



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 3, 2023**

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

STAFF:

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer
Martin Ward, Acting Municipal Solicitor
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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

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The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m., and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:00 p.m. Council reconvened at 2:49 p.m. and adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.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 – NONE

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Kent

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

- **15.2.1 – Risk and Resiliency Reserve Withdrawals & Emergency Funding;**
- **15.2.2 – Former Herring Cove Treatment Plan Community Integration Fund – Proposed Upgrade to William King Elementary School Park Playground; and**
- **15.2.3 – Administrative Order 10, Partial Tax Exemption Administrative Order and Land Titles Clarification Act Tax Relief.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Austin

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. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence – None

13.2 Petitions – None

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Halifax Convention Centre Annual Report

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated September 13, 2023
- Handout dated September 29, 2023
- Presentation dated October 3, 2023

Carrie Cussons, President and Chief Executive Officer, Events East gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the audited financial statements attached to the staff report dated September 13, 2023, for the Halifax Convention Centre.

Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director, Parks and Recreation responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Risk and Resiliency Reserve Withdrawals & Emergency Funding

The following was before Council:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated September 20, 2023 with attached staff report dated September 11, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a transfer of \$15,000,000 from the Capital Funds Reserve, Q526 into the Risk and Resiliency Reserve, Q416;**
- 2. Approve an unbudgeted withdrawal of up to \$25,000,000 from the Risk and Resiliency Reserve, Q416;**
- 3. Approve the full, remaining balance of the Risk and Resiliency Reserve, Q416, (after the withdrawal of the \$25,000,000 as set forth in Recommendation 2 of the staff report dated September 11, 2023) be used toward unbudgeted costs for remediation and replacement expenditures related to emergency and disaster events which are more fully described in the staff report dated September 11, 2023; and**
- 4. Direct that any funding that is received from other external sources, such as provincial or federal government relief programs, be reallocated to the Risk and Resiliency Reserve, Q416.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Austin

15.2.2 Former Herring Cove Treatment Plant Community Integration Fund – Proposed Upgrade to William King Elementary School Park Playground

The following was before Council:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated September 20, 2023 with attached staff report dated August 23, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the transfer of \$55,000 from Options Reserve Q421 to Capital Account CP200001 – Park Recapitalization for the purpose of capital upgrades to the William King Elementary School Park playground.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Austin

15.2.3 Administrative Order 10, Partial Tax Exemption Administrative Order and Land Titles Clarification Act Tax Relief

The following was before Council:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated July 19, 2023 with attached staff report dated June 12, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Discharge the property taxes owed by Applicant 1 (as defined in the staff report dated June 12, 2023) for a total amount of \$42,732.79;**
- 2. Discharge the property taxes owed by Applicant 2 (as defined in the staff report dated June 12, 2023) for a total amount of \$2,825.49; and**
- 3. Discharge the property taxes owed by Applicant 3 (as defined in the staff report dated June 12, 2023) for a total amount of \$11,970.85.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Austin

15.3 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Councillor Appointments to Halifax Water Board of Commissioners

The following was before Council:

- Executive Standing Committee report dated September 26, 2023 with attached staff report dated September 13, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council appoint two (2) Councillors to the Halifax Water Board of Commissioners, for a term to the end of the Council term.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Halifax Regional Council nominate Councillor Russell to the Halifax Water Board of Commissioners, for a term to the end of the Council term.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council nominate Councillor Stoddard to the Halifax Water Board of Commissioners, for a term to the end of the Council term.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council nominate Councillor Cuttell to the Halifax Water Board of Commissioners, for a term to the end of the Council term.

A vote was taken by secret ballot to appoint two members of Council to the Halifax Water Board of Commissioners. Councillors Cuttell and Russell were declared the successful nominees.

The motion as amended now read:

THAT Halifax Regional Council appoint Councillor Cuttell and Councillor Russell to the Halifax Water Board of Commissioners, for a term to the end of the Council term.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.3.2 2024/25 Strategic Business Planning and Budget Process

The following was before Council:

- Executive Standing Committee report dated September 25, 2023 with attached staff report dated September 14, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the 2024/25 Business Planning and Budget Schedule as amended as outlined in Attachment 1 of the Executive Standing Committee report dated September 25, 2023.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer and Mike Pappas, Director, Corporate Planning responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15.3.3 2024 Halifax Regional Council Meeting Schedule

The following was before Council:

- Executive Standing Committee report dated September 25, 2023 with attached staff report dated September 19, 2023

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed 2024 Regional Council meeting schedule as outlined in revised Attachment 1 of the Executive Standing Committee report dated September 25, 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. MOTIONS – NONE

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 17.1 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.1 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Private and Confidential Report

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

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated September 22, 2023

17.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated September 20, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated September 20, 2023; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated September 20, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

18. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

19. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk