

## HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 10:00 a.m.; Reconvene 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax

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REVISED – October 3, 2025 – 12:45 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 23, 2025
4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS
5. CONSENT AGENDA  
Motion:  
That Halifax Regional Council approve recommendations in the following items: 13.1.1, 15.3.1, 15.4.1.
6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES
7. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS
8. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION  
None
9. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION  
None
10. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS  
None
11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS  
None
12. PUBLIC HEARING  
6:00 p.m.
  - 12.1 PLPROJ-2024-01075: Dartmouth Cove Water Lots  
Motion:  
That Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, as set out in Attachments J and K of the staff report dated August 12, 2025, to restrict water lot development and infilling in Dartmouth Cove.
13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS
  - 13.1 Correspondence

**13.1.1 Fly-past Request - Halifax Grand Parade Remembrance Day Ceremony\***

**Motion:**

That the Halifax Regional Municipality grant permission to the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) to fly an aircraft over the Halifax Grand Parade flying from north to south, as per the enclosed diagram in the letter dated September 25, 2025, at a height of 500 feet above the highest obstacle on November 11, 2025, at 11:02 a.m.

**13.2 Petitions**

**14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD - September 23, 2025**

**14.1 Councillor Morse - Review of Halifax Transit Collisions**

**15. REPORTS**

**15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**15.1.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 1, Respecting the Procedures of the Council - Process to Respond to Audits from HRM Auditor General**

**Motion:**

That Halifax Regional Council adopt amendments to Administrative Order One, the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated August 22, 2025.

**15.1.2 Deed Transfer Tax Change Request**

**Motion:**

That Halifax Regional Council request the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to request the Province of Nova Scotia amend the Municipal Government Act to:

a) increase the maximum allowable deed transfer tax amount from 1.5 per cent to at least 2.5 per cent,

b) create a provision to allow for tiered rate amounts for deed transfer tax,

c) create a provision to allow for a luxury deed transfer tax rate for single-family residential properties at or over \$2,000,000 at an additional deed transfer tax amount of 1 per cent,

d) amend subclause 109(1)(c)(ii), which permits a deed transfer tax exemption allowance for nominal consideration transfers,

e) create a provision which states properties pay deed transfer tax calculated on the greater of market value from the most recent assessment received from PVSC or the property purchase price, and

f) add a new clause which explicitly treats the transfer of shares or beneficial interests in a corporation or partnership owning real estate as equivalent to purchasing the land itself, similar to language used by Ontario in section 3 of the Land Transfer Tax Act.

**15.1.3 Annual Workforce Report 2024-25**

**Motion:**

That Halifax Regional Council:

1. Amend its December 3, 2019 resolution to incorporate the Safe Workplace updates into the Annual Workforce Report rather than as a separate report on a semi-annual schedule; and

2. Adjust the reporting period for the Annual Workforce Report to reflect data from September 1st of one year to August 31st of the next year to provide more timely information to Council as part of the Budget process and that the report be submitted annually to Council in October.

**15.1.4 Updated Approach to Amending Planning Documents for Provincial Minimum Planning Requirements**

**Motion:**

That Halifax Regional Council:

1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to all planning documents, including the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, all Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-Laws, and the Regional Subdivision By-Law to ensure compliance with the provincial Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations; and

2. Follow Administrative Order 2023-002-ADM, the Public Participation Administrative Order, for the required public participation program, as outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated September 26, 2025.

**15.2 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE**

**15.2.1 Second Reading Proposed By-law C-1103, Amendments to By-law C-1100, the Campaign Finance By-law**

**Motion:**

That Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt By-law C-1103, amending By-law C-1100, the Campaign Financing By-law, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated July 10, 2025; and

2. Request that the Mayor write a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia requesting legislative changes to the Municipal Elections Act to regulate, or to allow municipalities the ability to regulate, third-party advertising in municipal election campaigns.

**15.3 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

**15.3.1 Spring Garden Road Transit Priority Corridor\***

**Motion:**

That Halifax Regional Council:

1. Not proceed with the implementation approach described in the staff report dated March 28, 2023 for a transit priority corridor pilot project along Spring Garden Road, between South Park Street and Queen Street; and

2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to continue to consider options for transit priority on Spring Garden Road as part of the broader planning for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) implementation.

**15.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**15.4.1 HRTG-2024-02793: Request to Include 1158 South Park Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality\***

**Motion:**

That Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of 1158 South Park Street, Halifax, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated August 14, 2025.

**15.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**15.5.1 Councillor Morse - Halifax Charter Change to Facilitate Construction Mitigation Fund**

**Motion:**

That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to write a letter to be signed by the Mayor requesting the Province of Nova Scotia enable HRM to establish a mitigation fund for small businesses impacted by necessary road construction projects of more than 90 days duration.

**15.5.2 Councillor Morse - Staff Report on Use of Ground Penetrating Radar in Advance of Road Construction**

**Motion:**

That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to return to Council with a staff report with options for funding the use of Ground Penetrating Radar in advance of major road reconstruction projects. The report should include which types of projects should require GPR and how costs could be shared between HRM, Halifax Water, NSP and other utilities.

**16. MOTIONS**

**17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

*Council may rise and go into a private In Camera session, in accordance with Section 19 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, for the purpose of dealing with the following:*

**17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes - September 23, 2025**

**Motion:**

That the In Camera (In Private) minutes of September 23, 2025 be approved as circulated.

**17.2 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report**

*A matter pertaining to an identifiable individual or group, including Code of Conduct complaints against Elected Officials.*

**Motion:**

That Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated September 29, 2025; and

2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated September 29, 2025 be maintained private and confidential.

**17.3 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

*A matter pertaining to any subject, the discussion of which could, violate the confidentiality of information obtained from another body of government, or a public body.*

**Motion:**

That Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated October 1, 2025; and

2. Release the private and confidential report dated October 1, 2025 to the public once the conditions as outlined in the report have been met.

**18. ADDED ITEMS**

**19. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

**21. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 21.1 Proclamation - Treat Accessibly Preparation Day - October 16, 2025
- 21.2 Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer dated September 22, 2025 re: Award of Contracts – Quarterly Report April 2025 to June 2025
- 21.3 Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer dated September 16, 2025 re: Status of Dangerous or Unsightly Orders Report January - June 2025
- 21.4 Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated September 29, 2025 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None
- 21.5 Proclamation - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 30, 2025
- 21.6 Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer dated September 24, 2025 re: HRM Statement Response to Independent Civilian Review
- 21.7 Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer dated September 29, 2025 re: Africville Visioning Report

**22. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 22.1 Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report re: Property Matter