



HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

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August 13, 2019

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 – Special Regional Council July 10 & 11 and July 15, 2019 and Regional Council July 16, 2019

Approved as circulated. These can be viewed online at <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>

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

Information Items:

- 11. Proclamation – Independence Day of Pakistan – August 14, 2019
- 12. Proclamation – Prostate Cancer Awareness Month – September 2019

Council agreed to deal with items 15.1.6 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 47, Respecting the Creation of the Business Improvement Districts – Porters Lake Business Improvement District Formation and 15.3.1 Case 21937 - Regional Municipal Planning Strategy Amendment to enable amendments to the Existing Development Agreement for Seven Lakes Development, Porters Lake and Non-Substantive Amendments to existing Conservation Design Development Agreements prior to item 10.1 Proposed Administrative Order 2019-005-ADM, the Community Area Rate Administrative Order.

Council brought information item 10. Memorandum from the Acting CFO/Director of Finance, Asset Management and ICT dated June 19, 2019 re: Progress Report – Conveyance of 1588 Barrington Street, Halifax forward to the September 17, 2019 meeting of Regional Council.

Order of Business approved as amended.

5. CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

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 – July 30, 2019

10.1 Proposed Administrative Order 2019-005-ADM, the Community Area Rate Administrative Order

Motion approved as amended that Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order Number 2019-005-ADM, the Community Area Rate Administrative Order as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated June 11, 2019, including repealing the Interim Area Rate Guidelines and Recreation Area Rate Policy, with amendments to Attachment 1 as follows:

(1) clause 33(1)(e) of Attachment 1 is amended to read “recreation and leisure costs, including programming and equipment”.

(2) clause 33(1)(h) of Attachment 1 is amended to read: grants where there is a contribution agreement in place between the community organization and a non-profit organization to provide for items (a) through (g), provided that such an agreement is approved by Council, unless:

(i) the amount of the grant to the non-profit organization is two thousand dollars or less; and

(ii) the cumulative grants that have been provided to the non-profit organization in the current fiscal year is four thousand dollars or less, in which case no contribution agreement is required.

(3) clause 34(f) of Attachment 1 is amended to read: grants to individuals and businesses.

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received for items 15.1.2, 15.1.4 and 15.2.1. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

13.2 Petitions

13.2.1 Councillor Outhit

Councillor Outhit submitted a petition from residents requesting a left turn signal for Convoy Run on the Bedford Highway.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 2019-20 Budgets and Business Plans for Area-Rated Services

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve the attached Resolution to Approve Area Rates and Amend the Approved Operating Budget for Fiscal 2019-20 (Appendix A of the staff report dated July 10, 2019), Schedule of Area Tax Rates (Appendix B of the staff report dated July 10, 2019), and Budgeted Revenues (Appendix C of the staff report dated July 10, 2019).

15.1.2 Case 21956 - Amendment to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy related to the Halifax Green Network Plan

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendment to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 11, 2019, to add a reference to the Halifax Green Network Plan within the conservation design development agreement policy criteria and schedule a public hearing.

15.1.3 Municipal Design Guidelines (Red Book) Update – Project Initiation

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to initiate a process to consider amendments to the Regional Subdivision By-law, and approve the public participation program provided in Attachment A of the staff report dated August 6, 2019; and,*
- 2. Draft amendments to the Regional Subdivision By-law to replace the Municipal Design Guidelines as described in the staff report dated August 6, 2019, and to return directly to Regional Council for consideration of the resulting amendments.*

15.1.4 Administrative Order 50 – Declaration of Surplus Real Property – Package 07.19

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Declare the properties, contained in Attachments B, C, and D of the staff report dated June 13, 2019, as surplus to municipal requirements; and*
- 2. Categorize the properties as specified in Attachments B, C, and D of the staff report dated June 13, 2019, pursuant to Administrative Order 50, respecting the Disposal of Surplus Real Property.*

15.1.5 Proposed Partnership with Province of Nova Scotia - Active Transportation Infrastructure on Highway 107 Extension

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Advise the Province of Nova Scotia that the Municipality will not provide funding for Active Transportation infrastructure as part of the Highway 107 extension project;*
- 2. Investigate the potential to implement a multi-modal corridor on Trunk 7 (Magazine Hill), including transit priority and active transportation infrastructure; and*
- 3. Request that the Province of Nova Scotia retain an integrated shared utility / active transportation corridor as part of the detailed design for the Highway 107 project in a location suitable for potential future construction.*

15.1.6 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 47, Respecting the Creation of the Business Improvement Districts – Porters Lake Business Improvement District Formation

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the establishment of a new Business Improvement District (BID) for the Porters Lake area, reflecting the boundary set out in Attachment L of the staff report dated July 5, 2019, and adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 47, the Business Improvement Districts Administrative Order as set out in Attachment N of the staff report dated July 5, 2019 to establish the Porters Lake Business Improvement District.*
- 2. Approve the proposed area rate levy of \$0.10 per \$100.00 of assessed value for commercial assessment to be applied within the Porters Lake Business Improvement District effective in the 2019-20 fiscal year with a minimum of \$300 and a maximum of \$3,000 per property.*
- 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to amend the Business Improvement District Service Agreement as adopted by Regional Council on August 9, 2012 to reflect the two-tiered approach to year-end financial reporting as set out in Table 1 of the Discussion section of the staff report dated July 5, 2019 and adopt this as the standard agreement for new Business Improvement District Service Agreements.*
- 4. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute amended Business Improvement Districts Service Agreements with all Districts currently listed in Administrative Order Number 47.*
- 5. Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the amended Business Improvement District Service Agreement with the Porters Lake Business Improvement District.*
- 6. Defer the Porters Lake Business Improvement District's eligibility to apply to the BID Contributions Fund until the 2020-2021 fiscal year.*

If Regional Council approves, the formation of the BID will be effective upon receipt of proof of registration of a non-profit organization, pursuant to the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stock Companies' business registration requirements.

15.1.7 Feasibility of Rockcliffe Crescent Extension, Hammonds Plains

Motion **defeated** that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to maintain the existing street network connections to the Hammonds Plains Road for the Highland Park subdivision; and allow construction of a second connection to the Highland Park Subdivision to take place through the subdivision approval process.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to pursue construction of an extension of Rockcliffe Crescent and connection to Sylvania Terrace through to the Hammonds Plains Road as a municipally funded initiative (subject to the approval of the Engineer and the acquisition of any required lands from the Province).

15.2 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 First Reading Proposed By-law U-105, an Amendment to By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law – Halifax Transit Fare Strategy 2019

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Give First Reading to By-law U-105, the purpose of which is to amend Schedule 1 of By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law, establishing changes to the existing fare structure and fares as set out in Attachment 2 of the Transportation Standing Committee report dated July 29, 2019, subject to retaining the senior fare category and increasing the senior's fare proportionate to the proposed increases to the general fare.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to begin planning a Student Transit Pass pilot program by meeting with Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) and Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial (CSAP) officials to discuss potential partnership opportunities, program details, timelines, logistics, marketing and costs.
4. Request a supplementary report that shall include but not be limited to detailed study on income levels of seniors who are regular bus users, cost of a free transit for seniors program, and costs of increasing the fare while adopting an enhanced seniors low income pass program.
5. Identify funding for the youth free transit program pilot prior to implementing the pilot.

Motion **defeated** that Halifax Regional Council:

3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a report investigating the feasibility of implementing a fee for access to Halifax Transit Park and Rides.

Motion approved that Recommendation 3 of the motion be reconsidered at the September 17, 2019 meeting of Regional Council.

15.3 HARBOUR EAST MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

15.3.1 Case 21937 - Regional Municipal Planning Strategy Amendment to enable amendments to the Existing Development Agreement for Seven Lakes Development, Porters Lake and Non-Substantive Amendments to existing Conservation Design Development Agreements

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy as set out in Attachment A of the revised staff report dated June 19, 2019 and schedule a Public Hearing to:

- a. Amend the site-specific policy G-19 to include lands of the existing Seven Lakes Development Agreement in Porters Lake and allow substantive and non-substantive amendments to the lands to be considered under the policies in effect at the time the development agreement was approved; and
- b. Establish policy which enables non-substantive amendments to all existing Conservation Design Developments under the 2006 Regional Plan policies to be considered under the policies in effect at the time the development agreement was approved.

15.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.4.1 Case H00468 – Request to Include 26 Elliot Street, Dartmouth in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council request a supplementary staff report examining the potential inclusion of interior elements as character defining heritage elements for 26 Elliot Street.

*Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council **defer** consideration of part 1 of the recommendation contained in the recommendation report from the Heritage Advisory Committee dated July 25, 2019, until the supplementary staff report on 26 Elliot Street returns to Halifax Regional Council.*

15.4.2 Inclusion of 5988 University Avenue Fire Station in Heritage Registry

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report examining the potential for including 5988 University Avenue, Halifax, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality.

15.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.5.1 Councillor Austin – Street Navigator Program

***Amended** motion approved that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on continuing the partnership with the Downtown Dartmouth and North End Business Improvement Districts for a street navigator program through multi-year funding in the amount of \$60,000 per year during the 2019-2022 period. Report to return to Council prior to the program running out of funding on **November 22**.*

16. MOTIONS – NONE

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – July 16, 2019

This matter was dealt with in public session.

Motion approved that the In Camera (In Private) minutes of July 16, 2019 be approved as circulated.

17.2 PROPERTY MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public session.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated July 25, 2019; and*
- 2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated July 25, 2019 to the public.*

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This matter was dealt with in public session.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated July 25, 2019; and*
- 2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated July 25, 2019 to the public.*

17.4 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – *Private and Confidential Report*

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified as follows:

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated July 22, 2019, as well as the direction provided during the August 13, 2019 In Camera (In Private) meeting of Halifax Regional Council.

18. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on September 17, 2019, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 29, Respecting Civic Addressing Policies, the purpose of which is to:

- 1. Approve the name Norma Eddy as an approved heritage name for a private street in Halifax (Dalhousie University, Sexton Campus)*
- 2. Name five new private lanes in Beaver Bank, Bedford, Halifax and Upper Hammonds Plains*
- 3. Name five public streets in Bedford*
- 4. Rename Brenton Place to Clyde Street, Halifax.*

19.2 Councillor Zurawski

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on Tuesday, the 17th day of September, 2019, I propose to request a staff report to examine the connection of Eider Drive in Timberlea to Sussex Drive as it pertains to the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Wilderness area, Haliburton Hills, and the Highland Park Hammond Plains community.

19.3 Councillor Walker

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on September 17, 2019, I propose to introduce a Policy pursuant to Section 325 of the Halifax Municipality Charter, Administrative Order SC-90, the purpose of which is to close portions of Grosvenor Road, Halifax.

19.4 Councillor Whitman

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on September 17, 2019, I propose to request a staff report to examine the status of the proposed provincial highway 113 adjacent to the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Wilderness Reserve.

19.5 Councillor Whitman

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on September 17, 2019, I propose to request that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to prioritize ride share based on public input, Council direction and Uber's confirmed willingness to operate in HRM.

19.6 Councillor Adams

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on September 17, 2019, I propose to:

- 1. move First Reading of proposed By-law C-301, amending By-law C-300, Respecting Civic Addressing, the purpose of which is to amend the definition of a private road and to remove the requirement that private road owners maintain their private road signage; and*

2. *move amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, the purpose of which is to increase the fee for a private road sign from \$150 to \$200 and that no fee be paid where a private road sign is required because of a civic addressing change.*

19.7 Councillor Adams

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council, to be held on September 17, 2019, I propose to introduce a Policy pursuant to Section 325 of the Halifax Municipality Charter, Administrative Order SC-89, the purpose of which is to close a portion of Purcells Cove Road, Halifax described as Parcel 2.

20. ADJOURNMENT – 4:47 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS
August 13, 2019

1. Proclamation – National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day – September 4, 2019
2. Proclamation – Fête nationale des Acadiens – 15 août 2019
National Acadian Day – August 15, 2019
3. Proclamation – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month – September 2019
4. Memorandum from the Acting Chief Administrative Officer dated July 18, 2019 re: Award of Contracts – Quarterly Report April to June 2019
5. Memorandum from the Chair of the Halifax Water Board dated August 13, 2019 re: Halifax Regional Water Commission Accountability Report
6. Memorandum from the Director of Finance, Asset Management and ICT/CFO dated April 24, 2019 re: Capital Estimate Analysis
7. Memorandum from the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee dated July 29, 2019 re: 2018/19 Fourth Quarter Halifax Transit Key Performance Indicator Report
8. Proclamation – Highlanders Freedom of the City – August 23, 2019
9. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated August 6, 2019 re: Requests for Presentation to Council - None
10. Memorandum from the Acting CFO/Director of Finance, Asset Management and ICT dated June 19, 2019 re: Progress Report – Conveyance of 1588 Barrington Street, Halifax
11. Proclamation – Independence Day of Pakistan – August 14, 2019
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