



HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
ACTION SUMMARY
November 14, 2017

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 1:00 p.m.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Wayne Mason was acclaimed as Deputy Mayor.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 17, 2017

Minutes approved as presented. These can be reviewed online at <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>.

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

Additions:

17.1 Audit and Finance Standing Committee – Various Contracts, Integrated Mobility Plan

17.2 Councillor Blackburn – Include Springfield Lake Recreation Centre in Turf Reserve Fund

16. In Camera (IN PRIVATE)

16.3 Intergovernmental Relations

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16.3.1 Intergovernmental Relations Matter – Verbal Update – Private and Confidential

Information Items

5. Proclamation – World Pancreatic Cancer Day – November 16, 2017

6. Proclamation – Transgender Day – November 20, 2017

7. Proclamation – Techsploration – November 24, 2017

Agenda approved as amended.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

8. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

9. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

10. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

11. PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 P.M.

11.1 Administrative Order 50 Disposal of Surplus Property – Community Interest, 1018 Fall River Road, Fall River

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the sale of PID 00507459 1018 Fall River Road, Fall River, to the Fall River Minor Football Association as per the proposed terms and conditions set out in Table 1 of the staff report dated September 25, 2017; and*
- 2. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with the Fall River Minor Football Association as per the terms and conditions set out in Table 1 dated September 25, 2017.*

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

12.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was submitted for items 13.1, 14.1.3, and Information Item No.4. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

12.2 Petitions

12.2.1 Councillor Streach

Councillor Streach submitted a petition containing 2050 signatures in support of a more compact higher density proposal for the former Carr Farm situated at 1109, 1075 and 1085 Fall River Road, Fall River (Case 20594).

12.3 Presentation – Halifax Public Libraries – Facilities Master Plan

Presentation provided. No further action required.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – November 14, 2017

13.1 Councillor Cleary – Case 18966 – Amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-Law (LUB) for 6009 and 6017 Quinpool Road, Halifax

Motion approved that Regional Council, waive the notice of motion, as permitted by section 49 (1) of Administrative Order 1, in order to introduce a motion with respect to Case 18966 – Amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-Law (LUB) for 6009 and 6017 Quinpool Road, Halifax.

*Motion **defeated** that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land Use By-law for the Halifax Peninsula, as set out in Attachments A and B of the January 20, 2017 report, with the following exceptions:*

- a) the overall height of the development as referenced in 2.10.1(c) of the proposed policy be amended to allow for a building no greater than 78 metres;*

- b) the 2 bedroom unit size referred to in 2.10.1(k) of the proposed policy be amended to a minimum of 69.68 sq. metres; and
- c) schedule a public hearing.

14. REPORTS

14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

14.1.1 2018-19 Multi-year Budget Process and Consultation Plan (Supplementary Report)

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

1. Adopt the Capital Plan and Budget process as outlined in the supplementary staff report dated November 7, 2017, and
2. Proceed with the 2018/19 Budget and Business Plan consultation as per the schedule included in Attachment A of the supplementary staff report dated November 7, 2017 with the understanding that some dates may change throughout the process.

14.1.2 Increase to Contract, Q17L345 Titus Smith Park – Supply and Installation of Performance Stage

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve an increase of \$29,283 (net HST included) from project account #CP000002 – Park Upgrades, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated November 7, 2017.

14.1.3 First Reading Proposed By-Law B-203, an Amendment By-Law B-201, Respecting the Building Code – Incentives for Affordable Housing Projects

Motion approved with a friendly amendment that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Give First Reading to the amendments to By-law B-201, the Building By-law, as set out in Attachment C of the staff report dated October 31, 2017, to exempt building permit fees for developments proposed by not-for-profit organizations or charities that include affordable units.
2. **Request that the Mayor write the Province of Nova Scotia a letter to request an HRM Charter amendment to allow for a special tax rate that will allow not for profits to be taxed a lower rate depending on a list of variables and or multi-year tax relief.**

14.2 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Changes to “Welcomed in Halifax” Program Criteria

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

1. Draft amendments to By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law, to permit the waiver of transit fees for up to one year for asylum seekers and claimants with rejected claims and return to Council at a later date with such amendments for further consideration; and
2. Provide for the waiver of recreation fees for up to one year for asylum seekers and claimants with rejected claims within the Recreation Fee Study project.

14.3 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

14.3.1 Proposed Amendment to Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedure of the Council – Public Presentations

Motion approved as amended that Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order One, the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order, with respect to sections 19 Agenda Review, section 44 Requests for Presentation and section 45 Presentations, as set out in Attachment 2 to the October 10, 2017 report, with the following amendments:

1. Section 8 of Attachment 2 is amended by:

(a) deleting subsection 4B and adding a new subsection 4B as follows:

(4B) After questions of clarification, a Member may move a motion on a matter arising from the presentation.

(b) deleting subsections 4C, 4D, and 4E;

(c) renumbering subsection 4F as subsection 4D; and

(d) adding subsection 4C as follows:

(4D) Notice of motion is not required for a motion arising from the presentation.

2. Adding section 9 to Attachment 2 as follows:

9. Clause ga of subsection 2 of section 50 is added after clause g and before clause h as follows:

(ga) a motion arising from a presentation pursuant to section 45.

14.4 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE

14.4.1 Options to Reduce Textiles in the Landfill

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Direct staff to issue a Request for an Expression of Interest to identify not-for profit and social enterprise organizations with whom HRM may partner through the use of the Halifax Recycles App in order to expand and enhance the diversion of textiles from the landfill; and

2. Direct staff to work with industry, charities, not for profits, social enterprises and other government agencies to increase the profile of textile recycling and promote consistent messaging for drop-off bins and the recycling of textiles.

14.5 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

14.5.1 On-Street Parking for Carshare Vehicles

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to include provision in amendments to By-law P-1000 to:

1. Create designated parking spaces and associated permits for operators of non-station-based carshare vehicles;

2. Include all carshare vehicles as being eligible for residential parking exemptions; and

3. Allow station based carshare vehicles to have their home-based parking designated on-street.

14.5.2 Alderney Ferry Schedule Adjustments

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve that the additional service that was introduced on the Alderney – Halifax ferry service for The Big Lift project be retained until the end of 2017/18, and that these trips be rescheduled with the quarterly service adjustment date February 19, 2018 to provide a 15 minute frequency during the weekday midday period instead of during the evening period, as outlined in Attachment A of the September 11, 2017 staff report.

14.6 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

14.6.1 Heritage Incentive Program Funding - 2146 Brunswick Street, Halifax

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve the recommended grant of 50% of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$7,233, for 2146 Brunswick Street Halifax (Attachment A of the September 27, 2017 Staff Report), conditional upon the applicants' compliance with Section 29 through 35 of Administrative Order Number 2014-002-ADM.

14.7 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

14.7.1 Councillor Mancini – Review of Administrative Order 52 – Code of Conduct for Elected Officials

Motion approved that Regional Council request a staff report on a review of Administrative Order 52: Code of Conduct for Elected Officials to include, but not be limited to, consideration of:

2. Review section IV Member Responsibilities, specifically regarding 13. Interpersonal Behaviour and 14. Community Representation, to provide clear and unambiguous expectations.

3. Periodic review of Administrative Order 52 (i.e. every 4 years) for consideration of potential amendments

4. Ask the Province to provide an update of the 2016 request to initiate legislative changes to the HRM Charter allowing for the ability to censure Members of Council by remitting remuneration for violations to AO 52, Code of Conduct for Municipal Officials.

Recommendations 1 and 5 were **defeated**:

1. Requirement for an annual review, discussion and signing of the document by elected officials.
5. Creation of an Integrity Commissioner position for HRM to conduct the investigation and provide a report to Regional Council once a breach of Administrative Order 52 has been reported.

15. MOTIONS – NONE

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

Council may rise and go into a private In Camera session, in accordance with Section 19 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, for the purpose of dealing with the following:

16.1 Labour Relations

A matter pertaining to reports, advice and recommendations, instruction or direction to officers and employees of the Municipality concerning labour relations and employee negotiations arising out of the contract or contract negotiations with one of the Municipalities unions.

16.1.1 Halifax Regional Police Association (HRPA) Collective Agreement – Private and Confidential Report

Matter addressed In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Ratify the draft collective agreement attached as Appendix A of the private and confidential report dated November 14, 2017 and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the collective agreement on behalf of the Municipality.
2. Authorize its Chief Negotiator to finalize the collective agreement with the union, provided that the editing process consists only of minor corrections and changes that are not of a substantive nature.
3. It is further recommended that the private and confidential report dated November 14, 2017 not be released to the public.

16.2 Personnel Matter

A matter pertaining to an identifiable individual or group.

16.2.1 Dealing with Complaints under the Code of Conduct Policy (Administrative Order 52) – Private and Confidential Report

Matter addressed In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

That Halifax Regional Council undertake group cultural sensitivity training as arranged by the CAO and the Mayor.

16.3 Intergovernmental Relations

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16.3.1 Intergovernmental Relations Matter – Verbal Update – Private and Confidential

Matter addressed In Camera (In Private), no further action taken.

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Administrative Order 50 Disposal of Surplus Property – Community Interest, 1018 Fall River Road, Fall River

2. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Changes to “Welcomed in Halifax” Program Criteria

17. ADDED ITEMS

17.1 Audit and Finance Standing Committee – Various Contracts, Integrated Mobility Plan

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve a contract amendment to McPhail Transportation Planning Services in the amount of \$51,000 to complete work associated with the Integrated Mobility Plan; and,

2. Approve a contract amendment to O2 Planning & Design in the amount of \$61,000 to complete work associated with the Integrated Mobility Plan.

17.2 Councillor Blackburn – Include Springfield Lake Recreation Centre in Turf Reserve Fund

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council Request a staff report requesting that the Springfield Lake Recreation Centre be added to the list of facilities able to access the Capital Fund Reserve.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

19. ADJOURNMENT – 10:58 p.m.