



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
July 7, 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  
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant  
Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant  
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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*The special meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m., and recessed at 12:15 p.m. Council reconvened in at 1:15 p.m. Council recessed at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened at 3:25 p.m. Council recessed again at 5:23 p.m. and Council reconvened at 6:04 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 7:40 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m. Council adjourned at 8:11 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed Senator Dr. Wanda Thomas Bernard and Wendy Luther of the Halifax Partnership.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 23, 2020**

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the minutes of June 23, 2020 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Deputy Mayor Blackburn requested that the presentation items 9.3.1 and 9.3.2 be dealt with before item no. 6 and that Item 9.3.2 to be dealt with before item 9.3.1.

Councillor Cleary deferred item 10.1 Councillor Cleary Procedure for Appointment of Traffic Authority to the next meeting of Council.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Russell

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

Two-third majority vote required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Council agreed to remove items 11.1.2 and 11.1.5 from the consent agenda.

## **5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

## **6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – December 11, 2018 and April 14, 2020 6.1 YMCA – Request to Amend Contribution Agreement**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 2, 2020
- An extract from Regional Council minutes of December 11, 2018

Notice of Motion of rescission was given June 23, 2020.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Karsten

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

1. Rescind the Contribution Agreement terms and conditions outlined in Table 1 of the staff report dated June 18, 2018 and incorporated by reference in part 2 of the motion passed for item 14.2.3 from the December 11, 2018 meeting of Halifax Regional Council; and
2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate, enter into and execute the Contribution Agreement on behalf of the Municipality with the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth based on the terms and conditions outlined in Table A of the staff report dated June 2, 2020.

Two-third majority vote required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6.2 Councillor Austin - Rescission of Council Motion 8.2.4, April 14, 2020 Sidewalk Patio Placement**

The following was before Council:

- A request for consideration form submitted by Councillor Austin
- An extract from special Regional Council minutes of April 14, 2020

Notice of Motion of rescission was given June 23, 2020.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT Halifax Regional Council rescind its motion of April 14, 2020 requesting a staff report on sidewalk patio placement.**

Two-third majority vote required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**8. VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 P.M.**

**8.1 Case 21916 - Amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law and Development Agreement for a 12-storey mixed-use development at 3514 Joseph Howe Drive, Halifax (Joint Public Hearing with Halifax and West Community Council)**

The following was before Council:

- A Halifax and West Community Council report dated March 12, 2020 with attached staff recommendation report dated February 12, 2020
- An extract from the special Regional Council Minutes from April 14, 2020
- A staff presentation dated July 7, 2020
- An applicant presentation dated July 7, 2020
- Correspondence from Scott Appleby and Grishma Chokshi

Paul Sampson, Planner II, gave an overview of the proposed development and amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law and Development Agreement for a 12-storey mixed-use development at 3514 Joseph Howe Drive, Halifax. The proposed development seeks to develop a mixed-use development with high-rise buildings above 25.5 meters. The proposed development agreement would also permit limited second-floor commercial development and a building capable of providing drive-through commercial services.

Regarding the height of other buildings located near the proposed development, Sampson stated that though they are unable to confirm the height they understand that several other buildings are about 12 or 13 stories in height. Regarding the elevation change, staff noted that a slight increase in slope from

Joseph Howe Drive into the subject site contributed to difficulties for the applicant to design for a 12-story building under 25.5 meters.

Responding to questions from Councillors regarding affordable units in the development, staff noted that as this development is proposed in an area outside of the Centre Plan there are no requirements under the applicable Municipal Planning Strategy to require affordable units. For this reason, staff did not proceed to engage the applicant in a discussion regarding affordable units. Regarding the façade and concerns that there is a large building massing, Paul Sampson stated there are several requirements under the Land-Use By-law and Municipal Planning Strategy which limit the ability to reduce the size of the façade. The developer has proposed the use of a randomized pattern as well as recesses and projections to break up the façade, but another alternative could involve segmented buildings. Paul Sampson stated that the proposed landscaping mostly concerns a rooftop amenity space accessible to tenants and guests.

Mayor Savage invited the applicant to come forward and address Council.

Keith Tufts, Principal for Lydon Lynch Architects, on behalf of the applicant, gave a presentation of the proposed development. Keith Tufts noted that the proposed design includes a randomized pattern on the floating residential façade in order to break up the building massing. The proposed development would provide 324 residential units.

Mayor Savage reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings and opened the public hearing. There were no registered speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the public hearing be closed.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Karsten

**THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law, as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated February 12, 2020, to enable streetwall heights of up to 5 storeys and overall building heights of up to 12 storeys within 'Area A' of the Plan Dutch Village Road Area by development agreement.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Mason

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

### **9.1 Correspondence**

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items: 9.3.2, 11.1.8, 11.1.11 and 12.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

### **9.2 Petitions**

#### **9.2.1 Councillor Hendsbee**

Councillor Hendsbee submitted a petition containing 16,502 signatures from residents calling for change in areas that negatively impact the community of East Preston, Nova Scotia.

#### **9.2.2 Councillor Cleary**

Councillor Cleary submitted a petition containing 158 signatures from Westmount residents opposed to HRM changes to Secondary Suites and Backyard Suites (Item 11.1.11 - Case 21162).

### **9.3 Presentations**

#### **9.3.1 Halifax Partnership – Update COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan**

The following was before Council:

- A presentation entitled: Update COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer and Wendy Luther, President and CEO of Halifax Partnership provided an update of the Halifax Partnership and HRM activities in the COVID-19 Economic Response and Recovery Plan. Luther stated that HRM has moved to phase III of the plan – stabilization and detailed the work performed by the Halifax Partnership as phase III begins.

Dubé highlighted the measures used by HRM to respond to COVID-19 and the reopening of the economy. Halifax Transit is increasing service levels. Planning and Development and Parks and Recreation are adjusting to provide services to HRM citizens. Return to work plans are being finalized for HRM business units. The Mayor and Dubé are working with the provincial and federal governments for stimulus funding for the municipality to respond to economic challenges.

#### **9.3.2 Anti-Black Racism**

The following was before Council:

- A presentation entitled: Unpacking Anti-Black Racism in the HRM: Creating Sustainable Change for Our Community
- Correspondence from Veronica Post, representing the Spryfield Community Association

Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion introduced Senator Dr. Wanda Thomas Bernard to make a presentation regarding anti-Black racism in the HRM. Thomas Bernard stated that the historical legacy of anti-Black racism is kept alive through existing policies and practices via systemic racism and micro-aggressions. History must inform decision-making and policy making in the future. Racism-related stress is a form of post-traumatic stress disorder and severely impacts the daily lives of African Nova Scotians. HRM needs to be aware of racism and its various impacts. The United Nations with its International Decade for People of African Descent developed a framework for countries to address barriers and challenges faced by people of African Descent with three pillars; recognition of the trauma of racism, justice and development. Community development should respond to the needs voiced by the community and include consultation. Thomas Bernard encouraged HRM to sign on to the International Decade for People of African Descent. Thomas Bernard emphasized three take away messages for Council to consider; how will they use their privilege to lead change, how will they integrate an anti-Black racism lens into their work and how will they help the Black Lives Matter moment become a movement for change.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer indicated that staff will bring forward a resolution at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council for HRM to sign on to the International Decade for People of African Descent.

Thomas Bernard answered Council questions and provided guidance regarding how to make the cultural shift in how policing is performed in HRM, about how to mentor young African Nova Scotians to become involved in civic politics and stated that the need for reparations is part of recognition. Thomas Bernard discussed how All Lives Matter dismisses the reality, trauma and the need being spoken by people in the Black Lives Matter movement. Thomas Bernard encouraged Council to use an anti-Black racism lens when creating policies for community development and the provision of services and engage the communities involved when decisions are made.

## 10. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – June 23, 2020

### 10.1 Councillor Cleary Procedure for Appointment of Traffic Authority

The following was before Council:

- A staff information report dated May 12, 2020

This matter was deferred to the next meeting of Council during the approval of the Order of Business.

## 11. REPORTS

### 11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

#### 11.1.1 Rural Transit Funding Program 2020/2021

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 8, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Streach

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

**a) suspend the rules of procedure under the HRM Grants Committee Terms of Reference and, as applicable to the HRM Grants Committee, under Schedule 2, the Audit and Finance Standing Committee Terms of Reference, of Administrative Order One, the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order; and**

**b) approve the following grants pursuant to the Rural Transit Grants Administrative Order, for the 2020/21 fiscal year:**

**1) Lump Sum Grants**

**a. BayRides - \$10,000**

**b. Chebucto Community Transportation Service - \$5,000**

**c. East Hants Community Rider - \$10,000**

**d. MusGo Rider Cooperative (Musquodoboit Harbour) - \$10,000**

**e. MusGo Rider Cooperative (Valley-Sheet Harbour) - \$10,000**

**2) Flat Rate Grant of \$0.50 per in-service kilometer up to a program maximum of \$425,000 to:**

**a. BayRides**

**b. Chebucto Community Transportation Service**

**c. East Hants Community Rider**

**d. MusGo Rider Cooperative (Musquodoboit Harbour)**

**e. MusGo Rider Cooperative (Valley-Sheet Harbour)**

Two-third majority vote required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### 11.1.2 Amendment to Canada Games Centre Society (Halifax) Management Agreement

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 1, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

**1. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and enter into an Agreement to Amend the Management Agreement with the Canada Games Centre Society, based on the key terms and conditions set out in Table 1 of the staff report dated June 1, 2020; and**

**2. Approve the expenditure of accumulated surplus funds by the Canada Games Centre Society for the operation of the Canada Games Centre, subject to the terms and conditions of the Management Agreement, as amended.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.1.3 Proposed Administrative Order 2020-004-ADM, Procurement Administrative Order and Proposed Administrative Order 2020-003-ADM, Surplus Assets Administrative Order - New Procurement Policy and Disposal of Surplus Assets Policy**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 30, 2020
- A staff presentation entitled: Procurement Policy, Proposed Amendments – Procurement Policy Administrative Order 2020-004-ADM

Jane Pryor, Manager of Procurement gave an overview of the changes to the Procurement Policy which align with the international treaties: Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement and Canadian Free Trade Agreement. The Policy focuses on authority, trade agreements and legislation, includes social procurement criteria, and will enable more efficient procurement strategies.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Smith

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Repeal Administrative Order 2016-005-ADM – the Procurement Policy;**
- 2. Adopt Administrative Order 2020-004-ADM, Procurement Administrative Order as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated March 30, 2020 to establish a new Procurement Policy for the Municipality; and**
- 3. Adopt Administrative Order 2020-003-ADM, Surplus Assets Administrative Order as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated March 30, 2020 to establish a new Surplus Assets Policy for the Municipality.**

During the discussion a friendly amendment was proposed for paragraph 11(b) to change “establishing and maintaining” to “*establishing, maintaining, and publishing*,” which the mover and seconder supported.

The motion before Council now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Smith

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Repeal Administrative Order 2016-005-ADM – the Procurement Policy;**
- 2. Adopt Administrative Order 2020-004-ADM, Procurement Administrative Order as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated March 30, 2020 to establish a new Procurement Policy for the Municipality, with an amendment to paragraph 11(b), to change “establishing and maintaining” to “*establishing, maintaining, and publishing*”; and**
- 3. Adopt Administrative Order 2020-003-ADM, Surplus Assets Administrative Order as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated March 30, 2020 to establish a new Surplus Assets Policy for the Municipality.**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

**THAT the motion be amended to request a supplementary report that develops general criteria for what are appropriate situations for applying social procurement and to define or quantify what is a “fair wage” that would be considered.**

In response to a question raised, staff confirmed they would combine the supplementary report request with their report coming back to Halifax Regional Council in the Fall 2020 respecting scoring options for social economic benefit, living wage, and environmental impact.

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT Halifax Regional Council defer the decision for Administrative Order 2020-004-ADM - Procurement Policy and request that the CAO direct staff to prepare a supplementary staff report that will amend section 21, and all other applicable sections within administrative order 2020-004-ADM to allow Social Value evaluation and report back to Council, with the purpose of having all procurement opportunities with an estimated value of \$10,000 or more to be assessed with "Social Value".**

In consultation, and with clarification from legal staff, the **MOTION TO DEFER WAS WITHDRAWN.**

The motion before Council reads:

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Smith

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Repeal Administrative Order 2016-005-ADM – the Procurement Policy;**
- 2. Adopt Administrative Order 2020-004-ADM, Procurement Administrative Order as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated March 30, 2020 to establish a new Procurement Policy for the Municipality, with an amendment to paragraph 11(b), to change establishing and maintaining to establishing, maintaining, and publishing;**
- 3. Adopt Administrative Order 2020-003-ADM, Surplus Assets Administrative Order as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated March 30, 2020 to establish a new Surplus Assets Policy for the Municipality; and**
- 4. Request a supplementary report that develops general criteria for what are appropriate situations for applying social procurement and to define or quantify what is a "fair wage" that would be considered.**

**MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.** (16 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Russell, Outhit

Against: Councillor Whitman

**11.1.4 First Reading Proposed By-law C-503, an Amendment to By-law C-501, Respecting Vending on Municipal Lands and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permits and Processing Fees**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 5, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

**THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law C-503, the purpose of which is to amend By-law C-501, the Vending on Municipal Lands By-law, to add new Vending locations to Part A, Part C, and Part D of Schedule B as set out in Attachment C to the staff report dated March 5, 2020.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**



### **11.1.5 Authorization to Borrow up to \$130M from Municipal Finance Corporation**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 8, 2020

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve a Temporary Borrowing Resolution for an amount not to exceed \$130,000,000 from Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation (MFC), for a term not to exceed five years and an interest rate not to exceed 1.3%, to assist with liquidity resulting from COVID-19.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (16 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Russell, Outhit

Against: Councillor Whitman

### **11.1.6 Youth Engagement Report 2020**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 7, 2020
- A presentation entitled: Youth Engagement Report Update from April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020.

Becca Bishop, Community Developer gave an update on the Youth Engagement Report from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, and the three (3) year Youth Services Plan created for youth by youth, due to be completed in 2020. A report on the pilot project will be coming to Halifax Regional Council in Fall 2020.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Russell

**THAT Halifax Regional Council suspends the rules of procedure under Schedule 3, the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee Terms of Reference, of Administrative Order One, the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order to accept the annual Youth Engagement update.**

Two-third majority vote required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **11.1.7 HRM Community Grants Program Fiscal Year 2020 - Recommended Awards**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 23, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Karsten

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Suspend the Rules of Procedures under Administrative Order One the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order under Schedule 2 the Audit and Finance Standing Committee Terms of Reference; and**
- 2. Approve forty-one (41) awards as detailed in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated June 23, 2020, for a combined total of \$370,804 from Operating Account M311-8004 Community Grants.**

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Walker

**THAT Halifax Regional Council refer #71 Sheet Harbour Chamber of Commerce application back to staff for reconsideration and supplementary report.**

**MOTION TO REFER PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

**THAT Halifax Regional Council refer #65 Dartmouth Dragon Boat application back to staff for reconsideration and supplementary report.**

**MOTION TO REFER PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MAIN MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **11.1.8 Infrastructure Funding Application - Active Transportation Enhancements – Mineville Road**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 10, 2020
- Correspondence from Beth Ardron, Bruce Mitton, Cheryl Smith, Robert Bethune, Darrell Blenus, Dollard and Beverley Boisjoli, Tim, Erica, Oliver and Winston Brooks, Marie-Claude Chartrain, Nicole Chorney, Elaine Duffy, David, Emily, Lily, and Susan Gallant, Rick Giffin, Judy Hamilton, Ross and Christa Higgins, Donna Horne, Fadi Jreije, Jackie Leadbetter, Grant MacDonald, Keli Marshall, Mark Martell, Sam Mattie, Cheryl and Joe Mattie, Gerry McDonald, Rudy Paschke & Deborah West, Anne Peralta, Margaret Pottier, Al Pottier, Andrew and Bobbie Watson, Rhodri Armour, Nathaniel Bowlby, Claudette Colley, Wade Juneke and Jana Sawynok, Chrystal Kennedy, Alisha Mattatall, Cristina Sidhu, Taran Sidhu, Jeff Bonang, Erica Doucet, Alisha Doucet, Jeff Hawes, Hillary Hawes, Sue Ann Hawes, Gayle and Mike Hawker, Doug Miles, Carla Morse, Katherine Hughes and Terry van der Rijt, and Bobby Taylor

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to submit an application for infrastructure funding to the Province of Nova Scotia for a minimum two-thirds funding contribution toward two active transportation projects: 1) trail facilities in East Preston along Trunk Highway No. 7; and, 2) the paving of gravel shoulders on Mineville Road between Trunk Highway No. 7 and Candy Mountain Road, as outlined in the Discussion section of the staff report dated June 10, 2020.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Streach

#### **11.1.9 Encroachment of an Overhead Deck at 1505 Barrington St., Halifax**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 23, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Karsten

**THAT Halifax Regional Council deny the application for an encroachment for a portion of an overhead deck that is proposed to be constructed over the Salter Street right-of-way at 1505 Barrington Street, Halifax. The location of the proposed overhead deck encroachment is shown on Map 1, Attachment A, and Attachment B of the staff report dated June 23, 2020.**

Councillor Mason spoke against the motion, explaining that although the by-law does not permit staff to recommend approving the encroachment, the overhead deck would have minimal impact and increase activity for the area.

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Streach

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Karsten

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the encroachment application as per the terms and conditions as set out in the alternative section of the staff report dated June 23, 2020.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Streach

**11.1.10 Encroachment of a Rooftop Deck at 1732 Argyle St., Halifax**

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 23, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor

**THAT Halifax Regional Council deny the application for an encroachment of a deck that is proposed to be constructed from the roof of the three-storey building over the HRM street right-of-way at 1732 Argyle Street, Halifax. The location of the proposed rooftop deck encroachment is shown in Map 1, Attachment A, and Attachment B of the staff report dated June 23, 2020.**

Members of Council spoke in support of denying the application, suggested the encroachment of the deck would have significant impact on the street and create a shadow over the sidewalk.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 4 against)**

In favour: Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Russell

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Whitman, Outhit

**11.1.11 Case 21162 - Secondary Suites and Backyard Suites - Supplementary Report**

The following was before Council:

- A supplementary staff recommendation report dated June 2, 2020
- An extract from Regional Council minutes of January 28, 2020
- Correspondence from Ted Vaughan and Ed MacLean on behalf of 154 residents of Westmount Subdivision

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Karsten

**THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and all land use by-laws, with the exception of the Regional Centre Land Use By-law (Package A), as set out in Attachments A and B of the supplementary staff report dated June 2, 2020, to allow secondary suites and backyard suites accessory to single-unit, two-unit or townhouse dwellings, and schedule a public hearing.**

Members of Council expressed concern with holding such a high-profile public hearing virtually. Staff explained that if first reading was given, the logistics and public hearing date could be discussed at Council's agenda review.

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor confirmed that pursuant to the current Provincial direction, municipalities are restricted from holding any in-person meetings until further notice.

Jillian MacLellan, Planner III, confirmed that there are proposed planning policies which would prevent a property with a secondary suite from subdividing and seeking to add additional subdivisions.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Mason

**12. MOTIONS**

**12.1 Councillor Zurawski - Day of Peace – 2020 and support for the abolishment of nuclear weapons**

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council's consideration form submitted by Councillor Zurawski
- Correspondence from Nancy Covington and Kathrin Winkler

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Declare August 6, 2020 a Day of Peace, and support the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Appeal for the banning of all nuclear weapons;**
- 2. Direct that the City Hall Carillon be rung 75 times as "Bells for Peace" at noon on August 6, to commemorate the tragic 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing of the Japanese cities of Nagasaki and Hiroshima by the United States of America;**
- 3. Allow the creation of removable chalk outlines on the Grand Parade to commemorate the tens of thousands who were killed in the first and only deployment of nuclear weapons in war, and that Grand Parade be a place of gathering in responsible social distanced silence; and**
- 4. Request the Mayor on behalf of Council write a letter to the Federal Government in support of the abolishment of nuclear weapons.**

The motion was separated for voting purposes as per Section 90 of Administrative Order One.

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Declare August 6, 2020 a Day of Peace, and support the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Appeal for the banning of all nuclear weapons;**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (13 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Russell, Outhit

Against: Councillor Karsten

Not present: Councillors Mason, Smith, Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

**2. Direct that the City Hall Carillon be rung 75 times as “Bells for Peace” at noon on August 6, to commemorate the tragic 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing of the Japanese cities of Nagasaki and Hiroshima by the United States of America;**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Mason, Smith, Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

**3. Allow the creation of removable chalk outlines on the Grand Parade to commemorate the tens of thousands who were killed in the first and only deployment of nuclear weapons in war, and that Grand Parade be a place of gathering in responsible social distanced silence;**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (13 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Walker, Zurawski, Whitman, Russell, Outhit

Against: Councillor Adams

Not present: Councillors Mason, Smith, Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

**4. Request the Mayor on behalf of Council write a letter to the Federal Government in support of the abolishment of nuclear weapons.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (9 in favour, 5 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Nicoll, Austin, Zurawski, Russell, Outhit

Against: Councillor Karsten, Mancini, Walker, Adams, Whitman

Not present: Councillors Mason, Smith, Cleary

Deputy Mayor Blackburn assumed the Chair from Mayor Savage.

## **12.2 Councillor Zurawski - HRM Participation in COP26 conference in Glasgow, Scotland in 2021**

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council's consideration form submitted by Councillor Zurawski

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Mancini

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report examining the process to register the Halifax Regional Municipality as a participant for the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) COP 26 (Conference of Parties) which was to be held in Glasgow, Scotland in November 2020, but has been postponed, because of the COVID Crisis until November 2021. The staff report shall include a recommendation of what is the most appropriate level of participation at COP26, the number of delegates (staff and Council) to be sent, the associated costs, and participation with other levels of government and NGOs attending.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Mason, Smith, Cleary

**13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

**13.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – Special Regional Council April 2, 14 and 28, 2020 and Special Budget Committee May 20 and June 9, 2020**

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll seconded by Councillor Walker

**THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of Special Regional Council April 2, 14 and 28, 2020 and Special Budget Committee May 20 and June 9, 2020 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Mason, Smith, Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Russell

**THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 13.2 PROPERTY MATTER.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.2 PROPERTY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report – Information Item Brought Forward from June 23, 2020**

A matter pertaining to providing instruction and direction to officers and employees of the Municipality pertaining to the acquisition / sale of land.

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private). No further action taken.

**14. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**14.1 Councillor Austin (on behalf of Councillor Mason)**

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on July 21, 2020, I propose to move First Reading of proposed By-law D-500, Respecting District Energy, the purpose of which is to establish and operate the District Energy System located within the Cogswell District Energy Boundary, among other criteria outlining the District Energy System service area, service connection criteria and authority for enforcement.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Sherryll Murphy  
A/Municipal Clerk