



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES  
April 23, 2024**

PRESENT:

Mayor	Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor	Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillors:	David Hendsbee
	Becky Kent
	Trish Purdy
	Sam Austin
	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  
John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services  
/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer  
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk  
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant  
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant  
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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**Halifax Regional Council  
Draft Minutes  
April 23, 2024**

*The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m., and recessed at 12:00 p.m. Council reconvened at 1:03 p.m. and recessed at 3:14 p.m. Council reconvened at 3:35 p.m. and recessed at 5:10 p.m. Council reconvened at 6:01 p.m. Council adjourned at 7:54 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 11:05 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.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION – POET LAUREATE**

Sue Goyette, outgoing Poet Laureate and Anna Quon, incoming Poet Laureate, presented original poems.

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

Councillors noted special community announcements and acknowledgements.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 26, 2024 & April 9, 2024**

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT the minutes of March 26, 2024 and April 9, 2024 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

- 18.1 – Ratification from Budget Committee – Proposed 2024/25 Budget
- 18.2 – Councillor Lovelace - Review of the Assessment Act
- 17.3 – PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

Deletions: None

Deferred to the May 7, 2024 meeting of Halifax Regional Council:

- Item 15.1.6 – Community Engagement Strategy 2024

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Russell requested that Item 18.1 – Ratification from Budget Committee – Proposed 2024/25 be considered prior to item 5 Consent Agenda.

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Austin requested that Information Item 15 Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer dated April 19, 2024 re: Update on Homelessness be brought forward at the next Halifax Regional Council Meeting.

Halifax Regional Council waived the rules of order section 83 (1) and (3) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, to permit Committee of the Whole speaking rules for Item 15.1.1 – Housing Accelerator Fund – Urgent Changes to Planning Documents for Housing & Suburban Housing Accelerator SMPS & LUB (MINORREV-2023-01065).

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Later in the meeting, it was MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT the following items be deferred to a future meeting of Regional Council:**

- **Item 15.1.5 Property Matter – Africville Heritage Trust**
- **Item 17.2 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS - Private and Confidential Report**

**MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

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

- **13.1.1 – Fly-past Request – COVE Demo Day;**
- **15.3.1 – Case H00567: Request to Include 2552 Gottingen Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality;**
- **15.3.2 – Case H00568: Request to Include 5561 Cogswell Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality; and**
- **15.4.1 – Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve 2024 Grant Report**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**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. HERITAGE HEARING**

**12.1 Case H00531: Request to Include 1641 Fairfield Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality**

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated February 27, 2024 with attached staff report dated January 3, 2024
- Extract from the March 19, 2024 Regional Council minutes
- Staff presentation dated April 23, 2024

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

The hearing opened at 1:21 p.m.

Mayor Savage confirmed that the property owner is the Halifax Regional Municipality.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT the hearing be closed.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The hearing closed at 1:22 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the request to include 1641 Fairfield Road, Halifax, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 in the staff report dated January 3, 2024, as a municipal heritage area under the Heritage Property Act.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**13.1 Correspondence**

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 13.1.1 and 15.1.1.

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

**13.1.1 Fly-past Request – COVE Demo Day**

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Kennedy Sittler

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

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT Halifax Regional Council grant permission for a fly-by by Canadian Armed Forces aircraft as low as 500 feet, for the planned COVE Demo Day being held at COVE, 27 Parker Street Dartmouth, for transit, practice, and shows on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13.2 Petitions – None**

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

**15. REPORTS**

**15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**15.1.1 Housing Accelerator Fund - Urgent Changes to Planning Documents for Housing & Suburban Housing Accelerator SMPS & LUB (MINORREV-2023-01065)**

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated March 27, 2024
- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated April 17, 2024
- Correspondence from Alan Parish, Alex Ross, Andrew Evans, Andrew Inch, Glenn Woodford, Ann and Carl Boswick, Anne MacDonald, Bernie and Deirdre Kulanek, Brian LaBreche, Lukas Pearse, Brian Yee, Brittany Brown, Brittney Roughan, C Morris, Calum MacLeod, Catherine Brown, Cathy Mellett, Sharon Bond, Nancy McKinnell and Derek Laventure, Christina Henderson, Christine Smith, Darren Gerrior, David Fraser, David Wall, Diane Ashton, Erin Dobson, Etta Parker and Isabel Wainwright, Fred Carter, Gail Rice, Gary Hurst, Genevieve McKinnon, Margie and George Waye, Girish Patel, Iris Cluett, Issa Malouf, Jana Dempsey, Jannette Burke, Jason MacDonald, Jason Otis, Jean Robertson, Jenée Jarvis, Patsey Crawford and Iona Duncan-States, Jenifer Tsang, Jenna Ritter, Anil Sachdev and Joanne Hansen, Joseph

Vigder, Joel Maxwell, Johena Cavell, Josh Clee, Julia and Darren Steeves, Judy Healy, Michael and Elizabeth Ryan, Lindsay Cuthbertson, Julie VanderKloet, Kate Crossland-Page, Katherine Kitching, Kathryn Mahoney, Katie MacGuire and Lyndsay Vidito, Kelly Clark, Keriann MacNaughton-Seguín, Kimberly Kennedy and Rick Jamieson, Kurt Lutes, Larry MacEachern, Laura Brady, Laura Brown-Crowell and Martha Crowell, Lizzie Moore, Mary d'Entremont, Marylou Rossiter, Matthew McAdam, Matthew Roby, Maxwell Caravan, Merle Emms, Michael Mansfield, Michael Ryan, Michal Pluciński, Nancy Lee Mason, Nicholas Katsepontes, Nicole Scott, Patricia Murray, Paul Dec, Pauline Dakin, Rhonda Sinclair, Robert Evong, Roderick and Jean Dunn, Sarah McCormack, Sherry Smith, Stephanie Carter, Stevie Wonder, Susan Doyle, Tony Gillis, Tony Cranford, John MacDonald, Bill MacGregor, Heather Allison, Belinda Smith, Laura Brady, Pat Harrington, Janine Meade, Margie and George Waye, Jennifer Dell, Khalil Francis, Michael Ryan, Lindsay Cuthbertson, Marjorie Willison, Robin McAdam and Twyla Taylor, Sandra Barss, Matthew McAdam, Laura Brady, Marcus Ranjbar, Karla Nicholson, Anna Paton, Coalition for a Better Housing Plan, Ian Tillard, Barb Lane, Bea and Karine Renton

- Handout from Councillor Mason
- Handout from Councillor Cuttell
- Staff presentation dated April 23, 2024

Kasia Tota, Manager of Community Planning gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Halifax Regional Council waived the rules of order section 83 (1) and (3) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, to permit Committee of the Whole speaking rules.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider:**

- a. Approval of the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, the Regional Subdivision By-law and applicable secondary municipal planning strategies and land use by-laws, as set out in Attachments B1 to C2, and D1 to E9 of the staff report dated March 27, 2024;**
- b. Approval of the Suburban Housing Accelerator Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law as contained in Attachments C3 and C4 of the staff report dated March 27, 2024;**

**and schedule a public hearing.**

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the motion be amended to add “except to amend section 8 of Attachment D07 by striking out “Floor Area Ratio of 6.0” and replacing it with “Floor Area Ratio of 6.5”, and by repealing clause (c).**

Tota and Kathleen Fralic, Principal Planner responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

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

Tota and Kate Greene, Director of Regional and Community Planning responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council. Greene advised that the proposed amendments could impact the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) requirements. Greene added that most of Schedule J was outside the service boundary and amendments would not apply and would continue to be addressed through the Regional Plan Review phase 5.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the motion be amended to add “except to amend Attachments C1-Map 1, C1-Map 4, C2-Schedule 2, and C2-Schedule 15 by accepting the request as originally stated in Attachment A6, CP111 to rezone the 6400 block of Pepperell Street, Halifax to the COR zone up to 7 storeys.”**

Josh Adams, Principal Planner responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council and highlighted that the proposed amendment would provide an opportunity for more density in the specified area.

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.** (14 in favour, 3 against)

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

Against: Councillors Purdy, Austin, Cuttell

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

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT the motion be amended to add “except the following changes:**

- 1. Amend Attachments C1-Map-1, C1-Map 4, C2-Schedule 2, and C2-Schedule 15 by rezoning PID 40611576 from the COR zone with the maximum building height of 9 storeys to the ER-3 zone with the maximum building height of 11 metres;**
- 2. Amend Attachments C1-Map 1, C1-Map 4, C1-Map 9, C2-Schedule 2, C2-Schedule 3C, and C2-Schedule 15 to rezone along south side of Ropewalk Lane (PID 00066555, 00066563, 41453358, 41453341, 41453333, 41453325, and 41453317) from the COR zone with the maximum building height of 7 storeys to the ER-3 zone with the maximum building height of 11 metres, and by including the subject sites back in the Dartmouth North (ND) Precinct and the Dartmouth North 1 Special Area.”**

Adams responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council and noted that an ER-3 zone complimented the zoning of neighbouring properties in the area.

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

Jacqueline Hamilton, Executive Director of Planning and Development responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Outhit

**THAT the motion be amended to add “except to amend Attachments C1-Map 3 and C2-Schedule 17 by reducing the floor area ratio of PID 00155770, 00155762, 00155754, 00155747, 00155739, 41092867, 41092875, 41092883, 41092891, 00155671, 00428847, 00155663, 00155622, 00155655, 00155648, 00155630, 00155614, and 00155606 from 3.0 to 2.25 in the CEN-1 zone.”**

Adams responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.** (16 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Morse

**THAT the motion be amended to add “except to amend Attachments C3 Map 1, C3 Map 2, C4 Schedule 1, C4 Schedule 2, C4 Schedule 3, C4 Schedule 4, and C4 Schedule 5 by removing PID 41503947, 41503954, 41503962, and 41503970, and by including the same subject sites in Attachments D11 Map 9F-4 and D12 Map ZM-1-07.”**

Fralic responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council and highlighted that the specified properties met the HAF criteria and were recent developments that could be removed.

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

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the motion be amended to add: “except the following changes:**

- 1. Amend section 9 of Attachment D11 by adding “and Attachment-D11-Map 9-4” after “Attachment-D11-Map 9-3” and by adding a new map titled “Attachment-D11-Map 9-4” to add 10 Kearney Lake Road, Halifax (PID 00291088) as “area to be removed from Planning Area”**
- 2. Amend section 21 of Attachment D12 by adding “and Attachment-D12-Map ZM-1-08” after “Attachment-D12-Map ZM-1-07” and by adding a new map titled “Attachment-D12-Map ZM-1-08” to add 10 Kearney Lake Road, Halifax (PID 00291088) as “area to be removed from Planning Area”; and**
- 3. Amend Attachments C3-Map 1-3, C3-Map 2-3, C4-Schedule 1-3, C4-Schedule 2-3, C4-Schedule 3-3, C4-Schedule 4-3, and C4-Schedule 5-3 by adding 10 Kearney Lake Road (PID 00291088) and applying:**
  - a. the HA zone;**
  - b. a maximum height of 4 storeys;**
  - c. minimum front and flanking setbacks of 4 metres;**
  - d. no transition lines; and**
  - e. the Halifax Mainland Incentive or Bonus Zoning Rate District to the site.”**

Fralic responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

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

Adams responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council and noted that modifications to height measurements from metres to storeys in certain zones resulted in restrictions to the type of construction style that could be used. Adams advised that the restriction in construction style led to labour supply issues and increased construction prices.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

**THAT the motion be amended to add “except to amend Attachments C1, C2, C3, and C4 by:**

- 1. Striking out “1 storey” as they appear and replacing it with “3.5 metres”;**
- 2. Striking out “2 storeys” as they appear and replacing it with “8 metres”;**
- 3. Striking out “3 storeys” as they appear and replacing it with “11 metres”;**
- 4. Striking out “4 storeys” as they appear and replacing it with “12 metres”;**
- 5. Striking out “5 storeys” as they appear and replacing it with “14 metres”;**
- 6. Striking out “6 storeys” as they appear and replacing it with “17 metres”;**
- 7. Striking out “7 storeys” as they appear and replacing it with “20 metres”;**
- 8. Striking out “8 storeys” as they appear and replacing it with “23 metres”;**
- 9. Striking out “9 storeys” as they appear and replacing it with “26 metres”;**
- 10. Striking out “10 storeys” as they appear and replacing it with “30 metres”;**
- 11. Striking out “12 storeys” as they appear and replacing it with “36 metres”;**
- 12. Striking out “14 storeys” as they appear and replacing it with “42 metres”;**
- 13. Striking out “33 storeys” as they appear and replacing it with “90 metres”; and**
- 14. Striking out “40 storeys” as they appear and replacing it with “120 metres.”**

Adams and Tota responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council. Adams highlighted that maintenance of the height limitation in storeys allowed for a flexible response to the evolution of building codes, energy codes and types of construction. Tota advised the importance of continued construction monitoring ensured the emerging industry would not be restricted.

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

Not present: Councillor Kent

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the motion be amended to add “except the following changes:**

- 1. Amend section 10 of Attachment C2 by striking out “four-unit dwelling use or”;**
- 2. Repeal section 18 of Attachment C2 and replacing it with the following three new sections:**
  - (a) 18.1 Section 57 is amended by striking out the entire section and replacing it with the following:**

**Maximum Number of Bedrooms in the ER-3 or ER-2 Zone**

- 57 1) Except as provided in Subsections 57(2), 57(3), and 57(4), on a lot zoned ER-3 or ER-2, the following are the maximum number of bedrooms permitted by land use:**
- (a) for a single-unit dwelling use, 6 bedrooms per lot;**



- (b) for a semi-detached dwelling use, 4 bedrooms per unit;**
  - (c) for a townhouse dwelling use, 4 bedrooms per unit and 20 bedrooms per townhouse block;**
  - (d) for a two-unit dwelling use, 8 bedrooms per lot;**
  - (e) for a three-unit dwelling use, 10 bedrooms per lot;**
  - (f) for a four-unit dwelling use, 12 bedrooms per lot;**
  - (g) for a multi-unit dwelling use with 5 dwelling units, 4 bedrooms per unit and 14 bedrooms per lot;**
  - (h) for a multi-unit dwelling use with 6 dwelling units, 4 bedrooms per unit and 16 bedrooms per lot;**
  - (i) for a multi-unit dwelling use with 7 dwelling units, 4 bedrooms per unit and 18 bedrooms per lot; and**
  - (j) for a multi-unit dwelling use with 8 dwelling units, 4 bedrooms per unit and 20 bedrooms per lot.**
- 2) For a small shared housing use on a lot zoned ER-3 or ER-2, the following are the maximum number of bedrooms permitted by lot area:**
- (a) for a lot that is less than 375.0 square metres, 12 bedrooms per lot;**
  - (b) for a lot that is at least 375.0 square metres but less than 450.0 square metres, 14 bedrooms per lot;**
  - (c) for a lot that is at least 450.0 square metres but less than 525.0 square metres, 16 bedrooms per lot;**
  - (d) for a lot that is at least 525.0 square metres but less than 600.0 square metres, 18 bedrooms per lot; and**
  - (e) for a lot that is at least 600.0 square metres, 20 bedrooms per lot.**
- 3) All bedrooms in a backyard suite use are not counted towards the maximum number of bedrooms permitted in Subsection 57(1).**
- 4) An internal conversion of an existing main dwelling under Section 63 is not subject to Subsection 57(1).**
- (b) 18.2 Section 58 is repealed.**
- (c) 18.3 Section 59 is amended by striking out subsections (1) and (2) and by adding the following new subsection after subsection (2):**
- (3) If a dwelling unit contains a small shared housing use, the total number of bedrooms for all the dwelling units on the lot must not exceed the maximum number in Subsection 57(1).**

**(d) 18.4 Sections 61 and 62 are repealed.”**

Adams, Tota and Greene responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council. Adams advised that the removal of a bedroom count ensured that developments were compatible in scale with existing neighborhoods. Greene added that the current bedroom count per lot met the HAF requirements.

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.** (15 in favour, 2 against)

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

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillor Lovelace

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the motion amend Attachments C1-Map 1, C1-Map 4, C2-Schedule 2, and C2-Schedule 15 to rezone 1 MacRae Avenue, Dartmouth (PID 00221416) from ER-3 with the maximum building height of 11 metres to HR-1 with the maximum building height of 5 storeys.**

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

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the motion amend Attachments C1-Map 4 and C2-Schedule 15 by increasing the maximum building height of PID 00247601, 00247619, and 00247627 on Renfrew Street, Dartmouth from 5 storeys to 7 storeys.**

Adams responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

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

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Russell

**THAT the motion be amended to add “except to amend section 2 of Attachment D04 by striking out “for all accessory space on a lot.”**

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

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT the motion be amended to add “except the following changes:**

- 1. Amend section 12 of Attachment D11 by adding “and Attachment-D11-Map 9F-5” after “Attachment-D11-Map 9F-4” and by adding a new map titled “Attachment-D11-Map 9F-5” to add PID 40096372 as “area to be removed from Planning Area”;**
- 2. Amend section 21 of Attachment D12 by adding “and Attachment-D12-Map ZM-1-09” after “Attachment-D12-Map ZM-1-07” and by adding a new map titled “Attachment-D12-Map ZM-1-09” to add PID 40096372 as “area to be removed from Planning Area”; and**
- 3. Amend Attachments C3-Map 1-3, C3-Map 2-3, C4-Schedule 1-3, C4-Schedule 2-3, C4-Schedule 3-3, C4-Schedule 4-3, and C4-Schedule 5-3 by adding PID 40096372 and applying:**
  - a. the HA zone;**

- b. a maximum height of 3 storeys;**
- c. minimum front and flanking setbacks of 2.5 metres;**
- d. transition lines on both the side lot lines and rear lot line; and**
- e. the Halifax Mainland Incentive or Bonus Zoning Rate District to the site.”**

Fralic responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council and noted that the location and development of the site was consistent with the HAF requirements.

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT the motion be amended to add “except the following changes:**

- 1. Amend sections 45, 65, 78, 90, 97, 110, 116, and 121 of Attachment C2 by striking out “side and rear” and replacing it with “side or rear” as they appear;**
- 2. Amend sections 62, 75, and 88 of Attachment C2 by removing a strikeout “as measured from the lowest finished grade on that side of the main building” as they appear;**
- 3. Amend section 100 of Attachment C2 by maintaining “Young Avenue (YA): 35%”; and**
- 4. Amend section 132 of Attachment C2 by adding “of a multi-unit dwelling use” after “A streetwall” and by striking out “a main building” and replacing it with “a multi-unit dwelling use.”.”**

Adams responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

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

Tota, Brandon Umpherville, Planner III and Byungjun Kang, Planner III responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the motion be amended to add “except the following changes: to amend section 51 of Attachment C1 by striking out “and” in clause (a), by striking out a period in clause (b) and replacing it with a semi-colon, and by adding the new clause (c) after clause (b) as follows:**

- c) If the built form is substantially the same and the ratio of 2-bedroom units, which is at least 25%, is maintained, changes that allow an additional 2 storeys above the maximum permitted building height of 20 storeys on 112 and 114 Wyse Road (Case 22487).”**

Adams responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council and advised that the proposed change was an enabling policy that allowed for the substantive amendment of an existing development agreement and increased density in the area.

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

Tota responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT the motion be amended to add “except the following changes:**

- 1. Amend Attachment C1**
  - a. by striking out “or 40 storeys in height based on local context” in section 2,
  - b. by striking out “40 storeys” in section 34 and replacing it with “33 storeys”, and
  - c. by striking out “40 storeys or” in section 35, and striking out “40 storeys” as they appear and replacing it with “33 storeys” in Map 4;
- 2. Amend Attachments C2 Schedule 15 by striking out “40 storeys” as they appear and replacing them with “33 storeys”**

Tota responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council and advised that the storey increase was an important HAF requirement that allowed for higher density in the specified location. Tota added that not increasing the height requirement may pose a risk of not meeting one of the HAF requirements.

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND DEFEATED.** (6 in favour, 11 against)

In favour: Councillors Kent, Purdy, Cuttell, Stoddard, Russell, Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillors Hendsbee, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Lovelace, Blackburn

Tota and Fralic responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the motion be amended to add “except the following changes to amend section 138 of Attachment C2 by adding “three-unit dwelling use,” before “four-unit dwelling use”, and by adding “for a multi-unit dwelling use, and no less than 1.2 metres in height for a three-unit dwelling use and four-unit dwelling use” after “1.8 metres in height”.**

Adams and Tota responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council and confirmed that garbage screening for commercial zones applied to new developments within Centre Plan and that similar screening was a topic to be considered in the Suburban Plan.

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

Not present: Councillors Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk and Traves responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council. Traves confirmed that report requests related to the topic but not amendments to the main motion were being tracked and would be included in the meeting’s minutes after the main motion. As well these report requests would be future reports to Regional Council and would not be included in the staff report to be submitted prior to the HAF public hearing.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the motion be amended to add “except the following changes:**

- 1. Amend Attachments C1 Map 1, C1 Map 4, C2 Schedule 2, and C2 Schedule 15 by rezoning 6411 Coburg Road and 1530, 1538, 1540, 1550, and 1566 Oxford Street, Halifax (PID 00069849, 00069856, 00069864, 00069872, 00069898) from HR-1 of 7 storeys to ER-3 of 11 metres; and**

- 2. Amend Attachments C1 Map 4 and C2 Schedule 15 by increasing the maximum building height from 7 storeys to 9 storeys for the following sites:**
  - a. along the north side of Coburg Road between Henry and Seymore: PID 41259144, 00068262, and 00068254;**
  - b. along the north side of Coburg Road between Seymore and LeMarchant: PID 41260837 and 41259367;**
  - c. along the north side of Coburg Road between LeMarchant and Walnut: PID 00049627, 00049635, 00049643, 00049676, and 00049528;**
  - d. along the north side of Coburg Road between Walnut and Chestnut: 00049304, 00049510, 00049502;**
  - e. along the north side of Coburg Road between Chestnut and Lilac: 00049254, 00049262, 00049270, 00049288, 00049296, and 00049163;**
  - f. along the north side of Coburg Road between Lilac and Larch: PID 41259425 and 00048397;**
  - g. along the north side of Coburg Road between Larch and Oxford: PID 41259375; and**
  - h. along the west side of Oxford Street: PID 00078139, 00078147, and 41289034.”**

Adams responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council and confirmed that the reduction of the proposed zone to ER-3 could be considered as it increased density from the current zoning. Adams expressed concerns regarding the increased storey height proposed in part 2 of the motion as the increased density brought by additional storey height could also be managed via other built form requirements.

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.** (13 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Purdy

Not present: Councillors Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Tota, Greene and Adams responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

The question was called on the main motion:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider:**

- a. Approval of the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, the Regional Subdivision By-law and applicable secondary municipal planning strategies and land use by-laws, as set out in Attachments B1 to C2, and D1 to E9 of the staff report dated March 27, 2024, as amended;**
- b. Approval of the Suburban Housing Accelerator Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law as contained in Attachments C3 and C4 of the staff report dated March 27, 2024, as amended;**

**and schedule a public hearing.**

**MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.** (13 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Purdy

Not present: Councillors Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report to initiate a process to research and evaluate a potential heritage property on PID 40611576 for consideration for registration as a municipal heritage property in accordance with the *Heritage Property Act* and By-law H-200, the *Heritage Property By-law*.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report to review the possibility of allowing more than one backyard suite on a lot in the suburban and rural areas, and return to the Council for consideration.**

Tota and Greene responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (13 in favour, 1 against)

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

Against: Councillor Purdy

Not present: Councillors Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report that explores the potential for delivering complete communities by incorporating municipally leased spaces in private mixed-use buildings, and return to the Council for consideration as part of Regional Plan Phase 5. For greater certainty, these spaces could be rented by HRM for public use or could be leased at below market rates to non-profit organizations or social enterprises. Some examples could be mini public libraries that provide access to computers and the internet, daycares, bakeries, medical clinics, or food banks.**

Tota and Greene responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

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

- 1. to provide a staff report that will review the potential removal of the maximum building height for CEN-2, and CEN-1 as well as to re-examine the effectiveness of the Halifax Citadel Ramparts regulations given its limited scope, and return to the Council for consideration with potential adjustments to the Floor Area Ratio and design controls to better achieve good community design objectives.**
- 2. to provide a staff report that will review the common space, living space or non-habitable room requirements within a small-scale multi-unit dwelling use in the ER zones and return to the Council for consideration.**

Adams responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council and noted concerns about creating uncertainty for developers through the investigation of potential removal of maximum building height for CEN-2 and CEN-1.

As provided for in section 66 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, part 1 of the motion was withdrawn with consent of Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide request a staff report that will review the common space, living space or non-habitable room requirements within a small-scale multi-unit dwelling use in the ER zones and return to the Council for consideration.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Mayor Savage stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon assumed the Chair.

#### **15.1.2 Second Reading Proposed By-Law M-401, an Amendment to By-Law M-400, Respecting Marketing Levy**

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated February 7, 2024
- Extracts from the March 19, 2024 Regional Council minutes and March 26, 2024 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Austin

**THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law M-401, the purpose of which is to amend By-law M-400, the Marketing Levy By-law, as set out in Attachment 3 to the staff report dated February 7, 2024.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **15.1.3 Second Reading Proposed By-Law S-452, an Amendment to By-Law S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements (Supplementary Report)**

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated March 5, 2024

*These minutes are considered draft and will require approval by Regional Council at a future meeting.*

- Extracts from the March 19, 2024 Regional Council minutes and March 26, 2024 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt By-Law S-452, amending By-Law S-400, the Street Improvement By-law, as set out in Attachment 1 of the supplementary staff report dated March 5, 2024.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**15.1.4 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 10, Respecting Partial Tax Exemption for Residential Taxation, to apply to Commercial Properties**

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated March 14, 2024
- Extract from the April 9, 2024 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 10, the Partial Tax Exemption Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated March 14, 2024.**

Vicki Robertson, Acting Director of Revenue and Deputy Treasurer 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.

Councillor Lovelace proposed that Administrative Order 10 be corrected by changing all references to Tantallon to Upper Tantallon. 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 Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 10, the Partial Tax Exemption Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated March 14, 2024, and that all references to Tantallon be corrected to Upper Tantallon in Administrative Order 10.**

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**15.1.5 Property Matter – Africville Heritage Trust**

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated February 26, 2024

This matter was deferred; refer to the Order of Business.

**15.1.6 Community Engagement Strategy 2024**

The following was before Council:



*These minutes are considered draft and will require approval by Regional Council at a future meeting.*

- Staff report dated March 26, 2024

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

## **15.2 GRANTS COMMITTEE**

### **15.2.1 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2018-010-ADM, Respecting Grants to Community Museums - Community Museums Grants Program: Recommended Awards 2024**

The following was before Council:

- Grants Committee report dated March 27, 2024 with attached staff report dated February 28, 2024
- Extract from the April 9, 2024 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Adopt the amendment to Administrative Order 2018-010-ADM, Respecting Grants to Community Museums, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated February 28, 2024; and**
- 2. Approve seven (7) Project Grants (\$77,937) and one (1) new Operating Grant (\$6,000) as detailed in the Discussion section of the staff report dated February 28, 2024 at a combined increase in cost of \$83,937 in fiscal year 2024/25 from Operating Account M310-8004.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **15.2.2 Proposed Administrative Order 2024-002-ADM Respecting Anti-Black Racism Grants Program**

The following was before Council:

- Grants Committee report dated March 27, 2024 with attached staff report dated March 1, 2024
- Extract from the April 9, 2024 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order 2024-002-ADM, the Anti-Black Racism Grants Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated March 1, 2024.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Purdy

### **15.2.3 Proposed Administrative Order 2024-001-ADM Respecting Tax Relief to Registered Non-profit and Registered Canadian Charitable Organizations, and amendments to Administrative Order 18, Respecting the Revenue Collections Policy**

The following was before Council:

- Grants Committee report dated March 27, 2024 with attached staff report dated February 19, 2024
- Extract from the April 9, 2024 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Adopt Administrative Order 2024-001-ADM, the Tax Relief Administrative Order, including repealing the Tax Relief for Non-Profit Organizations Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 3 of staff report dated March 27, 2024;**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to direct staff to implement the Communications Plan described in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated February 19, 2024;**
- 3. Request the Nova Scotia Government amend subsections 89 (1) and (4) of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter to protect the identification of a residential property serving victims of abuse in receipt of a municipal tax exemption by excluding such properties from the legislated requirement that properties in receipt of tax relief be specifically named in policy; and**
- 4. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 18, the Revenue Collections Policy Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 5 of the staff report dated February 19, 2024.**

Peta- Jane Temple, Team Lead Grants Tax & Special Project responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Purdy

**15.3 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**15.3.1 Case H00567: Request to Include 2552 Gottingen Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality**

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated April 2, 2024 with attached staff report dated January 16, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**That Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of 2552 Gottingen Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated January 16, 2024 as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**15.3.2 Case H00568: Request to Include 5561 Cogswell Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality**

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated April 2, 2024 with attached staff report dated March 14, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of 5561 Cogswell Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated March 14, 2024 as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **15.4 SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

##### **15.4.1 Marketing Levy Special Events Reserve 2024 Grant Report**

The following was before Council:

- Special Events Advisory Committee report dated April 10, 2024 with attached staff report dated March 4, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Approve the total funding in the amount of \$988,500 from the Community and Events Reserve, Q621, as shown in Table 2 of the staff report dated March 4, 2024; and**
2. **Pending final approval of the 2025/26 budget, approve \$250,000 from the Community and Events Reserve, Q621 as identified in Table 3 of the staff report dated March 4, 2024.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **15.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

##### **15.5.1 Councillor Cleary - Administrative Order 53 Permission for Armview Restaurant and Lounge to use a portion of Rotary Park**

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

**THAT Halifax Regional Council in accordance with section 7 of Administrative Order 53, respecting Alcohol in Municipally Owned and Operated Facilities and at Municipal Events, grant permission to the Armview Restaurant and Lounge to serve alcohol in a specifically defined section of the municipally owned Rotary Park during park hours and that the serving of alcohol in this park shall be governed by a market value license agreement.**

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer 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: Mayor Savage, Councillors Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

##### **15.5.2 Councillor Austin - Dartmouth Cove Infill Access**

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Austin

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request the Chief Administrative Officer write the Province to ascertain the Province's position regarding on infilling water lots in Dartmouth Cove, and specifically whether or not the Province intends to allow access across its property to facilitate infilling.**

John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services /Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer and Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

## **16. MOTIONS – NONE**

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

### **17.1 PROPERTY MATTER – SHEET HARBOUR MARINA, 430 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, SHEET HARBOUR**

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated March 6, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT Halifax Regional Council declassify the private and confidential staff report dated March 6, 2024 for Item 17.1 PROPERTY MATTER subject to FOIPOP Review.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to provide a letter of consent to the Sheet Harbour Marina Association (SHMA) in support of their application to the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables (DNRR) to lease the submerged area shown in Attachments 1 and 2 of the staff report dated March 6, 2024, to which HRM owned PID #00585455 may be an adjacent upland property, to allow replacement and expansion of the existing dock at 430 Riverside Drive, Sheet Harbour.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Purdy

### **17.2 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS - Private and Confidential Report**

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated April 21, 2024
- Staff Presentation dated April 23, 2024

This matter was deferred; refer to the Order of Business.

### **17.3 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 April 22, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated April 22, 2024; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated April 22, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

### **18. ADDED ITEMS**

#### **18.1 Ratification from Budget Committee – Proposed 2024/25 Budget**

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Adopt the Resolution for Approval of Operating Budgets, Capital Plan and Tax Rates for Fiscal 2024/25 as set out in Schedule 1 of the staff report dated April 19, 2024.**
- 2. Approve the Resolution to approve Area Rates and Uniform Charges for fiscal year 2024/25, as well as the Schedules of Area Tax Rates and Budgeted Revenues as set out in Schedule 2 of staff report dated April 19, 2024.**
- 3. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2018-003-ADM, Respecting Private Road Maintenance, as set out in Attachment F to staff report dated April 19, 2024.**
- 4. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2019-005-ADM, Respecting the Establishment and Use of Community Area Rates in the Halifax Regional Municipality, as set out in Attachment H to staff report dated April 19, 2024.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **18.2 Councillor Lovelace – Review of the Assessment Act**

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Lovelace

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Waive section 17 of Administrative Order One, requiring a staff report from the Chief Administrative Officer; and**

- 2. Direct the Mayor to write a letter to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities and Province of Nova Scotia requesting that they undertake a review of the Assessment Act to modernize it to better reflect the current reality of assessed values, including homes and businesses destroyed and rebuilt following disaster, and cemeteries that are not on developable land.**

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (10 in favour, 3 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillors Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Austin, Smith, Cleary, Cuttall, Stoddard, Lovelace

Against: Councillors Mancini, Mason, Morse

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

**19. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Iain MacLean  
Municipal Clerk