



**BUDGET COMMITTEE
(STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BUDGET)
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 22, 2020**

PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Lisa Blackburn
Councillors: Steve Streach
David Hendsbee
Lorelei Nicoll
Sam Austin
Tony Mancini
Waye Mason
Lindell Smith
Shawn Cleary
Russell Walker
Stephen Adams
Richard Zurawski
Matt Whitman
Paul Russell
Tim Outhit

REGRETS:

Councillor Bill Karsten

STAFF:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Jane Fraser, Chief Financial Officer
Denise Schofield, Director, Parks and Recreation
Peter Duncan, Manager, Infrastructure Planning
Cathie O'Toole, General Manager, Halifax Water
Jamie Hannam, Director, Engineering & Information Services, Halifax Water
David Hubley, Manager Design & Construction
Liam MacSween, A/Deputy Clerk
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The special meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m., and Budget Committee adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – NONE

3. Proposed 2020/21 Budget Recast for COVID-19 Impacts (Continuation from May 21)

The following was before Budget Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 1, 2020
- A revised staff recommendation report dated May 22, 2020

The following motion from the May 12, 2020 meeting of the Budget Committee reads:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Budget Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to revise the 2020/21 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets, as voted on by Regional Council's Committee of the Whole on Budget at their February 12, 2020 meeting, using the revisions proposed in the staff report dated May 1, 2020 as summarized in Table 3, supported by attachment C and D.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, spoke regarding the process and purpose of the proposed revised capital budget outlined in attachment C of the staff report dated May 1, 2020 and answered questions.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the Budget Committee maintain HRM's membership in the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO), or re-join immediately if membership has lapsed and forward this amount to the Parking Lot.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (11 in favour, 5 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Zurawski, Russell, Outhit

Against: Councillor Streach, Hendsbee, Walker, Adams, Whitman

Not present: Councillor Karsten

3i. Submission of Shovel Ready Projects for Potential Stimulus Funding

The following was before Budget Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 21, 2020

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Budget Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Endorse the capital projects in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated May 21, 2020, as well as the Halifax Regional Water Commission shovel ready projects attached to the staff report dated May 21, 2020 for potential infrastructure funding; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to submit these projects for funding in the event a Federal and/or Federal/Provincial infrastructure program is established.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy
A/Municipal Clerk