



HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

January 29, 2019

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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.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

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

Additions:

17.1 Councillor Craig – Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency (HRFE) - Emergency Generators at Strategic HRM Locations

17.2 Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council and North West Community Council - Case 21955 - Housekeeping Amendments to the Dartmouth Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the Dartmouth Land Use By-law

Council agreed by consensus to bring forward information item No. 9 - Memorandum from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated January 23, 2019 re: 4 Year Increase to Parks and Recreation Budget for discussion at the upcoming Budget presentation for Parks and Recreation scheduled for February 6, 2019.

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 – January 15, 2019

9.1 Case H00456 - Substantial Alterations to municipally registered heritage properties at 5969 College Street and 1452 & 1456 Carlton Street, Halifax

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. approve the substantial alteration of 5969 College Street, known as the Gold Cure Institute building, as proposed in the staff report dated November 9, 2018 with the following conditions:

- a. The property owner agrees to register the buildings, currently located at 5969 College Street, and 5963 College Street, as municipal heritage properties after these buildings are relocated to a new property; and*
- b. The Municipality will consider the deregistration of the property at 5969 College Street after the building (the Gold Cure Institute Building) is relocated to a new lot on the same street and an application is submitted for its registration as a new municipal heritage property.*

2. Approve the substantial alteration of 1452 Carlton Street, Early Victorian Streetscape, as proposed in the staff report dated November 9, 2018; and
3. Approve the substantial alteration of 1456 Carlton Street, Early Victorian Streetscape, as proposed in the staff report dated November 9, 2018.

9.2 Case H00461 - Substantial Alteration to municipally registered heritage properties at 1478, 1480, 1484 and 1494 Carlton Street, Halifax

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve the substantial alteration of 1478 Carlton Street, Early Victorian Streetscape, as proposed in the staff report dated November 9, 2018 and its attachments;
2. Approve the substantial alteration of 1480 Carlton Street, Early Victorian Streetscape, as proposed in the staff report dated November 9, 2018 and its attachments;
3. Approve the substantial alteration of 1484 Carlton Street, Early Victorian Streetscape, as proposed in the staff report dated November 9, 2018 and its attachments; and
4. Approve the substantial alteration of 1494 Carlton Street, Early Victorian Streetscape, as proposed in the staff report dated November 9, 2018 and its attachments.

10. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

11. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

12.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items 9.1, 9.2, 14.1.2, 14.7.1 and 15.4. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

12.2 Petitions

12.2.1 Councillor Nicoll

Councillor Nicoll submitted a petition containing 67 signatures from residents concerning the funding of safety and infrastructure improvements for venerable road users throughout the municipality.

12.2.2 Councillor Nicoll

Councillor Nicoll submitted a petition containing 41 signatures from residents concerning flooding, property damage, loss of property and child safety caused by excess runoff from the waterway located between John Stewart Drive and Arklow Drive, Cole Harbour.

12.3 Presentation – NONE

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

14. REPORTS

14.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

14.1.1 Sole Source Award – Toromont CAT (Maritimes) – Quote#632-18RGE – HRM Ferries (Christopher Stannix) – Engine Overhaul

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council award the sole source purchase of the engine overhauls and associated reconditioning of the Christopher Stannix ferry to Toromont CAT for an estimated cost of \$216,577, net HST included, with funding from capital account CM180007 – Ferry Refit, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated January 3, 2019.

14.1.2 Development of a Regional Mountain Biking Strategy

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Discuss the staff report dated January 22, 2019 with mountain biking and other associated organizations, highlighting the role of the municipality in the use of municipal lands for mountain biking trails as a component of an overall strategy to developed by such groups;*
- 2. Consider mountain biking trails and related infrastructure in the development of future recreational trail programs and projects within HRM open space; and*
- 3. Consider the development of supportive infrastructure for the McIntosh trail system, which might include parking lots and other amenities, through future capital budget plans.*

14.1.3 Award – Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 18-086, Operation of the Halifax Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and Processing and Marketing of Recyclable Materials

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Award RFP No. 18-086, Operation of the Halifax MRF and Processing and Marketing of Recyclable Materials, to the highest scoring proponent, Royal Environmental, for operations of the MRF from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2024, at the per tonne and other unit pricing as outlined in their response to the RFP and subject to the terms and conditions contained in the RFP and operating agreement as outlined in the staff report dated January 18, 2019. Funding is from the Operating Budget, Account #R330 Materials Recovery Facility, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated January 18, 2019.*
- 2. Direct staff to develop and undertake an appropriate education and communications plan for residents and collection contractors to facilitate the addition of metal pots and pans to the blue bag recyclables program effective July 2, 2019.*

14.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

14.2.1 Award – Tender 18-376, Supply and Install Two Truck Scales at Halifax Materials Recovery Facility

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a budget increase to Project Account No. CW000007 Materials Recovery Facility Repair, in the amount of \$46,000 to be funded as an unbudgeted withdrawal from the Solid Waste Facility Reserve, Q556 in 2018/19; and*
- 2. Award Tender No. 18-376, Supply & Install Two Truck Scales at Halifax Materials Recovery Facility to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Cumberland Paving and Contracting for a Total Tender Price of \$308,166 (net HST included).*

14.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

14.3.1 Building Poverty Solutions – Ideas for Actions

Amended *motion approved that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:*

- 1. Continue to work collaboratively with United Way Halifax on the development and implementation of anti-poverty solutions for the municipality;*
- 2. Include a strategic response to the United Way report “Building poverty solutions - Ideas for Action” in the development of a Social Policy Lens; and*

3. Incorporate updates on federal/provincial poverty reduction action plans and basic income projects when reporting on the Social policy lens and poverty reduction solutions.

4. That Staff develop Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) with the United Way and report on them twice a year to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

14.4 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE

14.4.1 HRM Park Naturalization Strategy

Amended motion approved that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to advance the naturalization initiatives outlined in the Discussion section of the staff report dated December 14, 2018, including:

- a) naturalizing areas within parks and right-of-ways which may be difficult to maintain with lawn cover;
- b) naturalizing parks or areas within parks that are comprised of older and underutilized park features and equipment;

- c) introducing naturalization in new parks or when undertaking park plans for existing parks;

- d) raising public awareness regarding the benefits of naturalization and local projects through HRM's website and on-site signage;

- e) continuing to foster partnerships with stakeholder and community groups to establish naturalization projects; and

- f) cataloguing naturalization programs and projects over a 2-year period for monitoring purposes towards consideration of a future naturalization guideline/policy.

g) That staff to return with an update on the identified naturalization initiatives in two years time.

14.5 HARBOUR EAST MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

14.5.1 Splash Pad Proposal – Friends of the Dartmouth Splashpad and Park

Amended motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Direct staff to complete a technical analysis of the Dartmouth Commons site (skate board park, recreation area) to determine the suitability of the location for a Regional Splash Pad as per the preliminary analysis and, if necessary, investigate alternative location(s); and

2. Direct staff to work with the Dartmouth Splash Pad Community group to assist with the securing of funding for the project.

3. Direct staff to provide cost estimates for the project, which would include a clarification on the HRM portion, and the ongoing operating costs.

14.5.2 Daffodil Garden for Cancer Survivors, Ferry Terminal Park

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council authorize staff to undertake the development of a Daffodil Garden for Cancer Survivors at Ferry Terminal Park in Dartmouth, pending the provision of full funding for the project as per the Financial Implications sections of the staff report dated January 2, 2019.

14.6 NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

14.6.1 Case 20594 - Amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Planning Districts 14 and 17 for lands at Opportunity Site B, Fall River

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) for Planning Districts 14 and 17, specifically the River-lakes Secondary Planning Strategy (SPS), as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated October 22, 2018 to establish a new zone which will allow a "residential complex inclusive of supporting uses" on Residential Opportunity Site B and add two additional properties to Opportunity Site B and schedule a public hearing.

Public hearing scheduled for March 5, 2019.

14.6.2 Hammonds Plains Area Rate Funding Request – Glen Arbour Home Owners Association – Half Basketball Court for Glen Arbour Way

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the approval of a one time allocation of up to \$39,000.00 from the Hammonds Plains Area Rate to the Glen Arbour Home Owners Association for the installation of a half Basketball Court on Glen Arbour Way.

14.7 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

14.7.1 Councillor Zurawski – Climate Emergency

Amended motion approved that Halifax Regional Council request that staff prepare a report and recommendations and return to Council **in one year** with respect to:

- 1. The recognition by HRM Council that the breakdown of the stable climate and sea levels under which human civilization developed constitutes an emergency for HRM.*
- 2. That staff provide Regional Council with an update on current staff reports pertaining to climate change, including, but not limited to, the report for the creation of a Climate Directorate, reporting directly to the CAO, and the Green Network Plan.**
- 3. The incorporation into the Municipality's climate targets and actions the need to achieve net zero carbon emissions before 2050 and net negative carbon emissions in the second half of the century.*
- 4. The establishment of a remaining carbon budget for corporate and community emissions commensurate with limiting warming to 1.5°C and an annual reporting process with respect to the expenditure HRM's remaining carbon budget.*

15. MOTIONS

15.1 Councillor Mason

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding opportunities and challenges for addressing quality of life concerns for residents living and working along truck routes from Mackay on Barrington, Hollis, Lower Water to the Port of Halifax, including but not limited to improving paving standards, complete street design, signal timing, and time of day restricts, and including consultation with residents and port stakeholder.

15.2 Councillor Cleary

The following **amended** motion was **defeated**:

That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report that assesses the costs and benefits of implementing the following snow clearing standards when snowfalls are 30 cms or less:

Major Roads (main arterials, major bus routes, steep inclines, emergency routes, streets to schools and public buildings):

- after snowfall begins, deploy resources within 2-4 hours;*
- continue plowing/salting every 3 hours during weather event;*
- cleared within 12 hours of end of weather event.*

Secondary & Residential Streets:

- after snowfall begins, deploy resources within 6-8 hours or when accumulations have reached 10 cms for cut-throughs;*
- continue plowing/salting every 8 hours during extended weather events;*
- cleared to passable within 24 hours from the end of a weather event.*

Cycling Lanes and Sidewalks in downtown core of Halifax & Dartmouth:

- after snowfall begins, deploy resources within 4 hours;
- continue clearing/salting every 4-8 hours during extended weather events;
- clearing within 12 hours from end of weather event.

Cycle Lanes and Primary Sidewalks (bus routes, commercial mainstreets) outside of downtown:

- after snowfall begins, deploy resources within 4-6 hours;
- continue clearing/salting every 8 hours during extended weather event;
- cleared within 16 hours from end of weather event.

Residential Sidewalks:

- after snowfall begins, deploy resources within 8 hours;
- continue clearing/salting every 12 hours during hours during extended weather events;
- cleared within 24 hours from end of weather event.

Intersections & Pedestrian Crossings:

- after snowfall begins, deploy resources within 8 hours;
- continue clearing/salting every 8 hours during extended weather events;
- cleared within 16 hours from the end of the weather event.

Bus Stops:

- after snowfall begins, deploy resources within 4-6 hours;
- continue clearing/salting every 6-8 hours during extended weather events;
- cleared within 24 hours from end of the weather event

Residential Streets without a Sidewalk:

- After snowfall begins, deploy resources within 6-8 hours or when accumulations have reached 10cm for cut-throughs:**
- Continue plowing/salting every 8 hours during extended weather events**
- Cleared curb-curb within 24 hours from end of a weather event.**

15.3 Councillor Cleary

The following **amended** motion was **defeated**:

That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the costs and benefits of providing or subsidizing a temporary pedestrian and cyclist ferry service from the Dingle Park public dock to either or all of the following destinations:

- south eastern side of North West Arm at Waegwoltic dock;
 - a floating dock at end of South Street;
 - dock at end of Jubilee Road;
 - and/or the public docks on the Halifax and Dartmouth waterfronts;
- from approximately mid-April to August 2019 to coincide with the CN Rail bridge repairs for Quinpool Road rail cut*

-Include the feasibility of cost sharing with CN Rail.

This staff report should be completed quickly and included in our budget discussion for the 2019-20 budget year.

15.4 Councillor Whitman

*Motion approved to **defer** the staff report request until the Taxi and Vehicle for Hire Licensing Program Review Report is considered at the Transportation Standing Committee on February 5, 2019.*

15.5 Councillor Whitman

The following motion was **defeated**: That Halifax Regional Council move the following amendment to Administrative Order 17, the Council Member Remuneration Administrative Order, adding section 5 as follows:

5. (1) Notwithstanding section 2CA, there shall be no further increase in the annual remuneration for Members until November 1, 2020.
- (2) For greater certainty, the next pay increase for Members shall be calculated for the period running from September 1, 2019 to September 1, 2020 based on the Average Weekly Earnings pursuant to section 2CA.

15.6 Ratification from the January 16, 2019 Budget Committee of the Whole Meeting – 2019-20 Advanced Tender Projects

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve the list of 2019-20 advanced tender projects as per the revised Attachment 2 of the revised staff report dated November 19, 2018.

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

16.1 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS - Request to Release In Camera (In Private) Report – Animal Care Consultant Review

The following motion was approved in public session:

That Halifax Regional Council:

1. Declassify the Animal Care Consultant Review which is listed as Appendix A of the staff report dated June 29, 2005 from the In Camera (In Private) meeting of Regional Council of July 5, 2005; and
2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated December 17, 2018 to the public.

16.2 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Intergovernmental Affairs – Private and Confidential Report

The following motion was approved in public session:

That Halifax Regional Council:

1. Authorize the CAO to proceed with this matter as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated January 21, 2019, and return to Council if required; and
2. That the private and confidential staff report dated January 21, 2019 not be released to the public.

17. ADDED ITEMS

17.1 Councillor Craig – Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency (HRFE) - Emergency Generators at Strategic HRM Locations

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Request staff to prepare a report on capital funding needs to install emergency generators at strategic locations and an implementation plan for HRM prioritized buildings as part of a community safety and emergency management plan.
2. Direct HRFE Emergency Manager to develop a strategy and priority list for emergency generators.

17.2 Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council and North West Community Council - Case 21955 - Housekeeping Amendments to the Dartmouth Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the Dartmouth Land Use By-law

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Dartmouth Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the Dartmouth Land Use By-law, as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated January 9, 2019 and schedule a Public Hearing.

Public hearing will be scheduled for March 5, 2019.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

18.1 Councillor Austin

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 12, 2019, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 1, Respecting the Procedures of the Council, the purpose of which is to incorporate a section with respect to consent agendas.”

18.2 Deputy Mayor Mancini

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 12, 2019, I propose to move a motion to introduce a policy regarding Recreation Rental User Fees, the purpose of which is to establish fees for various recreation facility rentals.”

18.3 Councillor Craig

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 12, 2019, I propose to move a motion to rescind the motion of Halifax Regional Council made December 12, 2017, authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a less than market value land lease agreement with the Kinsmen Club of Sackville, N.S. for the premises located at 71 First Lake Drive, PID NO. 00359968, the purpose of which is to enter into a new less than market value land lease.”

18.4 Councillor Walker

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on February 12, 2019, I propose to move amendments to the *Halifax Regional Municipality Investment Policy*, the purpose of which is to incorporate amendments recommended by the Investment Policy Committee as part of their annual review.”

19. ADJOURNMENT – 6:10 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Proclamation – Bell Let's Talk Day – January 30, 2019
2. Proclamation – African Heritage Month – February 2019
3. Proclamation – Heart Month – February 2019
4. Proclamation – Canadian School Counselling Week – February 4-8, 2019
5. Memorandum from the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated January 14, 2019 re: Investment Activities - Quarter Ending September 30, 2018
6. Memorandum from the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee dated January 14, 2019 re: Investment Policy Advisory Committee Report - Investment Activities - Quarter Ending September 30, 2018
7. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated January 21, 2019 re: Requests for Presentation to Council – Bonnie Botham and Alan Collins
8. Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer dated January 2, 2019 re: Award of Contracts - Quarterly Report
9. Memorandum from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated January 23, 2019 re: 4 Year Increase to Parks and Recreation Budget