



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 7, 2023**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Becky Kent

STAFF: Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Municipal Solicitor
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant
Lama Farhat, Legislative Assistant
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. and recessed at 12:00 p.m. Council reconvened at 1:00 p.m. and recessed at 2:58 p.m. Council reconvened at 3:20 p.m. and recessed at 4:56 p.m. Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m. and recessed at 6:51 p.m. Council reconvened at 6:55 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 8:11 p.m. and reconvened at 8:33 p.m. Council adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 10:30 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 – February 21 & 22, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the minutes of February 21 & February 22, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions:

- Item 17.2 – PUBLIC SAFETY – Deferred from February 21, 2023 – Private and Confidential

Deferred to a future meeting of Regional Council:

- Item 17.6 – PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report
- Item 17.10 – PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Russell requested that Item 15.1.6 – Hybrid Meeting Options be considered prior to Item 10.1.

MOVED by Councillor Russell

THAT Item 15.1.9 – Rapid Housing Initiative Round 3 - Investment Plan be deferred to a future meeting of Regional Council.

As set out in section 65(1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, all motions shall be seconded before being debated or voted on. As there was no seconder, the motion was lost, and debate resumed on the main motion.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, it was MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council refer Item 15.3.1 Playing Field Strategy to a future meeting of Committee of the Whole.

MOTION TO REFER PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Mancini, Cuttell, Russell

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Item 15.3.1 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Deagle Gammon
- Item 15.1.7 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Lovelace

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

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

- **15.1.2 Community Benefit Program for the Otter Lake Waste Processing and Disposal Facility;**
- **15.1.3 First Reading Proposed By-law A-601, an Amendment to By-law A-600, Respecting Advertisements on Provincial Highways;**
- **15.2.1 Increase to Contract – RFQ-21-002, Two (2) 2021 Model Refuse Transfer Trailers c/w Top;**
- **15.2.2 2022/2023 Write Off of Uncollectible Accounts;**
- **15.4.1 Case H00542: Request to Include 6112 Coburg Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality; and**
- **15.4.2 Case H00555: 2023/24 Heritage Incentives Plan.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Kent

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 – September 29, 2022 and January 10, 2023

10.1 Cases 22816 and 23245: Amendments to the Halifax MPS and Halifax Mainland LUB – Westerwald Street Study Area and Main Avenue and Titus Street, Halifax – Supplementary Report

The following was before Council:

- Supplementary staff report dated March 1, 2023
- Staff report dated September 21, 2022
- Extract from the September 29, 2022 Regional Council minutes

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council amend the motion of September 29, 2022, item 15.1.4, to read as follows:

1. **Give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law, as set out in Attachment A and Attachment B (Revised) of the supplementary staff report dated March 1, 2023; and**
2. **Subject to Council's adopting the amendments for Case 24063: Interim Incentive or Bonus Zoning Program outside of the Regional Centre, schedule a public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law, as set out in Attachment A and Attachment B (Revised) of the supplementary staff report dated March 1, 2023.**

Kasia Tota, Manager, Community Policy Program responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Kent

10.2 Tax and Service Boundary Review Including Regional and Rural Transit - Supplementary Report

The following was before Council:

- Supplementary staff report dated February 22, 2023
- Staff report dated November 22, 2022
- Extract from the January 10, 2023 Regional Council minutes

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Defeat the deferred motion of January 10, 2023 for Item 15.1.3;**
2. **End the Regional Transportation area rate, and increase the residential/resource General Rates to compensate for the revenue loss;**
3. **Maintain the Rural Transit Funding program grants as unrestricted – available for grant recipients to use for their operating and/or capital costs – and maintain the program mileage allowance at \$0.50 per kilometer, so as not to exceed the planned 2023/24 program funding level of \$370,000; and**
4. **Fund the Rural Transit Grant Program from the general tax rate(s).**

Dan Freeman, Senior Financial Consultant, Patricia Hughes, Director, Planning and Customer Engagement, Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer and Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 3 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillors Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttall, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Outhit

Against: Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Purdy

Not present: Councillors Kent, Russell

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. PUBLIC HEARING

12.1 Administrative Order 50 Disposal of Surplus Real Property: PID 00002063 1940 Gottingen Street, Halifax

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated January 18, 2023
- Extract from the January 24, 2023 Regional Council minutes
- Staff presentation dated March 7, 2023

Rudy Vodicka, Project Manager, Corporate Real Estate gave a presentation.

The hearing opened at 6:07 p.m.

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

Pam Glode, Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Society, Applicant spoke to the importance of the transfer of Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) surplus land to the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Society, especially as the land was located close to Citadel Hill, one of the oldest colonial institutions in the province. Glode stated the land transfer was a true shift with real action taken to break down barriers to improve indigenous people's lives and to bring indigenous and non-indigenous communities together via the programs and services to be offered at a permanent Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre.

Mayor Savage reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings and called for anyone wishing to speak on the matter.

Debbie Eisan, Waverley spoke to the role played by the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre for indigenous military members and their families to connect with their community through cultural programs and support services. Eisan explained the value of the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre's respectful and dignified treatment of seniors, homeless and individuals in distress.

David Ladouceur, Porters Lake spoke regarding the importance of the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre and the supports it offered to the indigenous community, including their family. These supports included job training and education programs that enabled them to learn a trade and secure employment. Ladouceur expressed that the Friendship Centre's growth will foster Halifax's future growth.

Tom McGuire, Halifax spoke regarding their role as author of the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre's business plan and thanked HRM mayor, Regional Council and staff for their leadership and continuation of the journey towards reconciliation.

Darlene McCulloch, Milbrook spoke regarding the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre's role in the reduction of barriers and challenges to indigenous communities through programs and services provided to address homelessness, mental health, employment and training. McCulloch expressed that the new Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre building provided many benefits to Halifax such as tourism.

John Paul, Halifax spoke of the role played by Mi'kmaw people in the creation of Halifax and the role of the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre in Halifax's ongoing growth and development. The Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre was a beacon of hope for indigenous communities. Paul stated the new building and HRM's disposal of surplus land offered an opportunity for a new relationship between the Mi'kmaw community and Halifax.

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The hearing closed at 6:36 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the sale of PID 00002063 located at civic 1940 Gottingen Street, Halifax and authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale and Buy-Back Agreement with the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Society as per the terms and conditions outlined in Table 1 of the staff report dated January 18, 2023.

Council noted that reconciliation was a process and the sale of land to the applicant was an important first step and a concrete action towards justice and equality in the community. Council also recognized the applicant's vision and perseverance to build a new Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre and the applicant's continued commitment to grow the Mi'kmaw culture and to foster positive change. The value of the new Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre as a hub for education, tourism and the storage of Mi'kmaw artifacts was also noted.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Blackburn, Russell

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 15.1.8 and 17.7.

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

13.2 Petitions - None

13.3.3 Presentations

13.3.1 Halifax Water 2023/24 Business Plan

The following was before Council:

- Report dated February 24, 2023
- Presentation dated March 7, 2023

Louis de Montbrun, Acting General Manager/CEO, Halifax Water gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the 2023/24 Annual Business Plan of Halifax Water as described in the attached document as Appendix A of the report dated February 24, 2023.

Kenda Mackenzie, Director of Regulatory Compliance, Halifax Water, Heidi Schedler, Director of Governance and Human Resources, Halifax Water, Colin Waddell, Senior Manager Water Services Operation, Halifax Water, and Valerie Williams, Senior Manager Asset Management and Capital Planning, Halifax Water responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Russell

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Second Reading Proposed By-Law T-800, Respecting Property Tax Billing for Tax Relief Recipients and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 18, Respecting the Revenue Collections Policy

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated January 27, 2023
- Extracts from the January 24, 2023 and February 7, 2023 Regional Council minutes

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt By-law T-800 Respecting Property Tax Billing for Tax Relief Recipients, the purpose of which is to permit once per year property tax billing for organizations that have been accepted into the Municipality's Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Program, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated January 27, 2023; and**
- 2. Adopt the Amending Administrative Order, the purpose of which is to amend Administrative Order 18 Revenue Collections Policy section 4.2.2, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated January 27, 2023.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Russell

15.1.2 Community Benefit Program for the Otter Lake Waste Processing and Disposal Facility

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated February 10, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide Council with a recommendation report no earlier than Fiscal Year 2025/2026 regarding a Community Benefit Program and Enhanced Maintenance Program relative to the Otter Lake Waste Processing and Disposal Facility once costs associated with deactivating the Front-End Processor and Waste Stabilization Facility, including implementing the Compliance Plan, are more fully identified.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Kent

15.1.3 First Reading Proposed By-law A-601, an Amendment to By-law A-600, Respecting Advertisements on Provincial Highways

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated February 22, 2023
- Extract from the February 21, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Declare that the “pilot project” for regulating advertising on provincial secondary highways has ended; and**
- 2. Give First Reading to By-law A-601, amending By-law A-600, the Advertising on Provincial Highways By-law, as set out in Attachment 5 of the staff report dated February 22, 2023.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Kent

15.1.4 First Reading Proposed By-law F-303, an Amendment to By-law F-300, Relating to Fees for the Provision of Taxation Information

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated February 28, 2023
- Extract from the February 21, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-Law F-303, amending By-Law F-300, a By-Law Relating to Fees for the Provision of Taxation Information, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated February 28, 2023.

Renée Towns, Director of Revenue, Treasurer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Russell

15.1.5 First Reading Proposed By-Law S-451, an Amendment to By-Law S-400 Respecting Charges for Street Improvements

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated February 28, 2023
- Extract from the February 21, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-Law S-451, amending By-Law S-400, the Street Improvement By-Law, as set out in Attachment 5 of the staff report dated February 28, 2023

Angie Spinney, Senior Financial Consultant responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Kent, Russell

15.1.6 Hybrid Meeting Options

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated February 28, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a business case for:

- 1. The software solution described as Option Four in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated February 28, 2023: Council Hybrid Options Analysis;**
- 2. Options to improve the functionality of meetings of the North West Community Council, including the option of a dedicated meeting space that includes webcast and other technology options. The business case should also address staff support and meeting requirements; and**
- 3. Mobile technical support services from an external vendor that includes costing for webcasting and other applicable technology options provided by the service; and**

return to Regional Council for further direction.

David Thorpe, Executive Director of Information Technology/Chief Information Officer, Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk and John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Municipal Solicitor responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

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

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

Against: Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillor Purdy

Not present: Councillor Kent

15.1.7 Part A of JustFOOD: Action Plan for the Halifax Region

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated March 1, 2023
- Staff presentation dated March 7, 2023

Leticia Smillie, Planner III 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. **Accept and approve in principle Part A of JustFOOD: Action Plan for the Halifax Region and proposal for development of Part B, as contained in the staff report dated March 1, 2023; and**
2. **Direct the Mayor to make the Halifax Regional Municipality a signatory to the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Russell

15.1.8 Halifax Public Safety Strategy 2023-24 to 2025-26

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated March 1, 2023, revised March 2, 2023
- Correspondence from Jamie Livingston, Nora Dickson, Shelley Radford, Catherine Brown and Nadine Romaine
- Presentation dated March 7, 2023

Amy Siciliano, Public Safety Advisor gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve the attached document to the staff report dated March 1, 2023, Public Safety Strategy for use as a strategy framework for municipal decision-making regarding public safety.**
2. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide an annual progress report to Regional Council.**
3. **Allocate \$361,100 for Fiscal Year 2023-24 to begin work to establish a Centre of Responsibility for Public Safety as outlined in the Public Safety Strategy.**

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Councillor Outhit proposed a friendly amendment that the \$361,100 in part 3 be allocated to the budget adjustment list for fiscal year 2023-24. 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 Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve the attached document to the staff report dated March 1, 2023, Public Safety Strategy for use as a strategy framework for municipal decision-making regarding public safety.**
2. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide an annual progress report to Regional Council.**

3. **Adjust the amount allocated to the budget adjustment list for fiscal year 2023-24 to \$361,100 to begin work to establish a Centre of Responsibility for Public Safety as outlined in the Public Safety Strategy.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Russell

15.1.9 Rapid Housing Initiative Round 3 - Investment Plan

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated March 3, 2023
- Staff presentation dated March 7, 2023

Jill MacLellan, Principal Planner gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include an Investment Plan providing funding for the proposed affordable housing development by the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul, as further discussed in this report, in the Rapid Housing Initiative Agreement with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation ("CMHC"); and**
2. **Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and execute Contribution Agreements, and any amendments or consents arising from them, with recipients, to distribute CMHC Rapid Housing Initiative funding for approved projects.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Kent

15.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Increase to Contract – RFQ-21-002, Two (2) 2021 Model Refuse Transfer Trailers c/w Top Opening Door and Auxiliary Gasoline Engine

The following was before Council:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated February 23, 2023 with attached staff report dated February 14, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve a budget increase to Project Account No. CW200003 – Rural Depots in the amount of \$26,121 (net HST included) to accommodate increases in the US exchange rate; and**
2. **Approve an unbudgeted reserve withdrawal of \$26,121 (net HST included) from Q556, Solid Waste Facilities Reserve to fund this increase.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Kent

15.2.2 2022/2023 Write Off of Uncollectible Accounts

The following was before Council:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated February 27, 2023 with attached staff report dated February 16, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **The real property tax accounts in the amount of \$67,583.81 comprised of \$50,871.38 and \$16,712.43 interest as summarized in Schedule 1 of the staff report dated February 16, 2023 be formally written out of the books of account;**
2. **The general revenue accounts in the amount of \$39,036.76 comprised of \$38,863.45 principal and \$173.31 interest as summarized in Schedule 1 of the staff report dated February 16, 2023 be formally written out of the books of account; and**
3. **The recreation accounts in the amount of \$7,466.89 comprised of \$7,466.89 principal and \$0.00 interest as summarized in Schedule 1 of the staff report dated February 16, 2023 be formally written out of the books of account.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Kent

15.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Playing Field Strategy

The following was before Council:

- Community Planning And Economic Development Standing Committee report dated February 16, 2023 with attached staff report dated February 1, 2023
- Presentation dated March 7, 2023

This matter was referred to Committee of the Whole; refer to the Order of the Business.

15.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.4.1 Case H00542: Request to Include 6112 Coburg Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated February 22, 2023 with attached staff report dated February 9, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of 6112 Coburg Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated February 9, 2023, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Kent

15.4.2 Case H00555: 2023/24 Heritage Incentives Plan

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated February 22, 2023 with attached staff report dated February 15, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed grants to the properties listed in Attachment A of the staff report dated February 15, 2023, conditional upon the applicants' compliance with Sections 29 through 35 of Administrative Order Number 2014-002-ADM and subject to approval of the proposed 2023/24 budget.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Kent

15.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.5.1 Councillor Blackburn – Feely Lake

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Blackburn

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff information report on the lands surrounding Feely Lake including the history of the land transfer, the original intention of the lands, why these plans were not realized and steps that need to be taken to complete this transfer.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Russell

15.5.2 Councillor Blackburn – Beaver Bank Bypass

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Blackburn

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff information report on the Beaver Bank Bypass project including a history of the provincial project,

what HRM's involvement was (including our financial commitments at the time) and what our possible future involvement with provincial and federal partners could look like.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Russell

16. MOTIONS – NONE

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – February 21 & 22, 2023

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of February 21 & 22, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.3 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated February 7, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated February 7, 2023; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated February 7, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Russell

17.4 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated February 7, 2023, revised March 7, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential revised report dated February 7, 2023; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential revised report dated February 7, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Russell

17.5 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated February 22, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated February 22, 2023; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated February 22, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Russell

17.6 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was deferred during the approval of the Order of Business.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 17.7 PROPERTY MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.7 PROPERTY 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 staff report dated February 22, 2023
- Private and confidential correspondence dated March 1, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated February 22, 2023; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated February 22, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Russell

17.8 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential report dated February 27, 2023, revised March 6, 2023
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MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential revised report dated February 27, 2023; and**
- 2. Release the private and confidential revised report dated February 27, 2023 to the public once the conditions as outlined in the report has been met.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Russell

17.9 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential report dated February 27, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated February 27, 2023; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated February 27, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Russell

17.10 PUBLIC SECURITY – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was deferred during the approval of the Order of Business.

18. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Mancini

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move proposed Administrative Order 2023-002-ADM, *Respecting Public Participation for Planning Documents, Public Engagement for Certain Planning Applications, and Engagement with Abutting Municipalities*, and amendments to Administrative Order Number 48, the *Community Council Administrative Order*, the purpose of which is to set minimum standards for public engagement, set requirements for engaging with neighbouring municipalities, and direct how the Public Engagement Guidebook should be used to develop public participation programs.

19.2 Councillor Blackburn

TAKE NOTICE that, subject to Budget Committee direction at the Budget Adjustment List discussion, that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move Amendments to Administrative Order 14, *Respecting the Application of Interest Charges on Outstanding Accounts*, the purpose of which is to change the rate of interest charged on arrears to 15% per annum for overdue interest rate.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk