



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
April 6, 2021**

PRESENT:

Mayor	Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor	Tim Outhit
Councillors:	Cathy Deagle Gammon
	David Hendsbee
	Becky Kent
	Trish Purdy
	Sam Austin
	Tony Mancini
	Waye Mason
	Lindell Smith
	Shawn Cleary
	Kathryn Morse
	Patty Cuttell
	Iona Stoddard
	Pam Lovelace
	Lisa Blackburn
	Paul Russell

STAFF:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Liam Power, Legislative Assistant
Jill McGillicuddy, Legislative Assistant

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The special meeting was called to order at 11:00 p.m., and recessed at 11:55 p.m. Council reconvened in at 1:00 p.m. Council recessed at 3:12 and reconvened at 3:35 p.m. Council adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 11:00.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 23, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the minutes of March 23, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

It was noted that Item 11.1.1 will be addressed after 1 p.m. to allow for correspondence to be submitted to the Clerk's Office.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve agenda items 11.1.4, 11.1.5 and 11.2.1.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Councillor David Hendsbee declared a conflict respecting item 11.3.1. The Councillor is a member of the Board of Directors for Akoma Holdings Incorporated.

6. MOTIONS OF RECISSION - NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

8. VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items 11.1.2 and 11.1.6. This correspondence was circulated to Council.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

9.2 Petitions – NONE

9.3 Presentations – NONE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD - NONE

11. REPORTS

11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

11.1.1 Second Reading Proposed By-law S-612, an Amendment to By-law S-600, Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-law – Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 25, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law S-612, the purpose of which is to amend By-law S-600, Respecting Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated February 25, 2021.

Moved by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

**THAT the motion by amended to include:
amend clause (ffa)(i) definition of owner. The word “and” should read “land” and clause (ffa)(ii), “on” in the third line should be “or”.**

As set out in Section 53 (2) of *Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, this change to the motion was accepted as friendly.

The question was called on the amended motion as follows:

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law S-612, to amend By-law S-600, Respecting Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated February 25, 2021 with amendments to clause (ffa)(i) definition of owner such that the word “and” reads “land” and to clause (ffa)(ii) such that “on” in the third line reads “or”.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.2 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 12, Respecting the Appointment of the Traffic Authority - Procedure for Appointment of Traffic Authority

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 5, 2021
- Correspondence from Sarah Manchon dated April 5, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt amendments to Administrative Order 12, Respecting the Appointment of the Traffic Authority as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated March 5, 2021, the purpose of which is to establish a standardized procedure for the appointment of the Traffic Authority.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.3 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2015-005-GOV, the Siting of a Telecommunication Antenna Administrative Order

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 1, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2015-005-GOV, the Siting of a Telecommunication Antenna Administrative Order, as set out within Attachment C of the staff report dated February 1, 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.4 Award – 20-128 Request for Quotation Two (2) New Custom 1000g Rescue Pumper Tankers

The following motion was approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council award RFQ 20-128 for the purchase of two (2) new custom 1000g Rescue Pumper Tankers to Camions Carl Thibault for \$ 1,441,158 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No. CE200002 - Fire Apparatus Replacement, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated March 5, 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.5 Award – 20-144 One (1) Mid Mount, 100' Aerial Tower Apparatus

The following motion was approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council award Tender 20-144 for the purchase of one (1) new mid mount, 100' aerial apparatus to Mic Mac Fire for \$ 1,918,559 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No. CE200002 - Fire Fleet Replacement, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated March 12, 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.6 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting Licenses, Permits and Processing Fees - Forgive Sidewalk Café Fees

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 15, 2021
- Correspondence from Paul MacKinnon dated March 15, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttall

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 15, the License, Permits and Processing Fees Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated March 15, 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.7 Assignment of Contract for Road Salt

The following was before Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 24, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the assignment of the Municipality's existing contract for road salt with K and S Windsor Salt to Windsor Salt Canada and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to execute an assignment agreement to permit the assignment.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

11.2.1 Improvements on Devonshire Avenue

The following motion was approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to pursue improvements to Devonshire Avenue as described in the Discussion section of the March 16, 2021 staff report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.3 HARBOUR EAST – MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11.3.1 Case 21875 - Amendments to the Regional Plan, Regional Subdivision By-law, Cole Harbour/Westphal Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land Use By-law for the former Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children site along Highway 7, Westphal

The following was before Council:

- A recommendation report from Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council dated March 30, 2021 with attached staff report dated March 1, 2021

Councillor Hendsbee was recused during consideration of this matter having declared a conflict earlier in the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, Regional Subdivision By-law, Cole Harbour/Westphal Municipal Planning Strategy and the Cole Harbour/Westphal Land Use By-law as set out in Attachments A, B, C and D of the staff report dated March 1, 2021, to enable the adaptive reuse of the former Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children and to allow development of a portion of the site toward Highway 7, Westphal and schedule a public hearing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Hendsbee

Councillor Hendsbee rejoined the meeting at this time.

11.4 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11.4.1 Councillor Mancini - Policing Services Review

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration form from Councillor Mancini

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the CAO Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a report, based on a review of the current model of delivering policing services in Halifax Regional Municipality, to provide an evaluation of and make recommendations with respect to the effectiveness along with community safety standards of the current division of policing responsibilities in HRM between the Halifax Regional Police and the RCMP in their capacity as Nova Scotia Provincial Police.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the motion be amended to specify that the policing services review be independent.

As set out in Section 53 (2) of *Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, this change to the motion was accepted as friendly.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, provided information to Council outlining the review process including the scope, potential partners, costs, connectivity between other ongoing reviews, and the independence of CAO's office and the successful contractor resulting from the Request for Proposals.

The question was called on the amended motion as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a report, based on an independent review of the current model of delivering policing services in Halifax Regional Municipality, to provide an evaluation of and make recommendations with respect to the effectiveness along with community safety standards of the current division of policing responsibilities in HRM between the Halifax Regional Police and the RCMP in their capacity as Nova Scotia Provincial Police.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.4.2 Councillor Hendsbee - Park and Ride Terminal at Hwy 107 Exit 18 in Mineville

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration form from Councillor Hendsbee

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Regional Council request a staff report for Halifax Transit to consider assessing the possibility of establishing and implementing a Park and Ride Terminal at Hwy 107 Exit 18 in Mineville as a supplementary bus stop for the current Rural Express Service 370.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.4.3 Councillor Smith - Africville Visioning Process

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration form from Councillor Smith

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report that will look at developing a collaborative process that will ultimately create an Africville Visioning Process. Africville Visioning process should include, but will not be limited to:

- 1. Determine a cooperative working partnership between HRM and community partners and organizations that are working on behalf of the interest of descendants.**
- 2. Engage with other organizations, businesses, and levels of Government whose interest could potentially impact Africville lands and/or Africville descendants to determine how they can support the Africville Visioning Process and its outcomes.**
- 3. Reviewing the 2010 Africville Agreement and determining which commitments have been met, where further action is required, and whether these past commitments address the current desires of the community**
- 4. Identifying all municipal led or partnered projects and initiatives that have a direct impact on the lands at Africville, lands surrounding Africville, and its users (current/future) to understand the full effect they will have on the Africville lands.**
- 5. Developing a comprehensive, co-facilitated public engagement process in partnership with Africville descendants, Africville focused organizations, and community partners that will inform the outcomes of the visioning process.**
- 6. Re-visiting the 2003 Bayne Street Master Plan, and work with partners to collaborate to reimagine the Master Plan that would include land specifically dedicated to descendants of Africville and/or uses that would be supported by descendants, community members or organizations who broadly represent the interest of Africville descendants.**
- 7. Examine the possibility of using the Africville Visioning Process to address the ongoing class action court proceedings against HRM and working with claimants and descendants to address their concerns outside of the court system.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.4.4 Councillor Lovelace – Regional and Rural Transit

The following was before Council:

- A request for Council consideration form from Councillor Lovelace

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report outlining options regarding:

- 1. Moving funding of the ferry system to the Local Transit Tax from the Regional Transportation Tax;**
- 2. Funding cooperative rural transit from the Regional Transportation Tax;**
- 3. Establishing a new Regional Transportation Tax boundary to apply to those within 3kms of a Regional Express stop, 1km of a conventional or rural bus stop, or within a Rural Transit Funded service area, and,**
- 4. Expanding the Rural Transit Funding Program to include share in capital funding.**

Councillor Hendsbee requested that part 1 of the motion be amended to insert the word “Area” after Local Transit Tax.

As set out in Section 53 (2) of *Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, this change to the motion was accepted as friendly.

The question was called on the amended motion.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report outlining options regarding:

- 1. Moving funding of the ferry system to the Local Transit Tax Area from the Regional Transportation Tax;**
- 2. Funding cooperative rural transit from the Regional Transportation Tax;**
- 3. Establishing a new Regional Transportation Tax boundary to apply to those within 3kms of a Regional Express stop, 1km of a conventional or rural bus stop, or within a Rural Transit Funded service area, and,**
- 4. Expanding the Rural Transit Funding Program to include share in capital funding.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. MOTIONS

12.1 Councillor Purdy

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report that assesses the feasibility of expanding the current Rainbow Crosswalk Program, using the same design as the current rainbow crosswalks, to include the painting of Pan-African colours on existing crosswalks in historic African Nova Scotia communities.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

There was no In Camera (In Private) session convened.

13.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – February 9 and 23, 2021

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Outhit

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of February 9 and 23, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public.

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential report dated March 24, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated March 24, 2021; and**

2. Direct that the private and confidential staff report dated March 24, 2021 be maintained private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13.3 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public.

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential report dated March 24, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated March 24, 2021; and**
- 2. Release the private and confidential staff report dated March 24, 2021 to the public once the conditions as outlined in the report have been met.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13.4 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public.

The following was before Council:

- A private and confidential report dated March 24, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated March 24, 2021; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential staff report dated March 24, 2021 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 Councillor Russell

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to propose amendments to Administrative Order 2014-020-GOV, Respecting Marketing Levy Special Event Reserve Grants, the purpose of which is to extend the maximum length of consistent operation in the New Events (Emerging) program up to five (5) years from the current three (3) years.

14.2 Councillor Lovelace

TAKE NOTICE that, at Halifax Regional Council meeting, to be held on April, 20th 2021, I propose to request that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to review street lighting procedures and policies across HRM. The report should also include consideration to adopt a mechanism for street light removal and a policy on under – or over illumination.

14.3 Councillor Blackburn

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to propose amendments for approval to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, the purpose of which is to:

- a) Set hourly parking rates that reflect actual time-of day demand based on data collected from the recently adopted Integrated Parking Technology project;
- b) Remove the four hour per zone daily maximum;
- c) Create an additional commuter parking zone 15; and
Housekeeping amendments.

14.4 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move First Reading of proposed By-law U-108, amending By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law, the purpose of which is to enable the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program.

14.5 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move that Council consider adopting, by policy, a Public Participation Program, the purpose of which is to initiate a process to consider amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy to establish Commercial Development Districts.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk