

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

December 7, 2010

PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

Councillors: Bill Karsten  
Linda Mosher

STAFF:

Mr. Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Melody Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – November 9, 16 & 23, 2010**

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Fisher, that the minutes of November 9 & 16, 2010, as presented, be approved.**

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Fisher, that the minutes of November 23, 2010, as amended, be approved.**

The following changes were noted for the November 23, 2010 minutes:

Councillor Lund requested that the following comments be added to the Minutes:

- Why did FTE's compensation increase by 100% over ten years (slide 18)
- What is the separation of the \$14,000,000 salary increase between union and non-union salaries

Councillor Nicoll requested that the word 'policing' be removed from her comments.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Councillor Fisher requested that Item Number 4 be addressed prior to Item Number 3.

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

**4. TRANSIT**

**4.1 Metro Transit Strategic Ferry Operations Plan**

This item was deferred to a future Committee of the Whole.

**4.2 Access-A-Bus Strategic Plan**

This item was deferred to a future Committee of the Whole.

**4.3 Community Transit**

This item was deferred to a future Committee of the Whole.

#### **4.4 Dartmouth Bridge Terminal Project Update**

This item was deferred to a future Committee of the Whole.

#### **5. EVENTS NOVA SCOTIA FIFA WOMEN'S SOCCER OPPORTUNITY**

Mr. Grant MacDonald, Director, Major Events & Community Partnerships, Trade Centre Limited, provided a presentation to Council regarding the 2015 Women's World Cup and Outdoor Multi-Purpose Venue.

Mayor Kelly advised Council that, if this event were to move forward, that the Provincial and Federal levels of Government, the local universities and the public and private sector will need to be included as funding partners.

Following discussion it was:

**MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that Halifax Regional Council continue as a candidate city for the 2015 Women's World Cup and expedite public input and explorations for funding partners both private and public and that further HRM allocates the \$25,000 for the bid deposit.**

Councillor Hum expressed concern regarding the time constraints in relation to the bid process for this event.

Councillor Uteck suggested that HRM work with the area's universities moving forward when event planning, funding strategies and infrastructure planning regarding this event are discussed.

Councillor Rankin stated that the corporate sector and the Provincial Government have to be involved in the bid process and venue construction. He added that HRM has to work within public expectations. He stated that the construction of a stadium requires a business case and a feasibility study before moving forward.

Councillor Hendsbee suggested that HRM accept cash donations and issue tax receipts as a funding option. He added that public/private partnerships must be considered in preparation of this event.

Councillor Lund expressed concern regarding potential financial risks to the HRM regarding the event and the required infrastructure.

Mr. Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, advised Council that the bid timing has changed over the past 48 hours which has reduced the timeline for bid submissions. However, he added that staff are committed to work according to the request of Council.

Councillor Blumenthal added that HRM needs facilities and he added that this event would be a good opportunity to obtain infrastructure.

Mr. MacDonald clarified that the Canadian Soccer Association would be the body submitting the bid application and taking on the financial risk associated with the bid application. HRM is being requested to agree to be the host city for the Canadian Soccer Association bid, which implies an appropriate venue in which to host the event, and should the bid be successful, the commitment of \$250,000 in kind and \$2 million dollars in operational support for the event, as outlined in the presentation. Mr. MacDonald further clarified that both the in-kind and operating support commitments can come from HRM through a variety of sources including public funding, community sponsorship, the private sector or through corporate sponsorship.

Councillor Harvey raised concern that HRM is in budget discussions; however, Council is now considering facilities which would entail the use of capital and operating funds.

Mr. Anstey clarified that there could be a number of ownership and management models considered in the required facility. He stated that HRM does not necessarily have to own the facility.

Mr. Paul Dunphy, Director of Community Development, clarified to Council that Events Nova Scotia is prepared to allocate the \$25,000 required for the bid deposit.

**MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal, that the motion be amended to state that ' Events Nova Scotia allocate the \$25,000 for the bid deposit'. AMENDMENT TO MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The motion now reads:

**MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that Halifax Regional Council continue as a candidate city for the 2015 Women's World Cup and expedite public input and explorations for funding partners both private and public and that further Events Nova Scotia allocate the \$25,000 for the bid deposit.**

Deputy Mayor Smith suggested that the Province be contacted and be included in further discussions.

In response to a question by Councillor Uteck, Mr. MacDonald advised that there are eight countries vying for the event.

Councillor Sloane suggested that a trust fund be set up to accept donations for the 2015 Women's World Cup.

Councillor Hum requested that staff keep Council apprised of information as it comes forward.

In response to a question by Councillor Lund, Mr. MacDonald advised that December 24th is the deadline for the bid application to enable HRM to be eligible to host the event.

Councillor Streach entered the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Councillor Watts advised staff that public consultation should take place and that all stakeholders need to be included in discussions regarding a new stadium facility as those discussions move forward. She added that the planning must be as inclusive as possible in order to make an informed decision.

Councillor Outhit suggested that perhaps HRM could cooperate with Moncton on the hosting bid.

Councillor Fisher stated that the FIFA Women's Soccer event is an opportunity for HRM to obtain event/sporting infrastructure.

It is understood by Regional Council that subject to confirmation by HRM of the business case and commitment to an appropriate facility venue by March 1, 2011 the bid submission will provide Regional Council's commitment to the \$250,000 in kind and \$2 million operational support fee as a required part of the bid submission.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Cathy J. Mellett  
Municipal Clerk