



HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
ACTION SUMMARY

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August 14, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER - 10:00 a.m.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a number of special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

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

Items 13.1 and 13.2 were deferred to a future meeting of Regional Council.

Order of Business 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 HEARINGS – 6:00 P.M.

11.1 By-law N-200, Respecting Noise – Exemption Request – Dalhousie Orientation and DALfest

Public Hearing held and closed.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve the Dalhousie Student Union's application for an exemption from the provisions of the Noise By-Law pursuant to the contents of the staff report dated July 25, 2018.

11.2 By-law N-200, Respecting Noise – Exemption Request – King's Orientation Week

Public Hearing held and closed.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve the University of King's College Students' Union's application for an exemption from the provisions of the Noise By-Law pursuant to the contents of the staff report dated July 25, 2018.

11.3 Case 21168 – Amendments to the Cole Harbour / Westphal Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law (LUB) for 830, 834, 848, and 850 Highway 7, and 1 Broom Road, Westphal (PID 00650689)

Public Hearing held and closed.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Cole Harbour / Westphal, as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated June 20, 2018 to allow additional commercial uses at 830, 834, 848, and 850 Highway 7, and 1 Broom Road, Westphal.

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

12.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items: 14.1.3, 14.3.1, and 14.5.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

12.2 Petitions

12.2.1 Councillor Zurawski

Councillor Zurawski presented a petition with approximately 202 signatures requesting Halifax Transit staff to consider reinstating bus service to Chain Lake Drive.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – July 31, 2018

13.1 Councillor Whitman – Information Report from the Chair of Halifax Water Board dated July 16, 2018 re: Halifax Water 2017/18 Accountability/Financial Results Report

This matter was deferred during the approval of additions and deletions to the agenda.

13.2 Councillor Whitman – Information Report from the Director of Human Resources and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion dated July 19, 2018 re: Employment Systems Review

This matter was deferred during the approval of additions and deletions to the agenda.

14. REPORTS

14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

14.1.1 First Reading of Proposed By-law C-1001, amending By-law C-1000 Respecting Financing and Charges for Homeowners to Resolve Inadequate On-Site Water Supply (Supplementary Report)

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. decline to amend By-law C-1000 Respecting Charges for the Resolution of Inadequate Water Supply to permit the financing of other property types pursuant to Section 4 of the By-law, and*
- 2. give First reading to By-law C-1001, amending By-Law C-1000 Respecting Charges for the Resolution of Inadequate Water Supply as set out in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated April 18, 2018 to ensure that any lien resulting from the financing of the costs of repairing or replacing private on-site water supply systems does not exceed 75% of the assessed property value as determined by the Property Valuation Services Corporation.*

Second Reading scheduled for September 11, 2018.

14.1.2 Halifax Forum Renovation Feasibility

Motion defeated that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Direct staff to prepare an approach and preliminary plans, based on a Heritage Impact Statement, for the renovation of the Halifax Forum complex to a level of detail that would support an application for a substantial alteration to a heritage property along with refined cost estimates, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated August 3, 2018, for the consideration of Regional Council.
2. Subject to the outcome of recommendation 1, direct staff to consider additional funding of \$16.5M be addressed as part of the upcoming capital budget processes.

The following alternative motion was approved:

That Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:

1. Consider a building program of two ice surfaces at the Halifax Forum complex as per the discussion section of the report dated August 3, 2018 and undertake the cost/benefit analysis of replacing or renovating the Civic, as well as adding other appropriate recreation uses, community space and an ice plant that can be expanded to support an additional, third ice surface should conditions change to justify further expansion;
2. Prepare a class D estimate for inclusion in the 2020/21 capital budget process;
3. Undertake a heritage impact analysis; and
4. Prepare an estimate for inclusion in the upcoming capital budget for HRM to undertake necessary repairs and maintenance to ensure the facility is able to be maintained while the analysis is undertaken.

14.1.3 Case 21402 – Sackville Rivers Floodplain and Case 20361 – Municipal Planning Strategy Amendment Request for 1488 and 1496 Bedford Highway, Bedford

Motion approved as amended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Initiate a process to amend the Municipal Planning Strategies (MPS) and Land Use By-laws (LUB) for Bedford; Sackville; Sackville Drive; Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville to update floodplain protection policies, regulations, and mapping based on the 2017 Sackville Rivers Floodplain Study.
2. Adopt, by policy, the Public Participation Program outlined in the community engagement section of the staff report dated June 18, 2018.
3. Refuse to initiate the process to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Bedford to enable mixed use development at 1488 and 1496 Bedford Highway, as shown on Maps 1 and 2 of the staff report dated June 18, 2018 and continue to consider the subject lands as part of the amendment process to consider updated floodplain protection policies, **including the consideration of the land use objectives as detailed in the staff report, redevelopment scenarios, additional modeling, potential alternate flood lines based on additional modelling, and flood mitigation measures for the Sunnyside Urban District Growth Centre; and**
4. Direct staff to refuse to accept any new site-specific municipal planning strategy amendment applications for development proposals received after the date of the staff report dated June 18, 2018 for lands located within the 1 in 20 year and 1 in 100 year floodlines, as identified in Attachment A, Map 9 of the staff report dated June 18, 2018 while the MPS and LUB amendment exercise described in recommendation one is in process.

14.1.4 Second Reading of Proposed By-law S-446, an Amendment to By-law S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvement - Local Improvement Charges 51 Sandy Point Road

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council give Second Reading of By-law S-446, an amendment to By-law S-400 (Respecting Charges for Street Improvement), to exempt 51 Sandy Point Road from any further charges arising from Schedule Q which relates to Local Improvement Charges for properties fronting or abutting in whole or in part on Joan Elizabeth Way, Mannette Court and Sandy Point Road, as outlined in the staff report dated May 8, 2018.

14.1.5 Second Reading of Proposed By-law L-138, an Amendment to By-Law L-100, Respecting Charges for Local Improvements, to Include Phase 2 - Fall River Water Service Extension Properties – Supplementary Report

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council give Second Reading of By-law L-138, an amendment of By-law L-100, the Local Improvement By-law, as provided in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated June 14, 2018, to set the charges for the installation of water servicing in Fall River for lots along Fall River Road and Highway #2 to the Hwy 102 Overpass, Lockview Road to the Lockview School access, and McPherson Road and a portion of Ingram Drive.

14.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Multi-District Facility Management Agreements and Financial Impact

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve the management agreements between:

a. HRM and the Dartmouth Sportsplex Community Association, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated July 5, 2018;

b. HRM and the Halifax Forum Community Association, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated July 5, 2018;

c. HRM and the St. Margaret's Community Centre Association, as set out in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated July 5, 2018; and

d. HRM and the Centennial Pool Association, as set out in Attachment 4 of the staff report dated July 5, 2018

and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or their delegate to execute the agreements and to exercise at their discretion the renewal options set out in the agreements;

2. Subject to the execution of the management agreements as set out in recommendation one, approve that the total receivables and debts outstanding from the Dartmouth Sportsplex Community Association, the Halifax Forum Community Association, the St. Margaret's Community Centre Association, and the Centennial Pool Association to HRM as of the date of the execution of the management agreements be written out of the books of account, and any accumulated deficits be absorbed by HRM, reducing their outstanding receivables, debts and accumulated deficits to zero;

3. Authorize the opening of bank accounts for the Dartmouth Sportsplex Community Association, St. Margaret's Community Centre Association, and Centennial Pool Association for the purpose of operating the respective facilities as authorized per standard Halifax Regional Municipality procedures; and

4. Direct staff to continue negotiations with the remaining multi-district facilities (Alderney Landing, Canada Games Centre, and Cole Harbour Place) and return to Audit & Finance Standing Committee no later than the end of September 2018.

The following motion was also approved:

That Halifax Regional Council request a supplementary staff report explaining the operations of bingo at the Halifax Forum complex by HRM employees using HRM-owned facilities.

14.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

14.3.1 Halifax Green Network Plan

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the direction contained in the Halifax Green Network Plan, as contained in Attachment A of the June 12, 2018 staff report, as a framework for amending the existing Regional Plan and Secondary Planning Strategies, and developing new planning documents as may be necessary to implement the Halifax Green Network Plan direction;*
- 2. Direct staff to carry out the actions contained in the Halifax Green Network Plan as part of the multi-year budgeting and business planning process.*
- 3. Request that the Province amend the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, as set out in Actions 18 and 61 of the Halifax Green Network Plan, to:*
 - (a) enable the Municipality to acquire sensitive environmental lands (e.g. riparian areas, wetlands, steep slopes, etc.) as an environmental reserve through the land development and subdivision process, in addition to existing parkland dedication provisions; and*
 - (b) enable a greater range of legislative abilities, such as the ability to enact parkland dedication requirements based on density to address development that does not include the subdivision of land.*
- 4. Initiate the process to consider amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (RMPS) to support the Halifax Green Network Plan (HGPN) by referencing the HGPN within the conservation design development agreement policy criteria concerning the connectivity of open space;*
- 5. Adopt, by policy, the Public Participation Program outlined in the Community Engagement section of this dated June 12, 2018; and*
- 6. Request that staff provide annual progress reports on the implementation of the Green Network Plan, to Regional Council through the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.*

14.4 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

14.4.1 Public Appointment Policy Amendments - Citizen Appointments to External Boards and Commissions

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to the Public Appointment Policy as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff recommendation report dated May 8, 2018.

14.5 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

14.5.1 Transit Priority Corridor - Gottingen Street

i) Staff Information Report – Complete Street Details – Gottingen Transit Priority Corridor

*Motion approved **as amended** that Halifax Regional Council:*

- 1. Approve detailed design as shown in Attachment B of the staff report dated June 21, 2018;*
- 2. Approve the parking loss mitigation plan as described in Attachment C of the staff report dated June 21, 2018;*
- 3. Direct staff to proceed with implementation of a peak period (7am-9am and 3pm-6pm, Monday to Friday) northbound bus lane on the Gottingen Street corridor;*
- 4. Approve the evaluation methodology as per Attachment E of the staff report dated June 21, 2018 through which the Gottingen Street peak period northbound bus lane will be measured and evaluated one year after implementation; **and***
- 5. Direct staff to consider concepts presented in the North End Business Commission correspondence dated August 10, 2018 regarding the parking services business plan.*

14.6 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

14.6.1 Councillor Blackburn – Maintain Peak Hour Transit Service in North Beaver Bank

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report outlining options to maintain morning and afternoon peak hour transit service from the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre to The Ivy Meadows Assisted Living Facility when new Routes 189 Beaver Bank Express and 89 Beaver Bank are implemented as per the 2020 / 21 Moving Forward Together transit plans.

14.6.2 Councillor Adams - Possible Partnership with Department of Natural Resources regarding Off Leash Dog Parks

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to look at potential of off leash dog parks in the Long Lake Provincial Park Area; excluding the new trail system off North West Arm Drive.

15. MOTIONS

15.1 Councillor Adams

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and District 11 Councillor to send a letter to the MLA of Halifax Atlantic and Minister of Environment requesting that the federal government enact schedule A – “Ultimate Recipients” of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for Nova Scotia. Should the province enact this process, the local residents would not be subjected to Local Improvement Charges, as this would establish a 50/50 cost sharing agreement between the federal and provincial government for water services in Harrietsfield.

15.2 Councillor Craig

Revised motion approved that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to advise the Kinsmen Club of Sackville, 71 First Lake Drive, Sackville, that they will continue on Schedule 26 for fiscal year 2018 subject to completion of a signed lease agreement prior to March 31, 2019, but that staff will notify the Club that the recommendation will be to remove the property from Schedule 26 and reinstate on Schedule 27 in fiscal year 2019. If approved the amended level of tax relief would be effective April 1, 2019.

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

17. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

18.1 Councillor Streach

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I will introduce a motion to ask Council to instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to bring back a report focusing on roadside memorials and policy surrounding the placement of such within the public right of way throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality.”

18.2 Councillor Outhit

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on September 11, 2018, I propose to:

- 1. Move First Reading of proposed By-Law P-1200, Respecting On-Street Parking Permits, repealing and replacing By-law P-1000, Respecting On-Street Parking Exemptions and Permits;*
- 2. Move First Reading of Proposed By-law P-506, Amending By-law P-500, Respecting Parking Meters for the Regulation of Parking of Vehicles Left Standing in the Halifax Regional Municipality; and*
- 3. Introduce amendments to Administrative Order 15 Respecting License Permit and Processing Fees*

The purpose of which is to improve resident parking options, exempt municipal vehicles from on-street parking and parking meter regulation, and create designated parking spaces and associated permits for carshare vehicles.”

18.3 Councillor Adams

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on September 11, 2018, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting Civic Addressing Policies, the purpose of which is to name six new private lanes, rename a portion of the public street Sylvia Avenue to Enid Avenue and retire the street name Loop Road, Halifax.”

18.4 Councillor Austin

“TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council I intend to move First Reading of By-law N-304, amending the Nuisance By-law, the purposes of which include renaming the By-law, limiting the prohibition on smoking on municipal property to cannabis, and adding related enforcement provisions.”

18.5 Councillor Smith

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council I intend to repeal Administrative Orders 2014-005-GOV Respecting the Special Advisory Committee on the 100th Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion and 2015-003-ADM Respecting the Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Grant Program as the commemorative program has concluded.”

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS
August 14, 2018

1. Proclamation – National Acadian Day, August 15, 2018
2. Proclamation – Highlanders Freedom of the City, August 24, 2018
3. Proclamation – Ukraine Independence Day, August 24, 2018
4. Information Report from the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee dated July 31, 2018 re: 2017/18 Fourth Quarter Halifax Transit Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Report
5. Information Report from the Acting Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance & Asset Management dated July 12, 2018 re: Minimum Reserve Bid Tax Sale – May 29, 2018
6. Information Report from the Chair of the 2018 FCM Conference Advisory Committee re: 2018 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference & Trade Show
7. Information Report from the Acting Chief Administrative Officer dated July 30, 2018 re: High-Speed Internet Service in Rural Halifax Regional Municipality
8. Information Report from the Acting Municipal Clerk dated August 7, 2018 re: Requests for Presentation to Council – None