

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES August 22, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Savage Deputy Mayor Sam Austin

Councillors: Cathy Deagle Gammon

David Hendsbee Becky Kent Trish Purdy Tony Mancini Waye Mason Shawn Cleary

Kathryn Morse Patty Cuttell Iona Stoddard Pam Lovelace Lisa Blackburn Paul Russell Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillor: Lindell Smith – Parental Leave

STAFF: Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer

John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services

/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer

lain MacLean, Municipal Clerk Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m., and recessed at 11:55 a.m. Council reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 3:16 p.m. Council recessed at 5:00 p.m. and reconvened In Camera (In Private) at 6:00 p.m. Council reconvened in public at 7:10 p.m. and adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmag people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Special Emergency Regional Council May 28 and June 2, 2023 and Regional Council July 11, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the minutes of Special Emergency Regional Council May 28 and June 2, 2023 and Regional Council July 11, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services /Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer noted that as set out in section 62(5) a of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, a motion of recission is not in order in respect to the adoption or amendments of a by-law or a planning document, and therefore the proposed addition of Item 18.1 Councillor Cleary - Postpone Short-term Rental Changes was deemed out of order.

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, as provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Mason requested that In Camera ratifications be considered prior to Item 15.6.2.

Later in the meeting, as provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Mancini requested that Item 15.1.7 be considered prior to Item 15.1.5.

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 Hendsbee
- Item 15.6.3 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Mancini

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Russell

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

- 13.1.1 Fly-past Request Halifax International Fleet Week;
- 15.1.6 Case 2023-00304: Amendments to the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to permit the development of an office building at 1274 Hammonds Plains Road;
- 15.1.9 Proposed Administrative Order SC-102, Respecting Closure of a Portion of Windmill Road, Dartmouth – Partial Street Right-of-Way Closure;
- 15.1.12 LWF Ratepayers Association 3rd Party Contribution Agreement Approval;
- 15.2.1 Budget Increase CD000001 Spring Garden Streetscaping and Contract Amendments for PO #2070858423;
- 15.2.2 Business Services, P&D / PPL&C Team Augmentation;
- 15.6.1 2023-24 Rural Transit Funding Program;
- 15.7.1 Case H00528: Substantial Alteration to the Municipally Registered Heritage Property at 10 Kirk Road, Halifax; and
- 15.7.2 Case H00571: 2023 / 2024 Heritage Incentives Program App # 24-031.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

7. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Councillor Kent declared a conflict of interest for Item 15.5.1 Board of Police Commissioners' Logo, as the logo designer is their son.

8. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE

9. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE

10. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

10.1 Region Wide Approach to Shared Housing – Supplementary Report

10.1i Revised Staff Report dated April 19, 2023

The following was before Council:

- Supplementary staff report dated July 7, 2023, revised August 21, 2023
- Staff report dated April 19, 2023, revised May 17, 2023
- Extract from the May 23, 2023 Regional Council minutes
- Correspondence from Jacob Ritchie and Stephen Adams

John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services /Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer advised that, as a result of the public hearing for section 1 having closed on May 23, 2023, section 1 of the motion needed to be addressed by Council prior to discussion on section 2. Section 1 was on the floor from May 23, 2023 as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt the proposed amendments to the Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies for Bedford and Planning Districts 8 and 9 and Land Use By-laws for Beaver Bank/ Hammonds Plains/ Upper Sackville; Bedford; Cole Harbour/ Westphal; Eastern Passage/ Cow Bay; Halifax Mainland; North Preston/ Lake Major/ Lake Loon/ Cherry Brook/ East Preston; Sackville Drive; Sackville; and Timberlea/ Lakeside/ Beechville, as set out in Attachments A and B (as revised) of the staff report dated April 19, 2023, to perform minor housekeeping amendments related to shared housing and tiny homes and to remove the Senior Citizens Housing land use from the Beaver Bank/ Hammonds Plains/ Upper Sackville Land Use Bylaw;

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

As set out in section 20 of Appendix A of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillors Mason, Cuttell, Blackburn, and Russell were not present for the entire staff presentation and public hearing on May 23, 2023, and were unable to vote on the matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mason, Smith, Cuttell, Blackburn, Russell

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

2. Give First Reading and schedule a public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to the Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Beaver Bank/ Hammonds Plains/ Upper Sackville, to establish Senior Citizens Housing use as an existing use on specified lots, as set out in Attachments A & B as revised of the supplementary staff report dated July 7, 2023.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT section 2 be amended to add the following to the end of the motion: "with an amendment to section 5 of Attachment B (revised) (Appendix A-1) so the first paragraphs would read as follows:

An Existing Senior Citizen Housing Use that was issued a development permit for Senior Citizens Housing prior to First Reading of this Appendix may only be re-issued for that use until May 23, 2026, and shall only be a permitted use for those properties listed below."

Traves and Matt Conlin, Planner III responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council and noted that if approved, the proposed amendment would mean that in order to be considered an existing use, permits would need to be issued and construction would need to be started prior to May 23, 2026.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Mayor Savage

Not present: Councillors Kent, Smith

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

2. Give First Reading and schedule a public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to the Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Beaver Bank/ Hammonds Plains/ Upper Sackville, to establish Senior Citizens Housing use as an existing use on specified lots, as set out in Attachments A & B (revised) of the supplementary staff report dated July 7, 2023, with an amendment to section 5 of Attachment B (revised) (Appendix A-1) so the first paragraphs would read as follows:

An Existing Senior Citizen Housing Use that was issued a development permit for Senior Citizens Housing prior to First Reading of this Appendix may only be re-issued for that use until May 23, 2026, and shall only be a permitted use for those properties listed below.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Smith

10.2 Councillor Cleary - Planning & Development Permitting and Development Approval Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated May 15, 2023
- Staff presentation dated August 22, 2023

Erin MacIntyre, Director, Current Planning gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Mayor Savage stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Mayor Austin assumed the Chair.

10.3 Councillor Cuttell - Restoration and Preservation of Fleming Cottage

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 13, 2023
- Extract from the July 11, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council consider the rehabilitation of the Sir Sandford Fleming Cottage, as the preferred option, be added to the 2024/2025 Regional Council capital budget deliberations for discussion.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Smith

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS - NONE

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 10.1i, 13.1.1, 15.1.1, 15.1.4, 15.3.1 and 15.8.3.

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

13.1.1 Fly-past Request – Halifax International Fleet Week

The following was before Council:

• Correspondence from Donald Michaluk

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council grant permission for Canadian Armed Forces assets to fly over the Halifax harbour at an altitude of 500 feet above the highest obstacles, for 2:00 p.m. on September 8 and 9, 2023, finishing with a flyby during the early afternoon on September 10, 2023 which will accompany the Parade of Ships as they leave the harbour for Exercise Cutlass Fury.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

13.2 Petitions - None

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD - NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Second Reading Proposed By-law L-500, Respecting the Construction and Operation of Land-Lease Communities, and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees - Land-Lease Communities By-law Modernization Project (PLPPROJ-2023-00192)

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 12, 2023
- Extract from the June 20, 2023 Regional Council minutes
- Correspondence from Heather Havill Scott

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- Adopt By-law Number L-500, Respecting the Construction and Operation of Land-lease Communities, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 12, 2023, which includes:
 - a. Amendments to the Halifax County By-law 29, the Mobile Home Park By-law;
 - b. Amendments to the City of Dartmouth By-law M-200, Respecting Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks; and
 - c. Repealing the City of Halifax Ordinance 143, Respecting Mobile Home Parks.
- 2. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 15, the License, Permits and Processing Fees Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated June 12, 2023; and
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to review options for incorporating the remaining land use requirements of the existing Mobile Home Park By-laws into the applicable land use by-laws.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the motion be amended to delete section 2F from Schedule D of Attachment A of the staff report dated June 12, 2023.

MOTION TO AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Smith

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt By-law Number L-500, Respecting the Construction and Operation of Land-lease Communities, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 12, 2023, as amended, which includes:
 - a. Amendments to the Halifax County By-law 29, the Mobile Home Park By-law;
 - b. Amendments to the City of Dartmouth By-law M-200, Respecting Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks; and
 - c. Repealing the City of Halifax Ordinance 143, Respecting Mobile Home Parks.
- 2. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 15, the License, Permits and Processing Fees Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated June 12, 2023; and
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to review options for incorporating the remaining land use requirements of the existing Mobile Home Park By-laws into the applicable land use by-laws.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Smith

15.1.2 Second Reading Proposed By-law M-400 and Repeal of By-law H-400, Respecting Marketing Levy

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated July 4, 2023
- Extract from the July 11, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt By-Law M-400, the Marketing Levy By-law, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated July 4, 2023, which includes the repeal of By-Law H-400, the Marketing Levy By-law; and

2. Request the Mayor write to the Province of Nova Scotia requesting amendments to section 29A of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter to require platform operators to collect and remit the marketing levy on behalf of operators.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Smith

15.1.3 Second Reading Proposed By-law S-804, an Amendment to By-law S-801, Respecting Licensing of Temporary Signs, and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated May 17, 2023
- Extract from the July 11, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt By-law S-804 amending By-law S-801 Respecting Licensing of Temporary Signs, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated May 17, 2023; and
- 2. Adopt amendments to Administrative Order 15, License, Permits and Processing Fees, as set out in Attachment C of the staff report dated May 17, 2023.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT By-law S-804, Attachment A of the staff report dated May 17, 2023, be amended to add an additional section, s.1(k), that reads as follows:

s. 1(k) amending clause 2(gg) by deleting the word and number "seven (7)" after the word "exceeding" and replacing it with word and number "ten (10)".

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Smith

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt By-law S-804 amending By-law S-801 Respecting Licensing of Temporary Signs, as set out in Attachment A, as amended, of the staff report dated May 17, 2023; and
- 2. Adopt amendments to Administrative Order 15, License, Permits and Processing Fees, as set out in Attachment C of the staff report dated May 17, 2023.

Tanya Snair, Supervisor, Licensing & Ticketing and Chris Davis, Manager, Right of Way Services responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Smith

15.1.4 Second Reading Proposed By-law T-1007, an Amendment to By-law T-1000, Respecting Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis, Limousines, and Transportation Network Companies, Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation – Taxi Broker Fee System

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 13, 2023
- Extract from the July 11, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes
- Correspondence from Lisa Dahr, Darlene Grant Fiander

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt:

- By-law T-1007 amending By-law T-1000 Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis, Limousines, and Transportation Network Companies, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 13, 2023;
- 2. Amendments to Administrative Order 15, License, Permits and Processing Fees, as set out in Attachment C of the staff report dated June 13, 2023; and
- 3. Amendments to Administrative Order 39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation, as set out in Attachment D of the staff report dated June 13, 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Smith

15.1.5 Second Reading Proposed By-law T-1200, Respecting Halifax Transit

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated July 11, 2023
- Extract from the July 11, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law T-1200, the purpose of which is to promote the safety, well-being, and comfort of passengers and employees of Halifax Transit, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated July 11, 2023.

Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Smith

15.1.6 Case 2023-00304: Amendments to the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to permit the development of an office building at 1274 Hammonds Plains Road

The following was before Council:

• Staff report dated June 13, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, 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 Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville to enable the development of an office building at 1274 Hammonds Plains Road; 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 Smith

15.1.7 Case 24527: Secondary and Backyard Suites - Accessibility & Monitoring

The following was before Council:

• Staff report dated May 24, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to explore the development of an incentive program for secondary and backyard suites with key features as outlined in the staff report dated May 24, 2023.

Brandon Umpherville, Planner III responded to guestions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Smith

15.1.8 Cases 21946-A and 21946-B: Amendments to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and associated development agreements for lands at the intersections of Southgate Drive and Bedford Highway and Glenmont Avenue and Bedford Highway, Bedford (Joint Meeting with North West Community Council)

The following was before Council:

Staff report dated July 13, 2023

The Deputy Mayor advised that where this was a joint meeting with North West Community Council, part 1 must be considered prior to parts 2 and 3. Consideration of parts 2 and 3 would be done by North West Community Council members only and the vote would be done by show of hands.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) for Bedford, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated July 13, 2023, to enable one multi-unit dwelling, five single unit dwellings, and one commercial

building on lands at the intersection of Southgate Drive and Bedford Highway and Glenmont Avenue and Bedford Highway and schedule a public hearing.

Deputy Mayor Austin stepped down from the Chair and Councillor Lovelace assumed the Chair.

Megan Backos, Planner III responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Deputy Mayor Austin resumed the Chair.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Mancini, Smith

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Russell

It is further recommended that North West Community Council:

- Give Notice of Motion to consider the proposed development agreement, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated July 13, 2023, to permit a six-storey multi-unit dwelling at the northwest corner of Southgate Drive and Bedford Highway, Bedford. The public hearing for the development agreements shall be held concurrently with that indicated in Recommendation 1; and
- 3. Give Notice of Motion to consider the proposed development agreement, as set out in Attachment C of the staff report dated July 13, 2023, to permit one 16,000 square foot commercial building and five single unit dwellings on the west side of the Bedford Highway between Southgate Drive and Glenmont Avenue. The public hearing for the development agreements shall be held concurrently with that indicated in Recommendation 1.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.1.9 Proposed Administrative Order SC-102, Respecting Closure of a Portion of Windmill Road, Dartmouth – Partial Street Right-of-Way Closure

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated July 24, 2023
- Extract from the July 11, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for the public hearing to consider closing the portion of former Windmill Road street right-of-way shown in Attachment 'A' of the staff report dated July 24, 2023 as 'Parcel B-2B', save and except a 0.2 meter portion for street purposes, with notice to be published in a newspaper at least 14 days prior to the public hearing for the street closure.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.1.10 Proposed Administrative Order SC-101, Respecting Closure of a Portion of Parkstone Road, Dartmouth – Parcel XA

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 19, 2023
- Extract from the July 11, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Designate Parcel X as set out in Attachment "C" of the staff report dated June 19, 2023, as Parkstone Road street right-of-way;
- Approve Administrative Order SC-101 as set out in Attachment "B" of the staff report dated June 19, 2023, to close the surplus portion of Parkstone Road street right-of-way shown as Parcel XA; and
- 3. Designate Parcel X-R as set out in Attachment "A" of the staff report dated June 19, 2023, as Parkstone Road street right-of-way.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Smith

15.1.11 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 13, 2023
- Extract from the July 11, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council as outlined in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated June 13. 2023.

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Smith, Outhit

15.1.12 LWF Ratepayers Association 3rd Party Contribution Agreement Approval

The following was before Council:

Staff report dated August 1, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the LWF Ratepayers Association 3rd Party Contribution Agreement, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated August 1, 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.2 AUDIT & FINANCE STADNING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Budget Increase CD000001 Spring Garden Streetscaping and Contract Amendments for PO #2070858423

The following was before Council:

 Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated July 19, 2023 with attached staff report dated June 15, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a transfer of \$150,000 from Project Account No. CD000002 Argyle & Grafton to CD000001 Spring Garden Road;
- 2. Approve a transfer of \$750,000 from Project Account No. CT190003 Downtown Dartmouth Infrastructure Renewal to CD000001 Spring Garden Road;
- 3. Approve a budget increase of \$900,000 to Project Account CD000001 Spring Garden Streetscape; and
- 4. Approve an increase of \$908,386 (net HST included) to PO # 2070858423 for Brycon Construction Ltd. for changes in contracted scope of work, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated June 15, 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.2.2 Business Services, P&D / PPL&C Team

The following was before Council:

 Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated July 19, 2023 with attached staff report dated July 10, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a transfer of \$559,234 (net HST included) from Project Account No. Cl990013 (Permitting, Licensing and Compliance) to Project Account No. Cl230005 (Permitting Licensing & Compliance-Ph 2); and
- Award an Alternative Procurement contract to Bell Inc., for the provision of consulting services related to the Permitting, Planning, Licensing and Compliance (PPL&C) Program, in the amount of \$559,234 (net HST included), using funding from Project Account No. Cl230005 (Permitting Licensing & Compliance-Ph2) as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated July 10, 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.3 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE 15.3.1 Analysis of Halifax Becoming a Bee City

The following was before Council:

- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee report dated July 6, 2023 with attached staff report dated May 9, 2023
- Correspondence from Dr. Erin Cameron

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to apply for Bee City status within one year of hiring a naturalization coordinator.

Ray Walsh, Director, Parks, Emma Wattie, Manager, Environment and Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to guestions of clarification from Regional Council.

Mayor Savage resumed the Chair.

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

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

Against: Councillor Russell

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.4 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.4.1 Proposed Administrative Order 2023-001-GOV – Respecting Public Appointments to Committees of Council and External Boards

The following was before Council:

- Executive Standing Committee report dated June 26, 2023 with attached staff report dated June 20, 2023
- Extract from the July 11, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt Proposed Administrative Order 2023-001-GOV – Respecting Public Appointments to Committees of Council and External Boards as set out at Attachment 1 of the staff report dated June 20, 2023, which includes the repeal of the 2011 Public Appointment Policy.

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Outhit

15.5 BOARD OF POLICE COMMSSIONERS 15.5.1 Board of Police Commissioners' Logo

The following was before Council:

 Board of Police Commissioners report dated August 2, 2023 with attached staff report dated July 5, 2023, revised August 4, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Grant permission for the Board of Police Commissioners to use the Official Corporate Coat of Arms of the Halifax Regional Municipality as a part of its logo; and
- 2. Approve that the Board of Police Commissioners adopt the following as its official logo as per Attachment 1 of the staff report dated July 5, 2023, revised August 4, 2023.

Councillor Kent was recused from the meeting during consideration of this item having declared a conflict interest in the matter, as the logo designer is their son.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Smith

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes, 17.2 PUBLIC SECURITY - Private and Confidential Report, 17.3 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS - Private and Confidential Report, 17.4 PROPERTY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report, 17.5 PROPERTY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report and 17.6 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.6 GRANTS COMMITTEE 15.6.1 2023-24 Rural Transit Funding Program

The following was before Council:

Grants Committee report dated July 10, 2023 with attached staff report dated June 13, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve grants, pursuant to the Rural Transit Grants Administrative Order, for the 2023-24 fiscal year, to a maximum of \$400,000, including the grants set forth in Table 2 of the staff report dated June 13, 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.6.2 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM, Respecting Tax Relief to Non-Profit Organizations - Fiscal Year 2023/2024 – Proposed Amendments to Program Schedules

The following was before Council:

- Grants Committee report dated July 10, 2023 with attached staff report dated June 5, 2023
- Extract from the July 11, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the addition of twenty-two (22) properties to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM as detailed in the Discussion section of the staff report dated June 5, 2023 at an estimated combined cost of \$253,359 from Operating Account M311-8006;
- Approve six (6) one-time grants in support of properties developed under the auspices of the federal Rapid Housing Initiatives Program: Phase 1 and Phase 2 as listed in the Discussion section of the staff report dated June 5, 2023 at an estimated combined cost of \$46,055 from Operating Account M311-8006;
- 3. Suspend the application of Sections 7C and 7D of Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM in fiscal year 2023/24 by amending the Administrative Order as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated June 5, 2023;
- Approve records management corrections and amendments as listed in the Discussion section of the staff report dated June 5, 2023 and as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated June 5, 2023; and
- 5. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2014-001-ADM as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated June 5, 2023 including adopting Attachments A through E attached to Attachment 2 to repeal and replace Schedules 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 of the Administrative Order.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

15.6.3 Volunteer Search & Rescue Grants Program: Recommended Awards Fiscal Year 2023-24

The following was before Council:

Grants Committee report dated July 24, 2023 with attached staff report dated June 30, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the award of three (3) Operating Grants as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated June 30, 2023 for a total of \$141,300.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the motion be amended for an increased total amount of \$164,163.

Councillor Mancini highlighted the importance of resourcing for the Volunteer Search and Rescue Grants Program due to ongoing environmental challenges.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer, Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer, John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer and Peta-Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants, Tax and Special Projects responded to guestions of clarification from Regional Council.

As provided for in section 66 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amended motion from Councillor Mancini was withdrawn with consent of Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT items 15.6.3 Volunteer Search & Rescue Grants Program: Recommended Awards Fiscal Year 2023-24 and 15.8.4 Councillor Hendsbee – Funding Request for the Sheet Harbour and Area Ground Search and Rescue be referred to the Grants Committee for reconsideration.

Temple responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION TO REFER PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

15.7 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.7.1 Case H00528: Substantial Alteration to the Municipally Registered Heritage Property at 10 Kirk Road, Halifax

The following was before Council:

 Heritage Advisory Committee report dated July 26, 2023 with attached staff report dated July 21, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed substantial alteration to 10 Kirk Road, Halifax as set out in the staff report dated July 21, 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.7.2 Case H00571: 2023 / 2024 Heritage Incentives Program - App # 24-031

The following was before Council:

 Heritage Advisory Committee report dated July 26, 2023 with attached staff report dated June 21, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed grant (24-031) to the property known as 1099-1101 Tower Road, Halifax, conditional upon the applicants' compliance with Sections 29 through 35 of Administrative Order Number 2014-002-ADM.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

15.8 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.8.1 Councillor Mason - Adoption of Colour Coded Street Signs to Identify Ownership

The following was before Council:

Request for Council Consideration form from Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report regarding options and costs related to the possible adoption of colour coded street signs to identify ownership (municipal, provincial, or private) of roads in HRM.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (8 in favour, 7 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Austin, Hendsbee, Mancini, Mason, Morse, Stoddard, Blackburn

Against: Councillors Deagle Gammon, Kent, Purdy, Cuttell, Lovelace, Russell, Outhit

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

15.8.2 Councillor Mason – Demolition Regulations and Empty Lot Tax

The following was before Council:

Request for Council Consideration form from Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report regarding disallowed demolition under normal circumstances until a building permit has been issued, and the establishment of an empty lot tax.

Councillor Russell proposed 'within the service boundary'. 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 direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report:

- 1. Regarding disallowed demolition under normal circumstances until a building permit has been issued; and
- 2. The establishment of an empty lot tax within the service boundary.

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

As provided for in section 90 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council,* the motion was separated for voting purposes.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report:

 Regarding disallowed demolition under normal circumstances until a building permit has been issued: and

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report:

2. The establishment of an empty lot tax within the service boundary. MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Outhit

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

15.8.3 Councillor Mason and Councillor Lovelace – Wildland Urban Interface Preparedness Strategies

The following was before Council:

- Revised request for Council consideration form from Councillor Mason and Councillor Lovelace
- Correspondence from Mary Ann McGrath, Nancy Burton, Sarah Offman

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council request the Chief Administrative Officer prepare a staff report regarding wildland urban interface preparedness strategies for Halifax, including recommendations on the following:

- Identify and create a prioritized list of communities within the wildland urban interface and intermix areas requiring addition of emergency evacuation routes and dry hydrants, with Halifax Emergency Management, Halifax Fire & Emergency, and Planning and Development to compile data to complete wildfire risk assessments and identify obstacles to completing these projects;
- 2. Review development standards and propose requirements for consideration regarding secondary evacuation routes and emergency water sources for all new and expanding large developments;
- 3. Review and make recommendations regarding improved resilient building codes, land use bylaws, homeowner education and other means that would encourage and require home hardening using low and non-combustible construction material to Fire Smart standards, Fire Smart building designs, defensible space standards for landscaping around homes, appropriate vegetation, tree species, and fire-fuel management program on public land, and public education and community action programs promoting fire risk awareness, and;
- 4. Present Council with options within its control for immediate action and a list of requests for the Province regarding either requests for additional powers or immediate action on the part of the Provincial Government, and;
- 5. Establishment of a joint working group with provincial and municipal staff to collaborate on collective action towards wildland fire mitigation and risk reduction in HRM;

- 6. Review of all current large development plans to confirm that secondary evacuation routes and planning for emergencies are incorporated; and
- 7. Explore options for fulsome community wildfire response planning.

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

15.8.4 Councillor Hendsbee – Funding Request for the Sheet Harbour and Area Ground Search and Rescue

The following was before Council:

Request for Council consideration form from Councillor Hendsbee

This matter was referred back to the Grants Committee; refer to item 15.6.3.

15.8.5 Councillor Cuttell – Review of uncommitted funds in the Herring Cove Treatment Plant Community Integration Fund

The following was before Council:

Request for Council Consideration form from Councillor Cuttell

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report with respect to the allocation of \$55,000 from the balance of uncommitted funds remaining in the former Herring Cove Treatment Plant Community Integration Fund held in the Options Reserve Q421 towards refurbishment and accessibility upgrades to the William King Elementary School playground in Herring Cove.

Councillor Cuttell proposed 'a minimum'. 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 direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report with respect to the allocation of a minimum of \$55,000 from the balance of uncommitted funds remaining in the former Herring Cove Treatment Plant Community Integration Fund held in the Options Reserve Q421 towards refurbishment and accessibility upgrades to the William King Elementary School playground in Herring Cove.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

15.8.6 Deputy Mayor Austin – Halifax Water Permitting Fees and Affordable Housing

The following was before Council:

Request for Council consideration form from Deputy Mayor Austin

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on options to eliminate the Halifax Water permitting costs on non-profit affordable housing developments. Options to consider should include:

- 1. A grant program to reimburse non-profits for their permitting costs; and
- 2. Potential legislative changes to allow Halifax Water to waive those costs directly.

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

15.8.7 Councillor Morse - By-Law A700 - Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership

The following was before Council:

Request for Council consideration form from Councillor Morse

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report and recommendations with respect to increasing the fines for dealing with animals that attack as set out in By-law A-700, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership, HRM's animal control by-law. The recommendations for fine increases should be based on a jurisdictional scan of Canadian municipalities and be high enough to serve as a significant deterrent to animal attacks on residents and pets.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

16. MOTIONS 16.1 Mayor Savage

The following was before Council:

• Request for Council consideration form from Mayor Savage

Mayor Savage stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Mayor Austin assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Mayor Savage, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report looking at options for providing municipal financial support to the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) for their 2023 Conference taking place in Halifax November 8-10, 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

Mayor Savage resumed the Chair.

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes - July 11, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of July 11, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.2 PUBLIC SECURITY - Private and Confidential Report - Deferred from June 20 & July 11, 2023

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 June 14, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report as amended dated June 14, 2023; and
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated June 14, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

17.3 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS - Private and Confidential Report – Deferred from July 11, 2023

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 June 29, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated June 29, 2023; and
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated June 29, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

17.4 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 August 22, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

17.5 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 May 15, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to write to the province to propose that the province reconsider acquiring the subject lands, 2500 Cow Bay Road (PID 00638247), to expand the provincial Cole Harbour-Lawrencetown Coastal Heritage Park system; and
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated May 15, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

17.6 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 staff report dated July 12, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

 Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated July 12, 2023; and 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated July 12, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

18. ADDED ITEMS - NONE
19. NOTICES OF MOTION
19.1 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that, that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move a motion to rescind a portion of Item 15.3.1 from the April 2, 2019 Regional Council meeting which requested a staff report in part 3 of the motion as follows:

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

. . .

3. Based upon rider interest and findings from the preceding pilot program, consider development of a business case for expanding the service to additional terminals and/or additional buses/ferries and present the results to Regional Council."

19.2 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that, that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move that Council consider adopting, by policy, a Public Participation Program, the purpose of which is to permit the development of a 30-storey mixed use residential and commercial building at the southeast corner of the Spring Garden Road and Robie Street intersection in Halifax.

19.3 Councillor Russell

TAKE NOTICE that, that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to propose amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, the purpose of which is to increase permit fees issues under the Street By-Law (S-300) as directed in the 2023/24 Budget.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

lain MacLean Municipal Clerk