



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
December 13, 2022**

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

REGRETS: Councillor: Patty Cuttell

STAFF: Caroline Blair-Smith, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:24 a.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 11:40 a.m. Council recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:01 p.m. Council recessed at 2:56 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 p.m. Council adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 22, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the minutes of November 22, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- Item 18.1 – Ratification from Budget Committee December 13, 2022 - Capital Update and Advanced Tenders

Deletions: None

Deferred to a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council:

- Item 12.3 – Case 24239: Amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Planning District 4 (Prospect) for PID 40064875 on Youth Camp Road, Bayside (former Bayside Youth Camp)

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council defer consideration for Case 24239: Amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Planning District 4 (Prospect) for PID 40064875 on Youth Camp Road, Bayside (former Bayside Youth Camp) and cancel the public hearing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (15 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Cleary

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

As provided for in section 41 (3) of Administrative Order One:

- Item 15.1.5 – Case 24378: Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments for 44, 44B, 46, and 48 Main Avenue, Halifax was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Morse; and
- Item 15.5.1 – 2022 District Boundary Review Project – Phase Two was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Mancini.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve recommendations in the following agenda items:

- **15.1.2 – Facility Operating Agreement – The Bay Community Centre;**
- **15.1.6 – AN113 – HRM Asset Names, November 1, 2021 – July 1, 2022;**
- **15.1.10 – Case 24057: Amendments to the Planning District 4 Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to permit industrial development on a 120-acre parcel in Goodwood;**
- **15.4.1 – Bedford West Park Facilities Plan;**
- **15.4.2 – Halifax Public Gardens Proposal;**
- **15.6.1 – Amendments to By-law T-1000 – Taxi Broker Fee System;**
- **15.8.1 – Case H00526: Request to Include the church building and cemetery at 1608 Hammonds Plains Road, Hammonds Plains in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality;**
- **15.8.2 – Case H00541: Request to Include 5812-14 North Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality;**
- **15.8.3 – Case H00546: Request to Include 6221 Coburg Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality; and**
- **15.8.4 – Inclusion in the Heritage Registry of several properties located between civic addresses 1308 and 1390 Robie Street, Halifax as part of a Heritage Streetscape.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

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 – NONE

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. HEARINGS

12.1 Case H00525: Request to Include 1460 Oxford Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated October 27, 2022 with attached staff report dated October 21, 2022
- Extract from the November 8, 2022 Regional Council minutes
- Staff presentation dated December 13, 2022
- Correspondence from Dalhousie University

Jenny Lugar, Planner II gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Council.

The hearing opened at 1:13 p.m.

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

Laura Hynes Jenkins, Director of Government Relations from Dalhousie University spoke to historical preservation of Dalhousie University owned properties through a collaborative and consistent process. Jenkins requested that Regional Council defer consideration of the proposed registration.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The hearing closed at 1:17 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the request to include 1460 Oxford Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the October 21, 2022 staff report, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell, Russell

12.2 Case H00545: Request to Include 1322 Robie Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated October 6, 2022 with attached staff report dated October 3, 2022
- Extract from the October 18, 2022 Regional Council minutes
- Staff presentation dated December 13, 2022
- Correspondence from Dalhousie University

Jenny Lugar, Planner II gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Council.

The hearing opened at 1:29 p.m.

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

Laura Hynes Jenkins, Director of Government Relations from Dalhousie University spoke to historical preservation of Dalhousie University owned properties through a collaborative and consistent process. Jenkins requested that Regional Council defer consideration of the proposed registration.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The hearing closed at 1:31 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the request to include 1322 Robie Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the October 3, 2022 staff report, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

Jenny Lugar, Planner II and Aaron Murnaghan, Principal Planner responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell, Russell

12.3 Case 24239: Amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Planning District 4 (Prospect) for PID 40064875 on Youth Camp Road, Bayside (former Bayside Youth Camp)

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated October 17, 2022
- Extract from the November 8, 2022 Regional Council minutes

This matter was deferred during the approval of the Order of Business, and the public hearing was cancelled.

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 12.1, 12.2, 15.1.10 and 15.5.1.

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

13.2 Petitions – None

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 CA136 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting Civic Addressing Policies – Renaming of Cornwallis Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated December 8, 2022
- Extract from the November 22, 2022 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to Administrative Order 29 Respecting Civic Addressing Policies as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated December 8, 2022 to approve the renaming of Cornwallis Street, Halifax to Nora Bernard Street, Halifax, as identified in Map 1 of the staff report dated December 8, 2022.

Gayle MacLean, Civic Addressing Coordinator responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

15.1.2 Facility Operating Agreement – The Bay Community Centre

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 28, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

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

- 1. Execute a Facility Operating Agreement (FOA) with the Head of St Margaret’s Bay/Boutillier’s Point Recreation Association for the Bay Community Centre facility at 11 Station Road, Head of St. Margaret’s Bay substantially in the same form as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 28, 2022;**
- 2. Direct staff to negotiate a Less than Market Value Lease Agreement with The Unicorn Theatre Society for the existing occupied space at 11 Station Road, and return a staff report to Grants Committee for the approval of the key terms and conditions; and**
- 3. Direct staff to negotiate a Less than Market Value Lease Agreement with the Safety Minded ATV Association for the Bay Community Centre facility at 15 Station Road, and return a staff report to Grants Committee for the approval of the key terms and conditions.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

15.1.3 First Reading Proposed By-Law C-901, Respecting Charges for Stormwater from Municipal Streets — Repeal of By-Law C-900

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 30, 2022
- Extract from the November 22, 2022 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Give First Reading to By-law C-901, repealing By-law C-900 - the Charges for Stormwater from Municipal Streets By-law, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 30, 2022; and**
- 2. Adopt the boundaries for a new Stormwater Right-of-Way area rate, effective on April 1, 2023, as shown in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated November 30, 2022.**

Angie Spinney, Senior Financial Consultant and Renee Towns, Director of Revenue responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

15.1.4 Councillor Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated December 2, 2022

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Suspend the rules of procedures requiring the Executive Standing Committee to review the nominations outlined in the staff report dated December 2, 2022 and make a recommendation to Regional Council;**
- 2. Appoint Councillor Lovelace, as the representative from Transportation Standing Committee, to serve on the Canadian Urban Transit Association, for a term to the end of the Council term;**
- 3. Appoint Councillor Deagle Gammon, as the representative from Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee, to serve on the Halifax Regional Water Commission, for a term to the end of the Council term; and**
- 4. Appoint one (1) Member to the Halifax Regional Water Commission, for a term to the end of the Council term.**

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Halifax Regional Council nominate Councillor Kent to the Halifax Regional Water Commission for a term to the end of Council term.

Mayor Savage called three times for any further nominations; there were none.

Councillor Kent was declared the successful nominee.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Suspend the rules of procedures requiring the Executive Standing Committee to review the nominations outlined in the staff report dated December 2, 2022 and make a recommendation to Regional Council;**
- 2. Appoint Councillor Lovelace, as the representative from Transportation Standing Committee, to serve on the Canadian Urban Transit Association, for a term to the end of the Council term;**
- 3. Appoint Councillor Deagle Gammon, as the representative from Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee, to serve on the Halifax Regional Water Commission, for a term to the end of the Council term; and**

4. **Appoint Councillor Kent to the Halifax Regional Water Commission, for a term to the end of the Council term.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell, Russell

15.1.5 Case 24378: Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments for 44, 44B, 46, and 48 Main Avenue, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated December 5, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. **Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law to allow mixed-use medium density development within the study area outlined within the staff report dated December 5, 2022; and**
2. **Follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 27, 1997.**

Saira Smith, Planner II responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell, Russell

15.1.6 AN113 – HRM Asset Names, November 1, 2021 – July 1, 2022

The following was before Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated December 5, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve the addition of Barrys Run, Dr. Donald Douglas Skeir, Kesalul, Kuowa'quamikt, L'nu, Mi'kma'ki, Wabanaki, and Wela'lin to the existing Commemorative Names List as shown on Attachment A of the staff report dated December 5, 2022;**
2. **Approve the renaming of Unnamed Park 27 to Kastik Park at 370 Broad St, Bedford as shown on Attachment B of the staff report dated December 5, 2022; and**
3. **Approve the three administrative park names as shown on Attachment C of the staff report dated December 5, 2022.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

15.1.7 Case 24469: Master Planning Initiation for the M District Future Growth Node, Dartmouth

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated December 5, 2022
- Extract from the November 22, 2022 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to enable comprehensive development of the M District Future Growth Node located between Micmac Boulevard and Horizon Court;**
- 2. Consider, as part of the M District Future Growth Node planning process, the October 26, 2021 direction of Regional Council to prepare amendments to the Regional Centre Land Use By-law to increase the maximum tower dimensions established for the Mic Mac Mall Lands (ML) Special Area; and**
- 3. Follow the public participation program as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated December 5, 2022.**

Katherine Fralic, Planner III and Kelly Denty, Executive Director of Planning and Development responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell, Russell

15.1.8 COVID-19 Transit Funding

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated December 6, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Agree to the terms and conditions per the letter from the Provincial Minister of Public Works in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated December 6, 2022, by authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign the attached letter to receive \$8,655,876 in funding from the Government of Canada and Province of Nova Scotia related to COVID-19 impacts on transit services; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate the funding to Halifax Transit as a revenue recovery to cost center R631.**

Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director Finance & Asset Management/CFO responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell, Russell

15.1.9 Case 24045: Amendments to the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, and Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Carriagewood Estates, Beaver Bank

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated December 7, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, and Upper Sackville, as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated December 7, 2022, respectively, to enable smaller residential lots for a proposed subdivision called Carriagewood Estates off Daisy Drive in Beaver Bank and schedule a public hearing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell, Russell

15.1.10 Case 24057: Amendments to the Planning District 4 Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to permit industrial development on a 120-acre parcel in Goodwood

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated December 7, 2022
- Correspondence from Maureen Yeadon, Frank Johnston, Bob Dooley, Shirley Jollimore, Ray Bowie, Dana Giles, Mike Lamplugh, Logan Henderson, Vicki Brown, Bruce Holland, and Barb Allen

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

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 Planning District 4 to enable an industrial development on a 120-acre parcel of land in Goodwood through the provisions of a development agreement; and**
- 2. Follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 27, 1997.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

15.1.11 Case 22423: Regulation of Short-Term Rentals

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated December 7, 2022
- Staff presentation dated December 13, 2022

Brandon Umpherville, Planner II and Jillian MacLellan, Principal Planner gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (Regional Plan), Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies (SMPs), and all Land Use By-laws (LUBs) as set out in Attachments A, B and C of the staff report dated December 7, 2022 to establish consistent region wide policies and regulations for short-term rentals and schedule a public hearing; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare a staff report that explores approaches to tourist accommodations in rural parts of the Municipality that are outside of the urban service area boundary.**

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the motion be amended to include a request for a supplementary staff report so Council may consider allowing short-term rentals in secondary units on the same lot as a resident's primary dwelling.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell, Russell

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (Regional Plan), Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies (SMPs), and all Land Use By-laws (LUBs) as set out in Attachments A, B and C of the staff report dated December 7, 2022 to establish consistent region wide policies and regulations for short-term rentals and schedule a public hearing; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare a staff report that explores approaches to tourist accommodations in rural parts of the Municipality that are outside of the urban service area boundary.**
- 3. Request a supplementary staff report so Council may consider allowing short-term rentals in secondary units on the same lot as a resident's primary dwelling.**

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the motion be amended to include direction to the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a supplementary staff report on a proactive enforcement approach to short-term rentals and staffing requirements to carry out that approach.

Councillor Lovelace proposed including funding options required to carry out the approach. 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 now read:

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (Regional Plan), Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies (SMPs), and all Land Use By-laws (LUBs) as set out in Attachments A, B and C of the staff report dated December 7, 2022 to establish consistent region wide policies and regulations for short-term rentals and schedule a public hearing; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare a staff report that explores approaches to tourist accommodations in rural parts of the Municipality that are outside of the urban service area boundary.**
- 3. Direct the CAO to provide a supplementary report so that Council may consider short-term rentals in secondary units on the same lot as a resident's primary dwelling, and identify proactive enforcement to short-term rentals, including staffing requirements and funding options required to carry out the approach.**

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell and Russell

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Halifax Regional Council refer Item 15.1.11 Case 22423: Regulation of Short-Term Rentals to Committee of the Whole pending receipt of a supplementary report that provides information regarding:

- 1. The number and percentage of short-term rental listings that will be illegal/non-compliant under the proposed changes;**
- 2. An estimate of the number of units that will convert to long-term rental from short-term rental, based on verifiable comparator cities that have taken a similar approach to the one proposed in this staff report and/or based on survey data with extant short-term rental operators in the Halifax Regional Municipality;**
- 3. The impact to the proposed changes if a short-term rental was allowed on the same lot as resident, not just in their primary residence (e.g., a short-term rental in a secondary suite or second unit of a duplex); and**
- 4. Results of consultation with the tourism industry (e.g., Discover Halifax) to see what areas of the Halifax Regional Municipality would be most beneficial for zoning to allow for short-term rentals with least impact on housing supply (i.e., align areas of highest demand for short-term rental accommodations with permissive zoning for shorts, especially in rural areas).**

Mayor Savage stepped down from the Chair to speak to the matter and Deputy Mayor Austin assumed the Chair. Mayor Savage resumed as Chair.

Councillor Cleary proposed that matter be deferred with a return date to Regional Council not later than April 1, 2023. 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 now read:

THAT Halifax Regional Council defer Item 15.1.11 Case 22423: Regulation of Short-Term Rentals to a future meeting, no later than April 1, 2023, pending receipt of a supplementary report that provides information regarding:

- 1. The number and percentage of short-term rental listings that will be illegal/non-compliant under the proposed changes;**
- 2. An estimate of the number of units that will convert to long-term rental from short-term rental, based on verifiable comparator cities that have taken a similar approach to the one proposed in this staff report and/or based on survey data with extant short-term rental operators in the Halifax Regional Municipality;**
- 3. The impact to the proposed changes if a short-term rental was allowed on the same lot as resident, not just in their primary residence (e.g., a short-term rental in a secondary suite or second unit of a duplex); and**
- 4. Results of consultation with the tourism industry (e.g., Discover Halifax) to see what areas of the Halifax Regional Municipality would be most beneficial for zoning to allow for short-term rentals with least impact on housing supply (i.e., align areas of highest demand for short-term rental accommodations with permissive zoning for short-term rental, especially in rural areas).**

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED. (8 in favour, 6 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Purdy, Mancini, Cleary, Stoddard, Outhit

Against: Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillors Mason, Smith, Morse, Lovelace, Blackburn

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell and Russell

15.1.12 Herring Cove Phase 2B and 4 Servicing Update

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated December 8, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Not proceed with construction of Phase 2B and Phase 4 of the Herring Cove Project, at this time;**
- 2. Notify the Province that the Municipality will not be proceeding with the Project but request that the funding remain allocated to the project; and**
- 3. Apply under future funding programs, should they become available, to offset the increased costs to complete both Phase 2B and Phase 4 at the same time.**

Youssef Habboush, Program Engineer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (9 in favour, 4 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Purdy, Mancini, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Blackburn

Against: Councillors Hendsbee, Stoddard, Lovelace, Outhit

Not present: Councillors Kent, Mason, Cuttell, Russell

15.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2014-020-GOV, Respecting Marketing Levy Special Event Reserve Grants and Administrative Order 2014-021-GOV, Respecting Regional Special Events Grants – Inclusion of an Interrupter Clause

The following was before Council:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated November 16, 2022 with attached staff report dated November 4, 2022
- Extract from the November 22, 2022 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2014-020-GOV – Respecting Marketing Levy Special Event Reserve Grants as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated November 4, 2022; and**
- 2. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2014-021-GOV, Respecting Regional Special Events Grants as set out in Attachment D of the staff report dated November 4, 2022.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Mason, Cuttell, Russell

15.3 BUDGET COMMITTEE

15.3.1 2023/2024 Budget Direction

The following was before Council:

- Budget Committee report dated November 28, 2022 with attached staff report dated November 17, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Rescind the direction from the 2022-23 fiscal budget to include \$7 million in the 2023/24 budget to fund a sidewalk program from capital from operating; and**
- 2. Reallocate \$20 million included in the Strategic Initiative Operating Reserve (Q667) in 2019 as a potential capital contribution for the construction of a Community Stadium, to the following reserves:**
 - a. Transfer \$5 million to the Options Reserve (Q421) for the Solid Waste Facility capital project (CW190003);**

15.5 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.5.1 2022 District Boundary Review Project – Phase Two

The following was before Council:

- Executive Standing Committee report dated November 28, 2022 with attached District Boundary Resident Review Panel report dated November 24, 2022
- Correspondence from Elizabeth Robinson, Maureen Yeadon and Frank Johnston, Bob Dooley, Shirley Jollimore, Ray Bowie, Dana Giles, Mike Lamplugh, Logan Henderson, Vicki Brown, Bruce Holland, Barb Allen, Nancy and Calvin Hyatt, John Corbett, Stephen Walsh

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed polling district boundaries as set out in Attachments 1 and 3 of the staff report dated November 24, 2022 for submission to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

Members of Council asked questions regarding the next steps of the process. Council emphasized the importance of proper notification for public hearings to allow residents time to speak.

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk provided insight into the legislation that governs the process and that both the Halifax Regional Municipality and the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (UARB) are subject to. MacLean highlighted how the UARB encourages feedback from the public, and the municipality has been doing extensive public engagement through Council and the District Boundary Residents Review Panel. The UARB Handbook on the project emphasizes the significance of public input in the decision-making process. MacLean also noted how, when available, the UARB hearings would be circulated to members of Council and would be available to the public through the District Boundary Residents Review Panel website.

Members of Council emphasized how the municipality has been transparent in their approach and that there was a strong rural representation. As well, the proposed boundaries align with the Municipal Planning Strategy. Members highlighted a potential boundary adjustment in Montague Gold Mines from Recommended District 1 and placing it in Recommended District 4 as Montague Gold Mines could be considered a community of interest with Cole Harbour and Westphal due to shared traffic patterns along the Montague Road, as well as its inclusion in the Lake Major watershed area and local development. The Montague Gold Mines are considered a part of the Preston Township Communities.

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor spoke further to the UARB process, highlighting how all input provided by individual Councillors, communities and the District Boundary Resident Review Panel would be included in the submission. As well, the submission would include the video from the December 13, 2022 Regional Council meeting and the November 28, 2022 Executive Standing Committee meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell, Russell

15.6 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

15.6.1 Amendments to By-law T-1000 – Taxi Broker Fee System

The following was before Council:

- Transportation Standing Committee report dated November 24, 2022 with attached staff report dated October 25, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to draft amendments to By-law T-1000 and Administrative Order 39 as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated October 25, 2022.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

15.7 GRANTS COMMITTEE

15.7.1 Proposed Administrative Order 2022-005-ADM, Respecting the Community Grants Program

The following was before Council:

- Grants Committee report dated November 15, 2022 with attached staff report dated November 10, 2022
- Extract from the November 22, 2022 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order 2022-005-ADM Respecting the Community Grants Program, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 10, 2022.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell, Russell

15.8 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.8.1 Case H00526: Request to Include the church building and cemetery at 1608 Hammonds Plains Road, Hammonds Plains in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated December 1, 2022 with attached staff report dated November 23, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of 1608 Hammonds Plains Road, Hammonds Plains in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the November 23, 2022 staff report, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

15.8.2 Case H00541: Request to Include 5812-14 North Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated December 1, 2022 with attached staff report dated November 28, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of 5812-5814 North Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as shown on Map 1 of the November 28, 2022 staff report, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

15.8.3 Case H00546: Request to Include 6221 Coburg Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated December 1, 2022 with attached staff report dated November 24, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of 6221 Coburg Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the November 24, 2022 staff report, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

15.8.4 Inclusion in the Heritage Registry of several properties located between civic addresses 1308 and 1390 Robie Street, Halifax as part of a Heritage Streetscape

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated December 1, 2022

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to request a staff report examining the potential for the inclusion of several properties located between civic addresses 1308 and 1390 Robie Street, Halifax, in the Registry of Heritage Property as part of a Heritage Streetscape for the Halifax Regional Municipality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

15.9 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.9.1 Deputy Mayor Austin – Navigator Program Expansion

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Deputy Mayor Austin

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on the potential expansion of the Street Navigator Program as requested by the Downtown Dartmouth, Downtown Halifax, North End, Spring Garden Road, and Quinpool Road Business Improvement Districts with a potential additional cost to HRM of \$100,000. The report should be provided to Council in time for consideration in the 2023/2024 budget.

Denise Schofield, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Citizen Services responded to questions of clarification from Council.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council defer item 15.9.1 until the report on HRM Street Navigators returns to Regional Council.

As provided for in section 66 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion to defer was withdrawn with consent of Regional Council.

The question was called on the main motion.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell, Russell

16. MOTIONS – NONE

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – November 22, 2022

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee and seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of November 22, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Items 17.2 LABOUR RELATIONS, 17.3 PERSONNEL MATTER, and 17.4 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.2 LABOUR RELATIONS – Private and Confidential Report

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

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential recommendation report dated November 29, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated November 29, 2022; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated November 29, 2022 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

17.3 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

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

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential recommendation report dated November 30, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated November 30, 2022; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated November 30, 2022 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

17.4 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

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

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential recommendation report dated November 30, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated November 30, 2022; and**

- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated November 30, 2022 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (15 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Cleary

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

18. ADDED ITEMS

18.1 Ratification from Budget Committee December 13, 2022 - Capital Update and Advanced Tenders

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the schedule of 2023/24 advanced tender requests as per Attachment 1 of the staff report dated December 6, 2022.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell, Russell

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move a motion to rescind Item 15.3.1 from the October 25, 2022 Regional Council meeting which requested a staff report as follows:

“That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report evaluating the proposed NSCAD student art installations in Point Pleasant Park with consideration of compliance with the Public Art Policy (2020-002-OP), permission from Parks Canada, and insurance requirements.”

19.2 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move a motion to move that Halifax Regional Council directs the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report to:

1. Outlining current and target timeframes and recommendations for establishing KPIs and timeframes for the various application and permitting processes within the Planning and Development business unit;
2. Require staff to prepare a twice-yearly report on these KPIs;
3. Prepare a list of potential Charter changes that would speed up the various permitting and approval processes for Council’s consideration, and;
4. Return with a report within 120 days and include options for service delivery improvements along with any additional resourcing and legislative supports.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk