



**BUDGET COMMITTEE  
(STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BUDGET)  
MINUTES  
January 17, 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor Bill Karsten, Chair  
Mayor Mike Savage  
Deputy Mayor Wayne Mason  
Councillors: Steve Streach  
David Hendsbee  
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: Jerry Blackwood, Acting Director of Finance & Asset Management/CFO  
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor  
Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant  
Sharon Chase, Legislative Assistant  
David Perusse, Legislative Assistant

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Karsten, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall, Halifax.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – NONE

## 3. PARKS AND RECREATION

The following was before Budget Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 3, 2018 with attached Parks and Recreation Business Unit 2018/19 Multi-year Budget and Business Plan presentation
- Correspondence from Karen Robinson and Bruce Sarty
- A handout entitled Budget Adjustment List Summary – January 17, 2018

Councillor Karsten called for members of the public to address Budget Committee on the budget presentations from Parks, Recreation and Communities, Halifax Public Libraries, and Planning and Development.

**Viola Caine**, of North Preston, provided commentary with respect to recreation programming for young teenagers in the community of North Preston. Caine advised that the Halifax Regional Council should consider expanding the hours of operation of the North Preston Recreation Centre to 10:00 p.m. to provide youth in the area evening recreation options.

**Evangeline Downey**, of North Preston provided commentary with respect to By-Law Enforcement for Dangerous and Unsightly properties in the North Preston area. Downey reiterated points raised by the previous speaker regarding the need for longer recreation hours for the youth in North Preston.

**Vivian Caine**, of North Preston provided commentary on a North Preston community group named Women with a Vision that provides community support and assistance to children and seniors. Caine highlighted the need for storage space for costumes and equipment related to the North Preston parade. Caine also advised of the need for playground equipment on Downey and Simmonds Road, in the community of North Preston.

Councillor Karsten called three times for further speakers. There were no speakers present.

The Standing Committee of the Whole on Budget convened to Regional Council at 9:40 a.m.

The Standing Committee of the Whole on Budget reconvened at 2:03 p.m.

Brad Anguish, Director of Parks, Recreation and Communities provided a presentation with respect to the Parks and Recreation Business Unit 2018/19 Multi-year Budget and Business Plan.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

**THAT Budget Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to proceed to prepare the 2018/2019 Multi-year Parks and Recreation Business Unit Budget and Business Plan, as proposed in the accompanying presentation and consistent with the preliminary fiscal direction.**

The Committee discussed the Parks and Recreation budget with staff responding to questions regarding: recreational trails, ice time fees, consistent setting of fees, funding options for the YMCA, Arts Halifax grant requests, and community fund raising efforts for capital projects.

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

**THAT Budget Committee direct a \$65,000 increase to the Parks and Recreation budget for the Sackville Youth Centre pilot program be added to the Parking Lot for future consideration in the 2018/2019 Budget.**

**MOTION TO ADD TO THE PARKING LOT PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Whitman

**THAT Budget Committee direct a \$250,000 increase to the Parks and Recreation budget dedicated to recreational trails be added to the Parking Lot for future consideration in the 2018/2019 Budget.**

**MOTION TO ADD TO THE PARKING LOT PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Mancini

**THAT Budget Committee direct a \$300,000 increase to the Parks and Recreation budget for recreation fee adjustments on ice fees be added to the Parking Lot for future consideration in the 2018/2019 Budget.**

**MOTION TO ADD TO THE PARKING LOT PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Streach

**THAT Budget Committee direct a \$40,000 increase to the Parks and Recreation budget for the maintenance of a second Municipal float be added to the Parking Lot for future consideration in the 2018/2019 Budget.**

**MOTION TO ADD TO THE PARKING LOT PUT AND PASSED.**

**MAIN MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The Committee agreed to complete the Parks and Recreation presentation and discussion and defer the remaining agenda items to Friday January 19, 2018.

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon  
Municipal Clerk