



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
November 23, 2021**

PRESENT:

Mayor	Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor	Pam Lovelace
Councillors:	Cathy Deagle Gammon
	David Hendsbee
	Becky Kent
	Trish Purdy
	Sam Austin
	Tony Mancini
	Waye Mason
	Lindell Smith
	Shawn Cleary
	Kathryn Morse
	Patty Cuttell
	Iona Stoddard
	Lisa Blackburn
	Paul Russell
	Tim Outhit

STAFF:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer  
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor  
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk  
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant  
Haruka Aoyama, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m., and recessed at 3:05 p.m. Council reconvened in at 3:22 p.m. Council recessed at 5:01 p.m. and reconvened at 6:02 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 7:03 p.m. and reconvened at 7:59 p.m. Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and paused for a moment of reflection.

### **SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Mayor Savage thanked Deputy Mayor Tim Outhit for serving Halifax Regional Municipality as Deputy Mayor over the past year.

Mayor Savage opened the floor for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Austin

**THAT Councillor Lovelace be nominated as Deputy Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality.**

Councillor Lovelace accepted the nomination.

Mayor Savage called three times for further nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor; there were none.

Nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor were closed.

MOVED by Mayor Savage, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT Councillor Lovelace be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Hendsbee

## **2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Councillors noted special community announcements and acknowledgements.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Committee of the Whole September 14, 2021 and Regional Council November 9, 2021**

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT the minutes of the September 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole and November 9, 2021 Regional Council be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Additions: None

Deletions: None

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Russell requested that Information Item 5 be brought forward to December 7, 2021 meeting of Regional Council.

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, Councillor Hendsbee requested that Information Item 4 be brought forward to December 7, 2021 meeting of Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Smith

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve recommendations in the following items: 15.1.1, 15.1.2, 15.3.1, 15.5.1 and 15.6.1**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Smith

As provided for in section 61 (2) of Administrative Order One, a motion of reconsideration was put forward by Councillor Morse for item 15.1.2.

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT Item 15.1.2 be reconsidered.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not Present: Councillor Smith

Item 15.1.2 was discussed later in the meeting.

## **6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

## **7. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE**

## **8. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**

## **9. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**

## **10. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

### **10.1 Options for Increased Municipal Support and Partnerships for Provincial Housing Program Delivery**

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 1, 2021
- Staff presentation dated November 23, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Support a comprehensive update of the HRM housing needs assessment to be undertaken every 5 years, as further outlined in the staff report dated November 1, 2021.**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to develop an Affordable Housing Strategy that will include:**
  - a. A review of the effectiveness of existing programs; and**
  - b. An implementation framework to broaden municipal support for affordable housing including identifying specific actions, monitoring tools and additional resources or amendments to the HRM Charter if required.**
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a report exploring municipal housing organization models, as further outlined in the staff report dated November 1, 2021, including an overview of financial implications, legal authorities, best practices and the scope for implementation.**
- 4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into discussions with the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding actions outlined in the Ministerial Mandate Letter dated September 14, 2021.**

Jill MacLellan, Principal Planner, Regional Planning, and Scott Sheffield, Government Relations and External Affairs, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Mayor Savage stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Mayor Lovelace assumed the Chair at 1:46 p.m.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Mayor Savage resumed the Chair at 2:06 p.m.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council and noted that the motion is intended to provide staff with the direction to begin conversations with the Government of Nova Scotia regarding housing.

Mayor Savage stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Mayor Lovelace assumed the Chair at 2:46 p.m.

Mayor Savage resumed the Chair at 2:51 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Austin

**THAT the motion be amended to include new section 5 which reads as follows:**

- 5. Regional Council direct the CAO and Mayor enter into a dialogue with the Province of Nova Scotia to determine Provincial interest in exploring transferring some or all housing responsibility to the HRM while recognizing that any funding formula must protect HRM's financial position and tax rate and report back to Council.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (9 in favour, 7 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Austin, Mason, Cleary, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard, Blackburn,

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Mancini, Russell, Outhit

Not present: Councillor Smith

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Support a comprehensive update of the HRM housing needs assessment to be undertaken every 5 years, as further outlined in the staff report dated November 1, 2021.**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to develop an Affordable Housing Strategy that will include:**
  - a. A review of the effectiveness of existing programs; and**
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- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a report exploring municipal housing organization models, as further outlined in the staff report dated November 1, 2021, including an overview of financial implications, legal authorities, best practices and the scope for implementation.**
- 4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into discussions with the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding actions outlined in the Ministerial Mandate Letter dated September 14, 2021.**
- 5. Regional Council direct the CAO and Mayor enter into a dialogue with the Province of Nova Scotia to determine Provincial interest in exploring transferring some or all housing responsibility to the HRM while recognizing that any funding formula must protect HRM's financial position and tax rate and report back to Council.**

As provided for in section 90 of Administrative Order One the motion was separated for voting purposes.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Support a comprehensive update of the HRM housing needs assessment to be undertaken every 5 years, as further outlined in the staff report dated November 1, 2021.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Smith

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

2. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to develop an Affordable Housing Strategy that will include:**
  - a. **A review of the effectiveness of existing programs; and**
  - b. **An implementation framework to broaden municipal support for affordable housing including identifying specific actions, monitoring tools and additional resources or amendments to the HRM Charter if required.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (14 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard, Blackburn, Outhit

Against: Councillors Purdy, Russell

Not present: Councillor Smith

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

3. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a report exploring municipal housing organization models, as further outlined in the staff report dated November 1, 2021, including an overview of financial implications, legal authorities, best practices and the scope for implementation.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (11 in favour, 5 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttell, Blackburn, Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Kent, Stoddard, Russell

Not present: Councillor Smith

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

4. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into discussions with the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding actions outlined in the Ministerial Mandate Letter dated September 14, 2021.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (14 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard, Russell,

Against: Councillors Blackburn, Outhit

Not present: Councillor Smith

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 5. Regional Council direct the CAO and Mayor enter into a dialogue with the Province of Nova Scotia to determine Provincial interest in exploring transferring some or all housing responsibility to the HRM while recognizing that any funding formula must protect HRM's financial position and tax rate and report back to Council.**

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.** (7 in favour, 9 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Austin, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Mancini, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Not present: Councillor Smith

## **11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE**

## **12. HEARINGS**

### **12.1 HERITAGE HEARING - Case H00509 - Request to Include 173 Crichton Avenue, Dartmouth in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality**

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated August 26, 2021 with attached staff recommendation report dated July 20, 2021 and scoring summary of heritage buildings
- Extract from the September 14, 2021 special Regional Council Minutes
- Staff Presentation dated November 23, 2021

Jesse Morton, Planner II, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

The hearing opened at 1:35 p.m.

Mayor Savage advised that there was no applicant.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT the hearing be closed.**

The hearing closed at 1:35 p.m.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the request to include 173 Crichton Avenue, Dartmouth in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as shown on Map 1 of the July 20, 2021 staff report, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Smith

### **12.2 PUBLIC HEARING - Administrative Order 50 - Disposal of Surplus Real Property 5802 Highway 357, Elderbank**

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated September 22, 2021
- Extract from the October 26, 2021 Regional Council Minutes
- Staff presentation dated November 23, 2021
- Applicant presentation dated November 23, 2021

Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead Grants & Contributions, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

The hearing opened at 6:09 p.m.

Mayor Savage reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings and opened the public hearing.

**Paul Morash, President, and Brady Stevenson, Treasurer of Musquodoboit Valley Ground Search Rescue, Applicant** provided an overview of key activities, funding sources, intentions for property and benefits to the community.

Mayor Savage invited anyone wishing to speak on the matter.

**Victoria Levack, Spryfield** spoke to needs for universally designed affordable housing to meet a variety of needs of residents in Halifax Regional Municipality.

Mayor Savage called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak on the matter and confirmed there were none.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT the hearing be closed.**

The hearing closed at 6:19 p.m.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the sale of 5802 Highway 357, Elderbank and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to direct the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute on behalf of the Municipality an agreement of purchase and sale and the deed for the subject property to the Musquodoboit Valley Ground Search and Rescue Team as per the terms and conditions outlined in Table 1 of the staff report dated September 22, 2021.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

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

#### **13.1 Correspondence**

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 15.1.7

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

#### **13.2 Petitions - None**

#### **13.3 Presentation- None**

**14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

**15. REPORTS**

**15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**15.1.1 Award – Request for Quotation (RFQ) 21-405, Janitorial Services - Sackville Sports Stadium**

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated October 29, 2021

The following motion was approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT Halifax Regional Council award RFQ 21-405, Janitorial Services – Sackville Sports Stadium to Imperial Cleaners Ltd. for a five-year total cost of \$1,714,337, net HST included.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Smith

**15.1.2 Municipal Insurance or Operating Grants for Community Outdoor Rinks**

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated September 25, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Russell

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to:**

- 1. Return to Regional Council with an Administrative Order for its consideration to establish a grant program to assist groups in covering insurance costs associated with the operation of outdoor community rinks on HRM-owned property; and**
- 2. Include funding in the 2022/23 budget for implementation of the Administrative Order.**

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT the motion be amended to include new section 3 which reads as follows:**

- 3. Waive the requirement for the Audit and Finance Standing Committee to review and advise on a 2020/21 bridging program for Insurance grants for community outdoor rinks and authorize the CAO to provide grants to registered non-profit community groups of up to \$5,000 per group from the General Contingency Reserve towards the cost of insurance for community rinks on HRM-owned land in an amount not to exceed \$35,000**

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

Not present: Councillor Smith

The motion as amended now read:

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to:**

1. Return to Regional Council with an Administrative Order for its consideration to establish a grant program to assist groups in covering insurance costs associated with the operation of outdoor community rinks on HRM-owned property; and
2. Include funding in the 2022/23 budget for implementation of the Administrative Order.
3. Waive the requirement for the Audit and Finance Standing Committee to review and advise on a 2020/21 bridging program for Insurance grants for community outdoor rinks and authorize the CAO to provide grants to registered non-profit community groups of up to \$5,000 per group from the General Contingency Reserve towards the cost of insurance for community rinks on HRM-owned land in an amount not to exceed \$35,000

**MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Smith

**15.1.3 Proposed Amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board - Composition – Supplementary Report**

The following was before Council:

- Supplemental staff recommendation report dated September 1, 2021
- Extract from the November 9, 2021 Regional Council Draft Minutes

Notice of motion was given on November 9, 2021.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

1. Maintain the current member composition of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board; and
2. Adopt the proposed housekeeping amendments to the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board Terms of Reference as set out in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated September 1, 2021.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Smith

**15.1.4 Case 23028 – Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments for 110 Waterfront Drive, Bedford**

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated October 28, 2021
- Extract from the November 9, 2021 Regional Council Draft Minutes

Notice of Motion was given on November 9, 2021.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Russell

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:**

1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Bedford Land Use By-law to redesignate 110 Waterfront Drive, Bedford, from Waterfront Comprehensive Development District to Residential, and rezone it from Waterfront

**Comprehensive Development District to Residential Single Unit; and**

2. **Follow the public participation program as outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated October 28, 2021.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Smith

**15.1.5 Case 22009 – Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Amendments for Aerotech Business Park**

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated October 8, 2021
- Extract from the November 9, 2021 Regional Council Draft Minutes

Notice of Motion was given on November 9, 2021.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:**

1. **Consider amendments to the Planning Districts 14 and 17 (Shubenacadie Lakes) Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to update the range of permissible industrial and commercial land uses in Aerotech Business Park;**
2. **Consider amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and Regional Subdivision By-Law to apply a service boundary around existing serviced properties and establish a policy for amending this boundary to accommodate any future expansion of Aerotech Business Park; and**
3. **Follow the public participation program as outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated October 8, 2021.**

Maria Jacobs, Planner II, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Smith

**15.1.6 Public Participation Program - Interim Incentive or Bonus Zoning Program**

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 2, 2021
- Extract from the November 9, 2021 Regional Council Draft Minutes

Notice was given on November 9, 2021.

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to follow the public participation program, as set out in the discussion section of the staff report dated November 2, 2021, for the consideration of amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, and the applicable Land Use By-laws, to establish an Interim Density Bonus Program for lands outside**

of the Regional Centre.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Smith

**15.1.7 Musquodoboit Harbour Community Development Plan**

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 17, 2021
- Correspondence from MLA Kent Smith and Larry Wartman
- Staff Presentation dated November 23, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:**

- 1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Eastern Shore West to ensure development provisions for commercial, industrial, institutional, open space and recreational uses are compatible with the village core and support carrying out the Musquodoboit Harbour Community Vision and Community Development Plan;**
- 2. Follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 25, 1997;**
- 3. Include \$100,000 in the upcoming 2022/23 operating budget to study servicing options for a Wastewater Management District in Musquodoboit Harbour; and**
- 4. Explore funding options from other levels of government for the capital cost of sidewalk infrastructure.**

Thea Langille, Principal Planner, Rural Policy & Applications, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the motion be amended to add, “and direct the CAO to consider funding for detailed design for the 2022/2023 capital budget” to the end of section 4:**

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

Not present: Councillor Smith

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:**

- 1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Eastern Shore West to ensure development provisions for commercial, industrial, institutional, open space and recreational uses are compatible with the village core and support carrying out the Musquodoboit Harbour Community Vision and**

**Community Development Plan;**

2. **Follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 25, 1997;**
3. **Include \$100,000 in the upcoming 2022/23 operating budget to study servicing options for a Wastewater Management District in Musquodoboit Harbour; and**
4. **Explore funding options from other levels of government for the capital cost of sidewalk infrastructure and direct the CAO to consider funding for detailed design for the 2022/2023 capital budget**

Peter Duncan, Director, Infrastructure Planning, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

**MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Smith

**15.2 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE**

**15.2.1 Proposed Administrative Order 2021-002-OP, Respecting Net-Zero Construction of New Municipal Facilities within the Halifax Regional Municipality**

The following was before Council:

- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee report dated November 12, 2021, with attached staff recommendation report dated August 5, 2021
- Extract from the November 9, 2021 Regional Council Draft Minutes

Notice of Motion was given on November 9, 2021.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Russell

**THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order 2021-002-OP, Respecting Net-Zero Construction of New Municipal Facilities within the Halifax Regional Municipality, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated August 5, 2021.**

Kevin Boutilier, Clean Energy Specialist, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Smith

**15.2.2 Municipal Electric Vehicle Strategy**

The following was before Council:

- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee report dated November 12, 2021, with attached staff recommendation report dated August 10, 2021
- Staff Presentation dated November 23, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Adopt the Halifax Regional Municipality Electric Vehicle Strategy as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated August 10, 2021;**
2. **Recommend that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing prescribe additional standards by regulation of the Building Code Act to require “EV Ready” parking stalls for the construction of new buildings within the Halifax Regional Municipality and request the Mayor write a letter to the Minister requesting these regulations; and**
3. **Request the Mayor write a letter to the Premier of Nova Scotia requesting that the Zero Emission Vehicle mandate, introduced in the Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act, be strengthened to better align with HalifACT.**

Kevin Boutilier, Clean Energy Specialist, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Shannon Miedema, Manager of Environment and Climate Change, and Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Smith

**15.3 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

**15.3.1 First Reading Proposed By-law U-110, Amending By-law U-100, Respecting User Charges - Discounted Bulk Transit Fares**

The following was before Council:

- Transportation Standing Committee report dated October 28, 2021, with attached staff recommendation report dated August 23, 2021
- Extract from the November 9, 2021 Regional Council Draft Minutes

Notice of Motion was given on November 9, 2021.

The following motion was approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to proposed By-law U-110, amending Schedule 1 of By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law, as set out in Attachment 3 of the Transportation Standing Committee report dated October 28, 2021.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Smith

**15.4 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**15.4.1 Case 20401 - Updating the Planning Documents for Bedford West Sub Area 10, Kearney Lake Road, Bedford and Halifax**

The following was before Council:

- Halifax and West Community Council report dated November 16, 2021
- North West Community Council report dated November 17, 2021
- Staff recommendation report dated October 25, 2021
- Staff presentation dated November 23, 2021

Jacqueline Bélisle, Planner III, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.  
Miles Agar, Principal Planner, Regional Policy Program responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the:**

- 1. Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated October 25, 2021; and**
- 2. Municipal Planning Strategy for Bedford as set out in Attachment C of the staff report dated October 25, 2021,**

**to enable development of Bedford West Sub Area 10, Kearney Lake Road, and schedule a public hearing.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Smith and Cleary

#### **15.5 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

##### **15.5.1 Case H00498 – First Reading Proposed By-law H-204, Amending By-law H-200, Respecting the Establishment of a Heritage Advisory Committee and a Civic Registry of Heritage Property - Revise Heritage Impact Statement Requirements**

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated October 28, 2021, with attached staff recommendation report dated August 24, 2021
- Extract from the November 9, 2021 Regional Council Draft Minutes

Notice of Motion was given on November 9, 2021.

The following motion was approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to proposed By-law H-204, amending By-law H-200, the Heritage Property By-law, as set out in Attachment B of the August 24, 2021 staff report.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Smith

#### **15.6 SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

##### **15.6.1 Major Hosting Funding Request - 2022 Archery Youth and Masters Pan American Championships**

The following was before Council:

- Special Events Advisory Committee report dated November 3, 2021, with attached staff recommendation report dated October 5, 2021

The following motion was approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve an event grant in the amount of \$45,000 from the 2022/2023 Community and Events Reserve, Q621 to fund the 2022 Archery Youth and Masters Pan American Championships contingent on the in-person event taking place.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Smith

## **15.7 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

### **15.7.1 Councillor Mancini – Neighbour Mediation Program**

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council's consideration form submitted by Councillor Mancini

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report outlining the possibility of implementing a Neighbour Mediation/Alternative Dispute Resolution Program. This would be in partnership with an outside community group or stakeholder.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

### **15.7.2 Councillor Deagle Gammon – Fall River Water Extension**

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council's consideration form submitted by Councillor Deagle Gammon

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Russell

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the cost and feasibility of extending the Water Service Boundary along NS Trunk Highway 2 to Howe Avenue, and including all the land between Highway 2 and Highway 102, commonly referred to as Schwartzwald Subdivision.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

## **16. MOTIONS**

### **16.1 Councillor Cuttell**

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report examining the potential for including PID 00307462 also known as Kidston Lake Park in the registry of heritage properties for Halifax Regional Municipality. The report should be referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee for evaluation.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

#### 16.2 Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding the options for removal or replacement of the definition of “adult bookstore” from the Downtown LUB, pending the incorporation of the Heritage Conservation District bylaws into the Regional Centre LUB.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

#### 16.3 Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the adoption of a general application by-law to limit the hours of operation for commercial businesses situated within the Regional Centre’s Established Residential District.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

#### 16.4 Councillor Russell

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to:**

- 1. Define service standards and maintenance guidelines for grass cutting and tree trimming for all Halifax Regional Municipality assets, including parks, playgrounds, roadsides and sidewalks, facilities, and Halifax Regional Municipality right of way areas, and;**
- 2. Have these service standards and maintenance guidelines published and accessible on the Halifax Regional Municipality website. This should be in a format similar to the snow clearing standards that we already have.**

Councillor Cuttell proposed to amend the motion to include parking lots in the list of Halifax Regional Municipality assets in section 1 of the motion. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion as amended now read:

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to:**

- 1. Define service standards and maintenance guidelines for grass cutting and tree trimming for all Halifax Regional Municipality Halifax Regional Municipality assets, including parks, playgrounds, roadsides and sidewalks, facilities, Halifax Regional Municipality right of way areas, and parking lots, and;**
- 2. Have these service standards and maintenance guidelines published and accessible on the Halifax Regional Municipality website. This should be in a format similar to the snow clearing standards that we already have.**

**MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

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

**17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – October 5, 2021**

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

**THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of October 5, 2021 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Smith and Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 17.2 PERSONNEL MATTER and 17.3 PERSONNEL MATTER.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**17.2 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report – Information Item Brought Forward from November 9, 2021**

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private).

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

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the actions as discussed in the private and confidential session dated November 23, 2021.**

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED. (1 in favour, 14 against)**

In favour: Councillor Purdy

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

**19. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**19.1 Councillor Mason**

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move that Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report examining the potential for including 1641 Fairfield Road also known as the St. Mary's Boat Club, in the registry of heritage

properties for Halifax Regional Municipality. The report should be referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee for evaluation.

### **19.2 Councillor Mason**

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move First Reading of proposed By-law T-1006, amending By-law T-1000, *Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis, Limousines and Transportation Network Companies*, the purpose of which is to change the expiry date of the driver, owner and conditional taxi driver licenses from the applicant's date of birth to the date of one year or two years from the date the Vehicle for Hire license is issued.

### **19.3 Councillor Austin**

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting Halifax Regional Municipality Civic Addressing Policies, the purpose of which is to approve:

1. the naming of eleven new private lanes in West Chezzetcook, Hammonds Plains, Ostrea Lake, Elmsvale, Bedford, Lake Loon, Cole Harbour, Whites Lake, Hatchet Lake and Hubley;
2. the naming of two new public streets in Timberlea;
3. the renaming of private lane Mawio'mi Place to Mawio'mi Place in Dartmouth; and
4. the retiring of two private lane names in Halifax and Upper Tantallon.

### **19.4 Councillor Morse**

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2021, I propose to move a motion that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a report for Regional Council on the development of a management plan for Kearney Lake and Little Kearney Lake, with the goal of protecting lake water quality for all users. The management plan should address the sustainability of the multiple recreational uses of the lake by private homeowners, increasing numbers of beach goers, Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes trail users, and the MASKWA Aquatic Club, with a special focus on the capacity of the public beach and park. The management plan should also address the need for additional infrastructure such as AT links, washrooms, lifeguards and better access points, in recognition of the expected 3000-person increase in population at Kearney Lake, with the pending development of Case 20401, Bedford West Sub area 10.

### **19.5 Deputy Mayor Lovelace**

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I propose to move a request for a staff report to return to Council outlining the necessary steps required to implement the Seniors Safety Program in partnership with Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police and identify community partners in the rural communities of Halifax Regional Municipality not serviced by the Halifax Regional Police Senior Home Safety Program.

### **19.6 Deputy Mayor Lovelace**

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Regional Council I propose to move to request a staff report on clarifying the roles and responsibilities for effective and efficient ditch maintenance throughout Halifax Regional Municipality to come back to council.

The staff report should:

1. Review the communications and directions provided by both Halifax Regional Municipality and Halifax Water customer service staff in response to complaints from residents and businesses for ditch maintenance in all of Halifax Regional Municipality.
2. Identify and review the processes customer service staff follow when residents and businesses call for service from within or outside the stormwater service boundary, no matter what road they live on, to identify efficiencies in maintenance and communications.
3. Provide recommendations for efficiencies to optimize and align communications and procedures for both customer service units at Halifax Regional Municipality and Halifax Water.

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Iain MacLean  
Municipal Clerk