



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
August 2, 2022**

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

REGRETS: Councillor: Trish Purdy

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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The special meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. and adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Savage called the special meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council waive the rules for Section 83 of Administrative Order One, to remove the limit on the number of times a members can speak, in order to discuss item 4 Homelessness in Halifax (HRM).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Purdy

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Purdy

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

4. Homelessness in Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM)

The following was before Council:

- Staff presentation dated August 2, 2022
- Correspondence from W. Nugent, Victoria Levack (Spokesperson for Disability Rights Coalitions of Nova Scotia)

Max Chauvin, Special Projects Manager, Parks and Recreation gave a presentation on homelessness in HRM, activities since June 14, 2022 and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council. Chauvin noted that the next step in the endorsed response plan for Meagher Park would be to ask Halifax Regional Police for assistance.

Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director, Parks and Recreation, Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council. Staff provided clarification on the groups involved in the situation and their relationship with those experiencing homelessness. MacDonald acknowledged the living conditions at the designated sites, noting the primary strategy is to move people to the designated sites and make them more appealing to those experiencing homelessness. Chauvin provided clarification on the relationship between the Lived Experience Committee and Halifax Regional Police. Kinsella indicated that there is an ongoing conversation regarding resourcing with other policing partners and internal stakeholders and police would respond with appropriate action when requested by the HRM.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk