



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING**

December 13, 2017

PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Wayne Mason
Councillors: Steve Streach
David Hendsbee
Bill Karsten
Lorelei Nicoll
Sam Austin
Tony Mancini
Lindell Smith
Shawn Cleary
Russell Walker
Stephen Adams
Richard Zurawski
Matt Whitman
Lisa Blackburn
Steve Craig
Tim Outhit

STAFF:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 12:16 p.m. and adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. in Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

3. Ratification of Motion from Budget Committee – Fiscal Direction

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 5, 2017

The following motion was approved in public session:

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT Halifax Regional Council recommend that staff revise the 2018-2019 Budget according to Council's approved priorities, and preliminary fiscal direction, including:

- maintaining the appropriate level of existing services with the addition of the new services previously approved by Council;
- a stable capital budget that maintains state of good repair while also funding growth related issues and service improvements;
- a responsible and declining debt position;
- appropriate reserve balances that allow for risk mitigation, future obligations and opportunities;
- alignment of the current average tax bill for residential homes and commercial properties at a 1.9% increase, and that

Regional Council approve the “Advanced Tender Project List” in Appendix A of the Budget Committee report dated December 5, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk