



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
April 9, 2020**

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Sherryl Murphy, A/Municipal Clerk
Kelly Denty, Director of Planning and Development
Denise Schofield, Director of Parks and Recreation

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The special meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. at 1:55 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for item 7.1.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

6.2 Petitions – NONE

7. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

7.1.1 QEII Redevelopment Project and Associated HRM Property Transactions

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 3, 2020
- Correspondence from Friends of the Halifax Common, Joanne Light and Beverly Miller Images displayed by Councillor Austin

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Negotiate and enter into an Encroachment Agreement for an elevated pedway across Summer Street, based on the key terms and conditions set out in Table 1 of the staff report dated April 3, 2020; and**
- 2. Grant an easement upon municipal parkland between the lands of the provincial Nova Scotia Museum and Bell Road, as outlined and identified in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated April 3, 2020, subject to the acceptance of a traffic assessment, and other studies as may be required, by the Municipal Engineer, and the retention of the functionality of municipal parkland as outlined in the staff report dated April 3, 2020.**

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview of the QEII Redevelopment Project and Associated HRM Property Transactions as outlined in the April 3, 2020 staff report.

In response to questions from Council, Dubé noted that the existing parking lot located at the east of the property will remain in place for the time being. Dubé advised that discussions with the province are ongoing regarding the future use of this land as the redevelopment project progresses.

With respect to traffic flow, pedestrian and active transportation safety, Kelly Denty, Director of Planning and Development advised that the Municipal Land-use regulations do not apply to provincial land. However, Denty advised that staff are anticipating a high-quality design in terms of traffic flow, active transportation and pedestrian safety.

Council discussed the importance of continued cooperation with the Province to ensure a high-quality design of the QEII redevelopment that is in keeping with established urban design principals.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. IN CAMERA – NONE

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 Councillor Hendsbee

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular meeting of Regional Council, to be held on April 14, 2020, I will introduce a motion to request a staff report to review the definition of municipal parkland with consideration that stand-alone boat launch facility structures throughout the Municipality not be deemed parkland as per By-Law P-600 – Respecting Parks.

9.2 Councillor Whitman

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next Halifax Regional Council meeting, to be held on April, the 14th day of 2020, I propose to request that Halifax Regional Council acknowledge our support for all HRM staff and thank them for their unwavering service in these difficult times.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy
A/Municipal Clerk