council agreed to this amendment.

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**

**7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**

**8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – None**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**9.1 Correspondence - None**

**9.2 Petitions**

**9.2.1 Councillor Blumenthal**

Councillor Blumenthal submitted a petition containing 123 signatures in support of the sale of St. Patrick's Alexandra School to Jono Developments.

**10.1.5 Process Information re: Request for Proposal 11-039 Former St. Patrick's Alexandra School, 2277 Maitland Street, Halifax – Supplementary Information Report**

A supplementary information report dated January 19, 2012 was before Council.

An extract of the draft Regional Council minutes dated January 10, 2012 was before Council.

An extract of the Regional Council minutes dated December 13, 2011 was before Council.

The Regional Council report dated November 21, 2011 was before Council.

Correspondence dated January 24, 2012 from Mr. Ronald A. Pink of Pink Larkin Law Firm was submitted.

Mayor Kelly advised that the report Council requested on January 10, 2012 was now before them for discussion.

Councillor Mosher rose to put a motion on the floor.

Councillor Sloane asked, as the District Councillor, if she could put her motion on the floor instead as it had been crafted to be beneficial to all involved.

Mayor Kelly advised that the rules allow Councillor Mosher to move her motion as she had her light on to speak first.

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve the property as surplus to municipal requirements; authorize the repeal of the 2000 policy.**
- 2. Endorse and substitute the current practice as policy; and**
- 3. Reconsider the December 13, 2011 motion authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase of Sale with the highest scoring proponent of RFP 11-039, Sale of 2277 Maitland Street to Jono Development Ltd Partnership.**

A discussion on the motion ensued.

Councillor Mosher advised that she understood both sides of this issue; however, HRM had put the RFP out in an open process, the proposals were evaluated and the highest bidder had been awarded. She addressed several items in the September 19, 2000 staff report and indicated that page 4 of the report states that the Grants Committee was to be involved with the process of developing the criteria for evaluating competing

interests from community groups in association with staff and a subcommittee of Council; however, this process was never completed and; therefore, Council had approved something without the proper procedures or implementation. She stated; however, that the sale was at best value and was considered in concert with non profit and other private options. She stated that page 5 lists that a public meeting is only an optional step in the process. Councillor Mosher also advised that the applicant had agreed to affordable housing and to work the community groups; noting she believed these intentions would still be carried forward.

Councillor Watts stated that while she understood Councillor Mosher's interpretation of the 2000 policy, attachments 7a and b of that policy outline clearly state that once HRM declares a property surplus to its own uses, there is a process to go into the community and to work with non profits on looking at an option which gives them 90 days to provide all the financial information, their background, who they will work with, implementation and how this fits HRM's mandate. She indicated the process then leads to a staff recommendation to Council and, if it is not feasible, an RFP process is issued at market value; noting this is clearly what the report stated as the process which was not followed. Councillor Watts advised that residents were not asking for the property but for a chance; 90 days in which to submit a proposal and have it be judged. She indicated that Council had not been following its own rules with regards to surplus properties and if this opportunity was provided to the community groups, Council would be following through on the policy before them. In closing, she asked her colleagues to consider Councillor Sloane's options and not support the motion before them.

Councillor Sloane advised that she was trying to do something that would be a win- win solution for the community. She stated that since 2009 community groups have come forward with letters to staff advising of their desire for a piece of the property or to at least be part of the process; noting the process and policy was not followed. Councillor Sloane indicated that she would like to instate the 90 day option to provide these groups the opportunity to bid on something for the betterment of the community as they would like to move their assets from Gottingen Street into the old school to leave space to revitalize Gottingen Street and help the community. She asked that Council vote against the motion and allow her to come back with a motion to allow for the 90 day process.

Councillor Hendsbee advised that he would prefer to table Councillor Mosher's motion in order to test Councillor Sloane's motion. He also stated that the three groups had to be realistic in their ability to run the building and incur the cost of the necessary renovations.

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the motion be tabled.**

Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor, advised that a motion to table was in order and could be debated; however, debate was limited only to the desirability to tabling the motion.

A discussion on tabling the motion ensued.

Ms. Donovan clarified that tabling a motion means the item is tabled on the agenda and when it comes back on a future agenda, which could be as early as the next meeting, Council would be back to dealing with the original motion on the floor. She advised that should Council go through the process of tabling and later bringing the motion back in this meeting of Council, it would require a two thirds majority vote as they would be changing the procedural process. Ms. Donovan also clarified that Councillor Sloane's motion on the same subject offering a different idea could not be brought forward if the original motion was tabled.

A vote was taken on tabling the motion. **MOTION DEFEATED.**

Debate on the main motion continued.

Several members of Council expressed concern that voting against their original decision would be inviting legal action and providing 90 days would only prolong the inevitable; noting the school would take millions of dollars to renovate and bring up to standard.

Councillor Rankin advised that he could not support the motion and would welcome an alternative motion to determine the right course and that would provide an opportunity to the community pursuant to the policy as he could not justify the continuance of a non-compliant and faulty process.

Ms. Donovan provided clarification on the motion; advising that when Council is looking at amending or repealing a policy, as in the motion on the floor, the Charter requires that Council provide seven days notice and since this was a Charter requirement, it could not be waived with a two thirds majority vote. She clarified that the property could be declared surplus; however, Council would be required to provide seven days notice to repeal and it was her legal advice that Council should vote on the repeal prior to approving the sale at the same meeting.

As a result, the motion now reads:

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Approve the property as surplus to municipal requirements;**
2. ***Approve in principle and Give Notice of Motion* to authorize the repeal of the 2000 policy and**
3. ***Approve in principle and Give Notice of Motion* to endorse and substitute the current practice as policy and,**
4. **Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase of Sale with the highest scoring proponent of RFP 11-039, Sale of 2277 Maitland Street to Jono Development Ltd Partnership. (subject to the repeal of the 2000 policy).**

The meeting recessed at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:49 p.m. with the same members present.

Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, and Mr. Peter Stickings, Manager of Real Estate, provided the following responses to questions posed by Councillor Uteck:

- Staff will forward the list of those present at a pre submission meeting regarding the RFP held on July 20, 2011
- Staff's review of the mandate was from the perspective of service delivery requirements as they did not have a set mandate
- The RFP did include the market value of the asset along with an overview of the intent with respect to not for profit groups as well as references to groups or uses that would be exempt
- Proponents and members of their teams were present for the site tour held in 2011; the names of those present will also be forwarded to Council

Councillor Harvey stated that, after 12 years, a practice by convention becomes policy; noting that Council decides what it will and will not do when it comes to policy. He advised that he supported the original December 13, 2011 motion and would support it again; however, he was concerned about repealing a policy to rewrite it in order to fit the practice; therefore, he could not support the motion in its entirety.

In response to a question from Council, Mr. Austin French, Manager of Planning Services, clarified that the site was currently designated and zoned as park and institutional under the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) and that any development that came forward such as a mixed used commercial and residential development would require an amendment to the MPS in combination with either an amendment to the LUB or the creation of a development agreement. It was noted that this would have to be done under Option A in the supplementary staff report and would take the standard time frame of one year to carry out.

For the record, Ms. Donovan clarified for Deputy Mayor Karsten that HRM could still sell the property without first repealing the policy.

It was also clarified that the Notices of Motion under items 2 and 3 would not be voted on and instead Councillor Mosher would provide notice after the votes on items 1 and 4 were complete.

It was requested that a recorded vote be taken and that the motion be split.

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that Halifax Regional Council approve the property as surplus to municipal requirements. MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (22 for, 1 against)**



Those voting in favour were Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten and Councillors Blumenthal, Dalrymple, Fisher, Harvey, Hendsbee, Hum, Johns, Lund, McCluskey, Mosher, Nicoll, Outhit, Rankin, Sloane, Smith, Streach, Uteck, Walker, Watts, and Wile. Councillor Barkhouse voted against the motion.

Councillor Adams was absent from the vote.

**MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase of Sale with the highest scoring proponent of RFP 11-039, Sale of 2277 Maitland Street to Jono Development Ltd Partnership (subject to the repeal of the September 14, 2000 policy). MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 10 against)**

Those voting in favour of the motion were Mayor Kelly, Deputy Mayor Karsten and Councillors Blumenthal, Fisher, Hendsbee, Hum, McCluskey, Mosher, Smith, Streach, Uteck, Walker, and Wile.

Those voting against the motion were Councillors Barkhouse, Dalrymple, Harvey, Johns, Lund, Nicoll, Outhit, Rankin, Sloane, and Watts.

Councillor Adams was absent from the vote.

Councillor Mosher gave notice that at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on January 31, 2012, she intends to introduce a motion to repeal the Policy and Procedures for the Disposal of Surplus Schools dated September 14, 2000.

Councillor Mosher gave notice that at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on January 31, 2012, she intends to introduce a motion to endorse the current practice as policy with regards to the disposal of surplus schools.

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Lund that Halifax Regional Council continue the meeting to finish the agenda. MOTION DEFEATED.**

The meeting recessed at 4:26 p.m.

Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m., with the same members present, with the exception of Councillors Uteck and Adams.

The Acting Municipal Clerk clarified the following recorded votes taken on Item 10.1.5:

- Councillor Watts voted in favour of declaring the building surplus; and
- Councillor Barkhouse voted against the sale of the property.

## **10. REPORTS**

### **10.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

### **10.1.1 Signage Management on Non-100 Series Provincial Highways**

A report dated December 15, 2011 was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Direct staff to develop a by-law to regulate advertising signs on non-100 series provincially owned highways using Highway 333 as a pilot project; and**
- 2. Direct staff to develop an accompanying signage management program for Council's consideration and approval including:**
  - a. Program parameters and implementation strategy; and**
  - b. Community partnership(s) for program development and delivery.**

Ms. Holly Richardson, Coordinator, Real Property Policy, Planning & Infrastructure, responded to questions from members of Council.

Councillor Uteck arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Councillor Hendsbee suggested that staff refer to a study and pilot project report that had been prepared by the Halifax Regional Development Agency several years ago with regard to signage along Highway 333 and Highway 3.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **10.1.2 Tender 11-213 – Increase to Contract and Budget Increase – Resurfacing, Water Main Renewal and Gas Main Installation – Ochterloney Street and Resurfacing Victoria Road – East Region**

A report dated December 5, 2011 was before Council.

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

- 1. Approve an increase to the contract with Brycon Construction Co. Ltd. for the Resurfacing, Watermain Renewal and Gas Main Installation, Ochterloney Street (PO2070529981) in the amount of \$70,381.88 (including net HST) with funding from project No. CYXO 1345 Street Recapitalization, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the December 5, 2011 staff report; and**
- 2. Approve a budget increase of \$109,640.04 (including net HST) to Project No. CYX01345 - Street Recapitalization, funded through cost sharing with Halifax Water.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.1.3 Encroachment Agreement – Halifax Women’s Housing Cooperative – 2042 - 2044 Creighton Street, Halifax**

A report dated December 28, 2011 was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that Halifax Regional Council approve the Encroachment Agreement, as provided in Attachment A of the December 28, 2011 report, to allow the Halifax Women's Housing Cooperative to install new stairs extending into the sidewalk area of Creighton Street. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.1.4 Pre-Approval of 2012-13 Project Funding for Transit Buses**

A report dated December 15, 2011 was before Council.

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

- 1. Provide early approval of the 2012-13 Project Budget for \$3,947,445.73 in Project Account CVD00434 Conventional Transit Bus Expansion.**
- 2. Provide early approval of the 2012-13 Project Budget for \$12,283,420.39 in Project Account CVD00435 Conventional Transit Bus Replacement.**
- 3. Provide early approval of the 2012-13 Project Budget for \$704,314.11 in Project Account CVD00430 Access-a-Bus Replacement.**

Councillor Karsten retired from the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Mr. Eddie Robar, Director, Metro Transit, responded to questions from members of Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.1.5 Process Information re: Request for Proposal 11-039 Former St. Patrick’s Alexandra School, 2277 Maitland Street, Halifax – Supplementary Information Report**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 5.

Councillor Blumenthal left at 6:33 p.m.

**10.2 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

### **10.2.1 Capital Ideas and the Strategic Urban Partnership**

A report dated January 13, 2012 from the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee was before Council.

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

- 1. Engage the Greater Halifax Partnership to be the entity through which the Strategic Urban Partnership will be administered;**
- 2. In accordance with HRM's Sole Source Policy (Administrative Order 35, Section 8(11) sub-sections (m) (provided as Attachment #5 of the January 8, 2012 staff report), award a Sole Source Contract to the Greater Halifax Partnership as the entity through which the Strategic Urban partnership will be administered;**
- 3. As a contribution toward the SUP's first year of work, grant authority to HRM's CAO to cost share in the Strategic Urban Partnership's funding requirements in the amount of \$55,000 cash from CDG01283, to Greater Halifax Partnership as the entity through which the Strategic Urban Partnership will be administered, and \$25,000 in in-kind contributions; and**
- 4. Approve the Constitution of the Strategic Urban Partnership as its Terms of Reference.**

Mr. Andy Fillmore, Urban Design Project Manager, responded to questions from members of Council.

Councillor Sloane suggested that the motion be amended to request the Strategic Urban Partnership provide updates on its activities via information report to Regional Council every six months.

**With the agreement of the mover and seconder, the motion was amended to include:**

- 5. Request that the Strategic Urban Partnership provide updates on its activities via information reports to Regional Council every six months.**

Mr. Fillmore clarified details of membership, meetings, and funding of the Strategic Urban Partnership, at the request of members of Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that this matter be deferred pending a staff report exploring the possibility of Strategic Urban Partnership members funding the program through membership fees or financial contributions, or having the Greater Halifax Partnership operate the program until funds can be raised through the Strategic Urban Partnership.**

Discussion ensued on the motion of deferral.

**DEFERRAL DEFEATED.**

The amended motion was voted on at this time, as follows:

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

- 1. Engage the Greater Halifax Partnership to be the entity through which the Strategic Urban Partnership will be administered;**
- 2. In accordance with HRM's Sole Source Policy (Administrative Order 35, Section 8(11) sub-sections (m) (provided at Attachment #5 of the January 8, 2012 staff report), award a Sole Source Contract to the Greater Halifax Partnership as the entity through which the Strategic Urban partnership will be administered;**
- 3. As a contribution toward the SUP's first year of work, grant authority to HRM's CAO to cost share in the Strategic Urban Partnership's funding requirements in the amount of \$55,000 cash from CDG01283, to Greater Halifax Partnership as the entity through which the Strategic Urban Partnership will be administered, and \$25,000 in in-kind contributions;**
- 4. Approve the Constitution of the Strategic Urban Partnership as its Terms of Reference; and**
- 5. That the Strategic Urban Partnership provide updates on its activities via information report format to Regional Council every six months.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.3 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

**10.3.1 Amendments to Administrative Order 15 – Parking Permit Fees**

A report dated January 12, 2012 from the Transportation Standing Committee was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Watts, that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve in principle an amendment to Administrative Order 15, the purpose of which is to reduce the cost of Parking Permits, and;**
- 2. Approve using the revenue from Parking by Permit Only to create and enhance options for commuting to and from the Regional Centre by vehicle.**

Councillor Uteck questioned why streets in the South end with the hospitals and universities were not included in the pilot project. She suggested that the motion be amended to include the five streets in the South end that were previously identified. Mr. David McCusker, Manager, Strategic Transportation Planning, explained the process to implement parking-by-permit controls, noting that it requires a simple majority in favour of the responses to a polling of the residents of street. Councillor Uteck withdrew her amendment.

At the request of Council, Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Acting Clerk, clarified the process for approval of an Administrative Order, noting that Notice of Motion will be required to be given at this meeting to approve the amendments at the next meeting.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.3.2 Councillor Nomination to the Halifax Harbour Bridges Board of Commissioners**

A report dated January 12, 2012 from the Transportation Standing Committee was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Halifax Regional Council approve the nomination of Councillor Jerry Blumenthal to the Halifax Harbour Bridges Board of Commissioners, for a term to expire October 31, 2012.  
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.4 GRANTS COMMITTEE**

**10.4.1 By-Law T-228 Tax Exemption for Non Profit Organizations 2011–2012**

A report dated January 10, 2012 from the Grants Committee was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Halifax Regional Council waive Notice of Motion; and**

- 1. Give First Reading to proposed By-Law T-228 and schedule a public hearing;**

**Including:**

- a) The renewal of tax exemption status for the 2011-2012 fiscal year for 135 organizations (276 properties) as listed in Table 2 (Attachment 2 of the December 16, 2011 report), for a total cost of \$2,210,611;**
- b) The renewal of tax exemption status for the 2011-2012 fiscal year for the 41 organizations (42 leased properties) as listed in Table 3 (Attachment 3 of the December 16, 2011 report), for a total cost of \$471,192;**
- c) The reinstatement of 4 organizations (4 properties) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year as detailed in Table 4a (Attachment 4 of the December 16, 2011 report) for a total cost of \$9,335;**

- d) The addition of 12 organizations (15 properties) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year as detailed in Table 4b (Attachment 4 of the December 16, 2011 report) for a total cost of \$78,005;
- e) An increase in level of exemption for 6 organizations (7 properties) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year as detailed in revised Table 5 (attached as Attachment 2 to this report) for an increase in cost of \$13,210;
- f) The removal of 19 organizations (22 properties) in 2011-2012 as detailed in Table 6a and 6b (Attachment 6 of the December 16, 2011 report) for a combined saving of \$145,727;
- g) The decline of 26 applicants (32 properties) as detailed in Tables 7a, 7b and 7c (Attachment 7 of the December 16, 2011 report);
- h) The deferral of 32 applicants (336 properties) as detailed in Attachment 8, revised Table 8 attached as Attachment 4 to the January 10, 2012 report;
- i) The records management amendments as detailed in Attachment 9; and the letter dated January 10, 2012, to the Fultz Corner Restoration Society attached as Attachment 5 to the January 10, 2012 report;
- j) Proposed schedule amendments to By-law T-228 to reflect recommendations set out in Attachments 2 through 9 above as detailed in revised Attachment 10 as amended on January 9, 2012 and attached to the January 10, 2012 report as Attachment 6.

The Mayor clarified that this is First Reading, and the public hearing will be held at a later date.

Ms. Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead Grants & Contributions, Community Development, responded to questions from members of Council.

Councillor Hendsbee asked that in the future area Councillors be advised when a community group or organization in their district has been given notification regarding their tax status.

Ms. Temple responded to further questions of clarification from members of Council at this time.

## **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **11. MOTIONS**

#### **11.1 Councillor Sloane**

- (i) To request a staff report to design a “buy local” policy for the procurement of services for the Halifax Regional Municipality.**

An email from John Wesley Chisholm dated January 24, 2012 was circulated to Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that Regional Council request a staff report to design a “buy local” policy for the procurement of services for the Halifax Regional Municipality.**

Councillor Sloane submitted a document “Buy Local Procurement Work Group – Ocala/Marion Chamber of Commerce – Findings Report 4/9/09”, which is on file.

Councillor Sloane, with the agreement of the seconder, amended the motion to include the following parameters for a buy local procurement policy:

- 1. Price is always a factor**
- 2. Must be a non-bias formula which allows for support of local businesses**
- 3. Supporting local business**
  - a. Tax dollars stay here – funding services**
  - b. Fosters local economy and provides jobs**
  - c. Employees are our neighbours**
  - d. Money stays locally for reinvestment into our economy**

Discussion on the motion continued, with the following comments and suggestions made by members of Council:

- Concern with forming this policy and the effect it would have on the global competition of HRM.
- That the report also look at incorporating “local points” or tie breaker local points into the policy.
- That Council must ensure the highest and best value for tax payers’ money.
- That Council must consider the ecological impacts of buying local, as well as the economic impacts.
- Trade agreements with other provinces and countries are in place and must be respected.

The amended motion was voted on at this time, as follows:

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that Regional Council request a staff report to design a “buy local” policy for the procurement of services for the Halifax Regional Municipality, to include the following parameters:**

- 1. Price is always a factor**
- 2. Must be a non-bias formula which allows for support of local businesses**
- 3. Supporting local business**
  - a. Tax dollars stay here – funding services**
  - b. Fosters local economy and provides jobs**
  - c. Employees are our neighbours**
  - d. Money stays locally for reinvestment into our economy**

**MOTION DEFEATED.**



**11.1(ii) Councillor Sloane**

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Authorize staff to include, as part of the first annual review of the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-Law, the consideration of potential amendments to the Maximum Pre-Bonus and Maximum Post-Bonus Height Maps to increase the allowable height on properties identified by civic addressees 5161-5175 South Street, 1161-1203 Hollis Street, and 1075-1145 Barrington Street, Halifax to 22 metres, as was originally recommended by the Urban Design Task Force, and for the maximum height of these properties to be calculated as per the definition of building height, as contained under Part 2 of the Land Use By-Law.**
- 2. Authorize staff to also consider amendments to the requirement for the provision of landscaped open space for the properties identified by civic addresses 5161-5175 South Street, Halifax, to allow for a full transfer to rooftops and a decrease in the required amount of landscaped open space from 11.24 square metres per dwelling unit to 5 square metres per dwelling unit.**
- 3. Request that staff follow the public participation program approved by Council on February 25, 1997.**

Mr. Austin French, Manager, Planning Services, responded to questions from members of Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.2 Councillor Smith**

**MOVED BY Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Barkhouse, that Regional Council request a staff report regarding the formation of a citizen led and membership focused, including those residents in areas particularly affected by violent crime, Committee or Task Force, tasked with compiling resident and other stakeholder input and solutions in regard to reversing the Culture of Violent Crime in HRM, and that Regional Council request the support and involvement of the provincial government of Nova Scotia in the Committee/Task Force panel formation with HRM, and that both levels of Government agree to consider and adopt the recommendations from this entity recognizing the need to come forward in a timely manner in regards to a focus on addressing the root causes of Crime in the Halifax Regional Municipality.**

Councillor Smith noted that he does not intend for this to replace the Mayors Roundtable on Violence, and that this would be more of a community-led process.

**MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that this matter be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners for discussion at their February meeting.**

Councillor Dalrymple suggested that this initiative should include retired police officers, as well as active ones.

Councillor Smith clarified that this is not a police driven or Council driven initiative, it is a community driven initiative. He submitted a report for reference "2000 Report re: Community Mobilization Program", a copy of which is on file.

**MOTION OF REFERRAL PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.3 Councillor Fisher**

**MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that Regional Council request a staff report detailing the planned reduction/changes to the hours of operation for the Dartmouth area arenas - The Bowles and The Gray - and how these service changes will impact user groups during the spring and especially early fall (month of September) during hockey tryouts. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Fisher indicated that he would like the report to be in the form of an information report, and include a business case for not opening these arenas.

**12. ADDED ITEMS**

**12.1 Councillor Hendsbee – Request for a Staff Report Regarding Acquisition of Waterfront Property Located On Crowell Road in East Lawrencetown For The Purpose Of Parkland Use**

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that Regional Council request a staff report in consideration of acquiring waterfront property for parkland use on Crowell Road in East Lawrencetown. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**13.1 Councillor Dalrymple**

Take notice that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2012, I propose to move to request a staff report regarding acquisition of water front property located between Highway Two and Lake Thomas in Fall River for the purpose of parkland use.

**13.2 Councillor Rankin**

Take notice that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2012, I propose to move approval of Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permits and Processing Fees, the purpose of which is to reduce the cost of parking permits.

**14. IN CAMERA - None**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett  
Municipal Clerk

**INFORMATION ITEMS**  
**January 24, 2012**

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1. Proclamation – Family Literacy Day – January 27, 2012
2. Memorandum from Director, Legal Services and Risk Management dated January 3, 2012 re: Status of By-Law Prosecutions – September 1, 2011-September 30, 2011
3. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated January 16, 2012 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None