



HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

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December 10, 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 – October 29 and November 12, 2019

Approved as presented. 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

Additions:

17.5 Property Matter – Private and Confidential

Information Items:

Council agreed to bring forward Information Item No. 1 – Memorandum from the Director of Planning and Development dated November 12, 2019 re: Climate Action Plan Update for discussion at the upcoming Regional Council meeting scheduled for January 14, 2020.

*Agenda approved as **amended**.*

5. CONSENT AGENDA*

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve agenda item 15.1.1.

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

10.1 Councillor Streach

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to investigate options for a land purchase, within the municipal water & sewer service boundary, in Middle Musquodoboit to facilitate and provide for the construction of an outdoor recreation facility, incorporating a splash pad to service the community and surrounding area.

10.2 Case H00446 – Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan, By-law, and Amendments to the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading and schedule a public hearing to consider the:

1. Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan and the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District By-law as contained in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated September 25, 2019, with the following amendments:

a. Delete terms “Foreign Protestant” on page 5 of the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan and replace with the terms “primarily German-speaking” and “German-speaking”, as set out in Attachment A of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019;

b. Delete Map 1, Heritage Resources, of the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan and replace with Map 1, Heritage Resources, contained in Attachment B of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019;

c. Delete heritage property inventory sheets for 1144 Barrington Street, 1146-48 Barrington Street and 1150 Barrington Street in the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District Plan and replace with heritage property inventory sheets for 1144 Barrington Street, 1146-48 Barrington Street and 1150 Barrington Street, contained in Attachment C of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019; and

d. Delete Schedule A, Heritage Resources, of the Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District By-law and replace with Schedule A, Heritage Resources, contained in Attachment D of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019.

2. amendments to the Downtown Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law as contained in Attachments C and D of the staff report dated September 25, 2019, with the following amendments:

a. Delete Schedule E, Map 7.5, Old South Suburb Heritage Resources, contained in Attachment C of the staff report dated September 25, 2019 and replace with Schedule E, Map 7.5, Old South Suburb Heritage Resources, contained in Attachment E of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019; and

b. Delete Attachment D, amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law, contained in the staff report dated September 25, 2019 and replace with Attachment D, amendments to the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law, contained in Attachment F of the supplementary staff report dated December 3, 2019.

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS – 6:00 P.M.

12.1 Case 17272 - Amendments to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Cushing Hill (Commercial Comprehensive Development District area and adjacent lands), Bedford

Public hearing held and closed.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law for Bedford, as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated October 2, 2019, to create new MPS policies and zoning for the Cushing Hill Commercial Comprehensive Development District (CCDD) area, Bedford.

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received for the following agenda items: 10.2, 12.1, 15.1.2, 15.1.3, 15.1.4, 15.3.1 and Budget Committee Items no. 3 and no. 4. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

13.2 Petitions – None

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Increase to Contract, RFP-18-302 Consulting Services – Bayers Road Transit Priority Corridor – Detailed Design*

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council approve an increase to contract with WSP Canada Inc. (Purchase Order No. 2070796457) for additional work beyond the original scope in the amount of \$119,878 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account CM000014 – Transit Priority Measures Corridors as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated November 22, 2019.

15.1.2 Supervised Consumption/Overdose Prevention Site

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to formalize discussions with the provincial government, community partners and other stakeholders regarding HRM's participation in the co-development of a municipal drug strategy.

15.1.3 Halifax Common Aquatic Area and Open Space Master Plan Update

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- a) Initiate the capital planning and construction for the replacement of the Halifax Common aquatic area and related facilities as outlined in the staff report dated November 12, 2019;*
- b) Engage with stakeholders to develop plans for the accommodation of uses such as youth music and arts programs within the proposed aquatic facility building and other nearby community facilities;*
- c) Complete the Halifax Common Open Space Master Plan as outlined in the staff report dated November 12, 2019; and*

2. Request that the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to request an amendment to the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter to authorize the Municipality to erect a permanent building and associated fencing on the Central Common to support the redevelopment of the Halifax Common aquatic area.

15.1.4 Community Stadium Recommendation

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate a Contribution Agreement substantially in accordance with terms outlined in Table 1 of the staff report dated November 30, 2019, to provide for a one-time contribution of \$20M towards the cost of construction of a community stadium to be payable upon substantial completion of construction. The Contribution Agreement is to be subject to the selection of a site with optimal access to major transportation routes and necessary infrastructure acceptable to Regional Council and further; and*
- 2. To return to Regional Council for approval of the site and the Contribution Agreement.*

15.2 HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

15.2.1 Case 21730 - Request to amend the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for 205 Bedford Highway, Halifax

*Motion **defeated** that Halifax Regional Council not approve amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law to enable an eight-storey mixed-use building at 205 Bedford Highway, Halifax.*

Alternative motion approved that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider amendments to the Halifax MPS and the Halifax Mainland LUB, to permit an eight-storey mixed-use building at 205 Bedford Highway, by development agreement, subject to a minimum of 18 units of affordable housing

dwelling units being provided via incentive or bonus zoning, as set out in revised Attachment 1 of the Community Council report dated December 3, 2019 and attachment B of the staff report dated October 25, 2019, and schedule a public hearing.

15.3 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Case H00469 - Request to Include 5381 Spring Garden Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of 5381 Spring Garden Road in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated September 9, 2019, as a municipal heritage area under the Heritage Property Act.

15.3.2 Re-registration and inclusion of St. Patrick's Rectory, 2267 Brunswick Street in the Heritage Registry

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report examining the potential for re-registering St. Patrick's Rectory, 2267 Brunswick Street, and re-entering it in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality.

16. MOTIONS – NONE

17. 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:

17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – October 29 and November 12, 2019

This matter was dealt with in public.

Motion approved that the In Camera (In Private) minutes of October 29 and November 12, 2019 be approved as circulated.

17.2 Legal Advice – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendation as outlined in the revised private and confidential staff report dated December 3, 2019; and*
- 2. Not release the revised private and confidential staff report dated December 3, 2019 to the public.*

17.3 Personnel Matter – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendation as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated December 2, 2019; and*
- 2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated December 2, 2019 to the public.*

17.4 LEGAL ADVICE – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendation as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated November 21, 2019; and*
- 2. Not release the private and confidential staff report dated November 21, 2019 to the public.*

17.5 PROPERTY MATTER - *Private and Confidential Report*

This matter was dealt with in public.

Motion approved that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendation as outlined in the revised and re-circulated private and confidential staff report dated November 28, 2019; and*
- 2. Not release the revised and re-circulated private and confidential staff report dated November 28, 2019 to the public.*

18. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Austin

“TAKE NOTICE that, *that, at the next meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on January 14, 2020, I propose to move amendments to the terms of reference for the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board, Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee and the Executive Standing Committee as outlined in Schedules 5 and 6 of Administrative Order 1, The Procedures of the Council Administrative Order, and Accessibility Advisory Committee as outlined in Administrative Order 2017-005-GOV, Respecting the Advisory Committee on Accessibility in the Halifax Regional Municipality, the purpose of which is to simplify and streamline the adoption process for the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law (Centre Plan - Package B).”*

19.2 Councillor Whitman

“TAKE NOTICE that, *at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Halifax Regional Council to be held on January 14, 2020, I intend to move the following motion: That Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report that responds to the requests by the St. Margaret’s Bay Area Rails to Trails Association and the BLT Rails to Trails Association that Halifax Regional Municipality takes responsibility for the operation and maintenance for the segments of active transportation multi-use pathway currently under their responsibility. The report should consider options such as HRM assuming ownership of the facilities or a Letter of Authority from the Province and consider factors such as the Provincial government position, cost, enforcement, permitted uses and other considerations to help understand the implications for the sustainability of these facilities and for Municipal responsibilities.”*

19.3 Councillor Cleary

“TAKE NOTICE that, *at the next meeting of Council on January 14, 2020, I will move the following: That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on developing a policy for a “cooling off” period for elected and senior officials, as public office holders. This report should include a jurisdictional scan of best practices in Canadian municipal, provincial, and federal governments, an analysis of potential benefits and challenges, and a recommendation for an appropriate length of time that public office holders should wait before accepting positions from businesses that do business with the municipality or submit applications for development, especially ones that they had direct and significant dealings during their time as a public office holder.”*

20. ADJOURNMENT – 6:38 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS
December 10, 2019

1. Memorandum from the Director of Planning and Development dated November 12, 2019 re: Climate Action Plan Update
2. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated December 2, 2019 re: Requests for Presentation to Council – Brian Lane