



HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

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October 22, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER – 1:00 p.m.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY – COUNCILLOR DISTRICT – LOWER SACKVILLE

Councillor Elect Paul Russell was sworn in as the new District 15 Councillor to represent Lower Sackville at Halifax Regional Council for a term to November 2020.

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

Addition: 18.1 Councillor Smith – Free Transit on Election Days

Council agreed to deal with Item 15.1.2 – Case 22195 – Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Amendments for Block B at Canal Court, Fall River immediately following Item 9.1 Councillor Austin – Rescission of Council Motion 14.1.5 October 30, 2018 CFL Stadium

Council agreed to bring forward Information Item No. 3 – Memorandum from the CFO/Director of Finance, Asset Management and ICT dated October 1, 2019 re: Award of Contracts – Quarterly Report July to September 2019, for discussion at the upcoming Regional Council meeting scheduled for October 29, 2019.

Order of business approved as amended.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve agenda item 15.1.4.

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 – October 30, 2018

9.1 Councillor Austin – Rescission of Council Motion 14.1.5 October 30, 2018 CFL Stadium

*Motion **defeated** that Halifax Regional Council:*

1. Rescind its motion of October 30, 2018 directing staff to, among other things, bring a detailed

analysis back to Council on the Schooner Sports and Entertainment proposal for a stadium at Shannon Park; and
2. *Directs that staff take no further action on the stadium proposal submitted by Schooner Sport and Entertainment.*

The following **additional** motion was approved:

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to Halifax Regional Council in December, 2019 with a staff report of the stadium proposal received from Schooner Sports Entertainment on August 30, 2019, the report will address financing options and impact, transportation and development requirements, facility programming, municipal service and infrastructure gaps and community consultation.

10. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS– NONE

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received for items 9.1 and 16.2. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

13.2 Petitions

13.2.1 Councillor Outhit

Councillor Outhit submitted a petition containing 97 signatures and in support of the placement of a crosswalk at 54 Larry Uteck Boulevard (École Beaubassin).

13.2.2 Councillor Nicoll

Councillor Nicoll submitted a petition from Martyn Williams containing 21 signatures in support of safety and infrastructure improvements for vulnerable road users throughout Halifax.

13.2.3 Councillor Mason

Councillor Mason submitted a petition from the residents of Spring Garden Road and Summer Street containing 56 signatures regarding vehicular noise pollution.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Second Reading Proposed By-law C-301, an Amendment to By-law C-300, Respecting Civic Addressing and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. *Adopt By-law C-301, amending By-law C-300, Respecting Civic Addressing, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated August 27, 2019 to amend the definition of a private road and to remove the requirement that private road owners maintain their private road signage; and*

2. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, as set out in Attachment D of the staff report dated August 27, 2019 to:

- a. Increase the fee for a private road sign from \$150 to \$200;
- b. To add the \$31 fee for sign blade manufacture; and
- c. To require that no fee be paid where a private road sign is required because of a civic addressing change.

It is also recommended that Halifax Regional Council consider increasing the operating budget by \$28,000 in the following accounts for consideration in the 2020/2021 budget to:

3. R747-6518 (Sign Shop Metals) by \$11,000 per annum,
4. R747-6499 (Sign Shop Sign Blades) by \$2,000 per annum; and
5. C420-6910 (Planning and Development Signage) by \$15,000 per annum.

15.1.2 Case 22195 – Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Amendments for Block B at Canal Court, Fall River

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

1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Planning Districts 14 and 17 to review the existing Canal Court Policies for Block B and if appropriate, enable consideration of a development agreement for a townhouse development on a portion of Block B; and
2. Follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Halifax Regional Council on February 27, 1997.

15.1.3 First Reading Proposed By-law P-1201, an Amendment to By-law P-1200, Respecting On-Street Parking Permits, First Reading Proposed By-law P-507, an Amendment to By-law P-500, Respecting Parking Meters for the Regulation of Parking of Vehicles Left Standing in the Halifax Regional Municipality and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees – Parking Program Changes

Motion approved **as amended** that Halifax Council Give First Reading to:

1. Proposed By-Law P-1201, the purpose of which is to amend By-Law P-1200, Respecting On-Street Permits as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated August 2, 2019 **and that Administrative Order Number 15 (Attachment E) be amended as follows:**

- **Reduce the Annual Carshare Vehicle Parking Permit from \$100.00 per year – to \$40.00 per year.**

2. Proposed By-Law P-507, the purpose of which is to amend By-Law P-500, Respecting Parking Meters for the Regulation of parking of Vehicles left Standing in the Halifax Regional Municipality as set out in Attachment D of the staff report dated August 2, 2019.

15.1.4 Councillor Appointments to Standing Committees

Motion approved that Halifax Council:

1. Suspend the rules of procedures
 - a. requiring the Executive Standing Committee to review the nominations and make Recommendation to Regional Council, and
 - b. respecting the nominations of Members to committees; and
2. Subject to being Officially Sworn In as the Councillor for District 15, appoint Councillor Paul Russell to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee and Community Planning Economic Development Standing Committee for a term to November 2020.

15.2 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.2.1 Councillor Austin – Boulevard Gardening

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on establishing guidelines for boulevard gardens.

15.2.2 Councillor Mason – Amendment to Administrative Order 2017-009-ADM – Respecting District Funds

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to provide a staff report to consider eliminating Clause 19 - The maximum amount that may be given to a non-profit organization that is not registered is five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in PART II – District Capital Fund from Administrative Order 2017-009-ADM – Respecting District Funds.

16. MOTIONS

16.1 Councillor Mason

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council requests a staff report to:

- a) review garbage collection schedule for the student housing areas off campus around Dalhousie and St. Mary's (south end of Halifax) and identify options to provide garbage collection on the normal scheduled weekday for municipal waste collection services following May 1 and September 1; and*
- b) consider amending bylaw and policy to increase penalties and decrease timelines / warning period related to non-compliance on solid waste/garbage collection.*

16.2 Councillor Cleary

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council requests a staff report on restricting all Animal Acts for Entertainment, including Bull Riding, on or in all HRM owned and maintained facilities and property. The restriction is not to prohibit the following:

- Displays or showing of animals in agricultural fairs, exhibitions or pet shows including horse or ox-pulls as traditionally practiced at county fairs and exhibitions within the municipality*
- Horse races/dog races*
- Performances where individuals ride horses or ponies*
- Exhibition of animals for educational purposes*

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

17.1 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS - In Camera – Information Item Brought Forward – September 17, 2019

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

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve the recommendation as outlined in the private and confidential memo.

17.2 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – Private and Confidential Report

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

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated September 27, 2019.*
- 2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated September 27, 2019 to the public.*

17.3 LEGAL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

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

*Motion **defeated** that Halifax Regional Council approve the recommendation as outlined in the private and confidential Councillor Request for consideration form.*

18. ADDED ITEMS

18.1 Councillor Smith – Free Transit on Election Days

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the possibility of providing free public transit on Municipal, Provincial, and Federal election days. Starting from the time polling stations open, ending at the scheduled time polling stations close. The staff report should consider:

- *The financial and service impacts on Halifax Transit*
- *Potential partnerships with the Provincial and Federal government or other stakeholders; including non-profits, community groups, etc.*
- *Jurisdictional scan of other municipalities that have offered free public transit on election days*
- *The potential of HRM creating a “how to get to your polling station” campaign for Halifax Transit.*

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Blackburn

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on October 29, 2019, I propose to introduce policies pursuant to Section 325 of the Halifax Municipality Charter, as follows:

- 1. Administrative Order SC-91, the purpose of which is to close a portion of Majestic Avenue, Beaver Bank described as Parcel A; and*
- 2. Administrative Order SC-92, the purpose of which is to close a portion of Monarch Drive, Beaver Bank described as Parcel B and subject to the outcome of a public hearing consider adopting the proposed Administrative Order SC-91 and SC-92.”*

19.2 Councillor Nicoll

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on October 29, 2019, I propose to move amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, the purpose of which is to update the existing planning and development fees and charges under this Administrative Order as well as implement new fee structures.”

19.3 Councillor Cleary

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on October 29, 2019, I propose that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on initiating a program to enable optional payment of parking tickets by donation of equal or greater value of the ticket to Feed Nova Scotia (or similar organization) for parking tickets issued between December 2nd and 20th.”

19.4 Councillor Mason

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on October 29, 2019, I propose that Halifax Regional Council direct the Mayor to sign the United Nations High Commission for Refugees’ (UNHCR) statement of solidarity to stand with refugees and send a letter to UNHCR confirming this action.”

20. ADJOURNMENT – 6:39 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS
October 22, 2019

1. Proclamation – HMCS Kootenay Day – October 23rd, 2019
2. Proclamation – Turkish Republic Day – October 29th, 2019
3. Memorandum from the CFO/Director of Finance, Asset Management and ICT dated October 1, 2019
re: Award of Contracts – Quarterly Report July to September 2019
4. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated October 15, 2019 re: Requests for Presentation to
Council - None