



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
December 12, 2023**

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillors: 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
Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillor: Paul Russell

STAFF: Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services
/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Krista Vining, Acting Deputy Clerk
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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

The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at halifax.ca.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m., and recessed at 3:05 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 3:27 p.m. and reconvened at 3:59 p.m. Council recessed at 5:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:01 p.m. Council adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 1:05 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. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted special community announcements and acknowledgements.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole and Regional Council

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the minutes of November 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole and Regional Council be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- Item 18.1 – Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee – Extended Producer Responsibility Municipal Registration
- Item 18.2 – Councillor Cuttell – Options to Increase Funding for Rural Transit Grants
- Item 18.3 – Councillor Cuttell – Heritage De-Registration of PID41518333 – Surplus Lands York Redoubt
- Item 18.4 – Ratification from Budget Committee – Capital Update and Advanced Tenders
- Item 18.5 – Mayor Savage – Donation to the North End Community Centre

Deletions: None

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon requested that Item 17 – IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) be considered when Regional Council returns from its' afternoon break at 3:15 p.m.

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Lovelace requested that Information Item 5 – Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer dated November 14, 2023 re: Legislative Update – 2023 Fall Sitting be brought forward at the next Regional Council Meeting.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

As provided for in section 41 (3) of Administrative Order One:

- Item 15.1.5 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Hendsbee
- Item 15.4.2 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Mancini

- Item 15.4.1 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Cuttall

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve recommendations in the following agenda items:

- 15.1.1 – Halifax Public Libraries Collection Investment;
- 15.2.1 – First Reading Proposed By-Law N-208, an amendment to By-law N-200 Respecting Noise - Construction Noise Updates;
- 15.3.1 – 2024 Halifax Regional Municipality and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) Regular Election: Appointment of Returning Officer, Delegation of Authorities, and Use of Provincial List of Electors;
- 15.4.3 – Student Transit Pass Program; and
- 15.5.2 – Case H00560: Substantial Alteration to the municipally registered heritage property at 53 Queen Street, Dartmouth.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Russell

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 – NONE

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. HEARINGS – NONE

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 14.1, 15.1.5, 15.1.7 and 15.5.1.

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

13.2 Petitions – None

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – November 28, 2023

14.1 Councillor Smith – Halifax Regional Municipality Employee Living Wage

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated November 10, 2023
- Correspondence from Robert Styles

Britt Wilson, Executive Director of Human Resources responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Halifax Public Libraries Collection Investment

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated November 15, 2023

- Extract from the November 28, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

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

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct staff to plan and budget for increases to the Library material spending budget, based on Option 2 scenario described in the staff report dated November 15, 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Russell

15.1.2 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2014-007-ADM, Respecting Grants to Professional Arts Organizations

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated September 25, 2023
- Extract from the November 28, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2014-007-ADM, Respecting Grants to Professional Arts Organizations, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated September 25, 2023.

Kellie McIvor, Manager, Culture and Community responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Russell

15.1.3 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 18, Respecting Revenue Collections Policy – Revised Tax Sale Fees

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated October 26, 2023
- Extract from the November 28, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 18, the Revenue Collections Policy Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated October 26, 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Russell

15.1.4 Halifax Regional Municipality Signing The Montréal Pledge – Cities United in Action for Biodiversity

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated November 23, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Suspend the rules of procedure under Schedule 5, the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee Terms of Reference, of Administrative Order One, the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order; and**
- 2. Direct the Mayor to write a letter of support to the City of Montreal for Halifax Regional Municipality to become a signatory of The Montréal Pledge.**

Shannon Miedema, Director of Environment and Climate Change responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Russell

15.1.5 Administrative Order 50 – Declaration of Surplus Real Property – Package 09.23

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated October 30, 2023
- Correspondence from Chuck Williams, Deanna Doucette, Chris Moore, Chris and Amy Covey, Simon Parker, Elizabeth McCarron, Brent Williams, Jeff Walker, Andrea Cavicchi, Katie Backman, Chrissy Atton, Wayne and Janice Doyle, Chris Niven, Sarah Ahrendt, JoAnne Hughes, Danny and Belinda McMillan, Scott and Cheryl Miles, Mike Spurr, Denise Kelly, Eileen MacDonald, Lucy Uberoi, Kate Moore, Karen and Mark Mills, Colin and Anne Marie Nicolle, David Rathbun, Graham Surette, Lisa Smith, Eric Smith, Bob MacDonald, Brad Saunders, Trish Snow, Irene and David Hubley, Tracy Taylor, Jason Meisner, Heidi Shea-McGowan, Tanya Harrietha, Steve and Katherine Norris, Wayne and Janice Doyle, Mike Norman, Etta and Kevin Lennox, Lisa and Dan Proffitt, Tamara Hillman

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Declare the properties, as categorized and listed in Attachments B, D, E, F, and G of the staff report dated October 30, 2023, surplus to municipal requirements pursuant to Administrative Order Number 50 Respecting the Disposal of Surplus Real Property;**
- 2. Recategorize the properties in Attachment C to the staff report dated October 30, 2023, previously declared surplus by Regional Council from “Ordinary” to “Affordable Housing”; and**
- 3. Recategorize the properties in Attachment H to the staff report dated October 30, 2023, previously declared surplus by Regional Council from “Ordinary” to “Intergovernmental Transfer”.**

Cale Kilyanek, Real Estate Officer, Kate Greene, Director of Regional and Community Planning, John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services /Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer and Cathie O’Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council. Traves advised that if Regional Council wished for a property to be

offered to an abutting property owner for purchase that an amendment was required to remove the property from the surplus real property list and to request a supplemental staff report to determine the interest of an abutting property owner.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT 42 and 46 Chamberlain Drive, Westphal be removed from Attachment B of the staff report dated October 30, 2023 and referred to staff for a supplementary report.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED. (9 in favour, 7 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillors Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Mancini, Cuttell, Lovelace, Blackburn, Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Austin, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Stoddard

Not Present: Councillor Russell

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT 21 Fox Hollow Drive, Upper Tantallon be removed from Attachment B of the staff report dated October 30, 2023 and referred to staff for a supplementary report.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND DEFEATED. (8 in favour, 8 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Mancini, Lovelace, Blackburn, Outhit

Against: Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillors Austin, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard

Not present: Councillor Russell

The question was called on the main motion:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Declare the properties, as categorized and listed in Attachments B as amended, D, E, F, and G of the staff report dated October 30, 2023, surplus to municipal requirements pursuant to Administrative Order Number 50 Respecting the Disposal of Surplus Real Property;**
- 2. Recategorize the properties in Attachment C to the staff report dated October 30, 2023, previously declared surplus by Regional Council from “Ordinary” to “Affordable Housing”; and**
- 3. Recategorize the properties in Attachment H to the staff report dated October 30, 2023, previously declared surplus by Regional Council from “Ordinary” to “Intergovernmental Transfer”.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Russell

15.1.6 Proposed Administrative Order 2023-003-ADM Respecting the Municipal Registry of Volunteer Emergency Services Providers

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated October 5, 2023
- Extract from the November 28, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt Administrative Order 2023-003-ADM, Respecting the Municipal Registry of Volunteer Emergency Service Providers, included as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated October 5, 2023; and**
- 2. Subject to adoption of Administrative Order 2023-003-ADM, approve the acceptance of six (6) nonprofit organizations as registrants listed in Appendix A of the Administrative Order.**

Peta Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants, Tax & Special Projects responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Russell

15.1.7 Cogswell District Land Use Policies

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated November 27, 2023
- Extract from the November 28, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes
- Correspondence from Paul MacKinnon

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Initiate a process to amend the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the Regional Centre Land Use By-law to develop land use policies and regulations for the Cogswell District Lands and surrounding lands, consistent with the review items outlined in the Discussion section of the staff report dated November 27, 2023;**
- 2. Develop a strategy to support long-term affordable housing in the Cogswell District Lands, consistent with the review items outlined in the Discussion section of the staff report dated November 27, 2023; and**
- 3. Follow the public participation program as set out in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated November 27, 2023.**

Ross Grant, Planner III and Donna Davis, Project Manager, Cogswell Redevelopment responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Russell

15.1.8 Regional Subdivision By-law Amendments - Security Options and Inspection Fees

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated November 22, 2023
- Extract from the November 28, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Regional Subdivision By-law to add development bonds as a security option for subdivisions with new infrastructure and revise how inspection fees are collected for the installation of primary and secondary services associated with subdivision; and**
- 2. Adopt the public participation program as outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated November 22, 2023.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Russell

15.1.9 Case 22257: Regional Plan Review: Phase 4 Draft Plan What We Heard

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated November 20, 2023
- Staff presentation dated December 12, 2023

Leah Perrin, Manager, Regional Planning gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Accept the Draft Regional Plan What We Heard Report included as Attachment A of the staff report dated November 20, 2023; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to follow the recommended approach to site-specific requests for Regional Plan amendments as generally outlined in Attachment B of the staff report dated November 20, 2023.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Russell, Outhit

15.1.10 PLPROJ 2023-01544: Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law amendments to restrict water lot infilling on the Northwest Arm

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated December 6, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider proposed amendments to the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy, the Regional Centre Land Use By-law, and the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law, as set out in Attachments A, B, C, and D of staff report dated December 6, 2023, to restrict water lot infilling on the Northwest Arm and schedule a public hearing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Russell, Outhit

15.2 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 First Reading Proposed By-Law N-208, an amendment to By-law N-200 Respecting Noise - Construction Noise Updates

The following was before Council:

- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee report dated November 16, 2023 with attached staff report dated September 27, 2023
- Extract from the November 28, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

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

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law N-208, amending By-law N-200, the Noise Bylaw, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated September 27, 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Russell

15.3 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 2024 Halifax Regional Municipality and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) Regular Election: Appointment of Returning Officer, Delegation of Authorities, and Use of Provincial List of Electors

The following was before Council:

- Executive Standing Committee report dated November 27, 2023 with attached staff report dated November 10, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Appoint Iain MacLean as the Returning Officer to conduct all regular and special elections required under the Municipal Elections Act, including both municipal and CSAP elections;**
- 2. For the 2024 Halifax Regional Municipality and CSAP Elections, in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, delegate the following authorities:**
 - a. To the Clerk, the authority to appoint one or more Assistant Returning Officers;**
 - b. To the Clerk, the authority to make, revise, and amend the tariff of fees and expenses; and**

- c. To the Retuning Officer, the authority to set the first advance polling date; and
3. Direct that the provincial list of electors be used in conducting the 2024 Halifax Regional Municipality and CSAP Elections.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Russell

15.3.2 First Reading Proposed By-Law C-1102, an amendment to By-Law C-1000 Respecting Campaign Financing

The following was before Council:

- Executive Standing Committee report dated November 27, 2023 with attached staff report dated November 21, 2023
- Extract from the November 28, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Give First Reading to adopt By-law C-1102 amending By-law C-1100, the Campaign Financing By-law, as set out in Attachment 1 (Revised) of the Executive Standing Committee report dated November 27, 2023; and
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to conduct a review of the Campaign Finance By-law that considers inflation for the amount of campaign contribution and the maximum spending limits and that the review be completed prior to January 1 of an election year.

Liam MacSween, Elections and Special Projects Manager and Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mancini

To amend the campaign expenditure limits for Councillor and Mayoral Candidates to maintain \$30,000 and \$300,000 respectively.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED. (9 in favour, 6 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttell

Against: Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillors Hendsbee, Kent, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn

Not present: Councillors Russell, Outhit

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Give First Reading to adopt By-law C-1102 amending By-law C-1100, the Campaign Financing By-law, as set out in Attachment 1 (Revised) of the Executive Standing Committee report dated November 27, 2023, as amended to maintain the campaign

expenditure limits for Councillor and Mayoral Candidates to \$30,000 and \$300,000 respectively; and

- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to conduct a review of the Campaign Finance By-law that considers inflation for the amount of campaign contribution and the maximum spending limits and that the review be completed prior to January 1 of an election year.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillors Hendsbee, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn

Against: Councillors Kent, Cuttell

Not present: Councillors Russell, Outhit

15.4 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

15.4.1 Active School Travel Plan

The following was before Council:

- Transportation Standing Committee report dated November 23, 2023 with attached staff report dated November 6, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to initiate a Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) led program to facilitate active and safer transportation for school-based trips that includes:

- 1. Assessment of all schools in HRM by an external consultant to establish a list of schools sorted by priority where active school travel is most feasible and beneficial and that recommends safer school travel routes and priority infrastructure improvements;**
- 2. Establishing a collaborative program between the HRM, the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, Conseil scolaire acadien provincial, and sector stakeholders/service providers to develop and deliver an Active School Travel education and promotion program; and**
- 3. Funding to be considered as part of the 2025/26 budget process.**

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Item 15.4.1 Active School Travel Plan be deferred to a future meeting of Regional Council.

Lucas Pitts, Director, Traffic Management responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

As provided for in section 66 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion was withdrawn with consent of Regional Council.

The question was called on the main motion:

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to initiate a Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) led program to facilitate active and safer transportation for school-based trips that includes:

1. **Assessment of all schools in HRM by an external consultant to establish a list of schools sorted by priority where active school travel is most feasible and beneficial and that recommends safer school travel routes and priority infrastructure improvements;**
2. **Establishing a collaborative program between the HRM, the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, Conseil scolaire acadien provincial, and sector stakeholders/service providers to develop and deliver an Active School Travel education and promotion program; and**
3. **Funding to be considered as part of the 2025/26 budget process.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Russell, Outhit

15.4.2 Halifax Transit Safety Program

The following was before Council:

- Transportation Standing Committee report dated November 23, 2023 with attached staff report dated October 3, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a plan for a Halifax Transit Safety Program for further consideration.

Philip Herritt, Director, Transit Operations responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Russell, Outhit

15.4.3 Student Transit Pass Program

The following was before Council:

- Transportation Standing Committee report dated November 23, 2023 with attached staff report dated November 4, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve the extension of Phase 2 of the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program, which includes four high schools and six junior high schools, to the end of the current school year (June 2024);**
2. **Accept a contribution of \$185,000 from the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) towards the extension of Phase 2 of the program and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to negotiate and execute a contribution agreement;**
3. **Approve the scope of the full implementation of the Student Pass Pilot Program as further detailed in the staff report dated November 4, 2023, with such implementation including 10 additional high schools and 27 junior high schools, pending funding approval; and**

4. **Direct the CAO to continue to pursue funding opportunities for the full expansion of the program, including Options F, G, and H in Table 1 of the staff report, dated November 4, 2023, with such expansion being conditional on the Municipality receiving financial contributions from third parties, including other levels of government, which, at least reasonably offset the anticipated shortfall in HRM Transit Revenue associated with such expansion and authorize the CAO to negotiate and execute agreements or arrangements that may be necessary to receive such funding and fully expand the Student Transit Pass Program.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Russell

15.5 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.5.1 Case 20218: Amendments to the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and associated development agreement for lands located at Robie Street Spring Garden Road, and Carlton Street, Halifax (Joint Meeting with Halifax and West Community Council)

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated November 22, 2023 with attached staff report dated October 18, 2023
- Correspondence from Katherine Kitching, Leslie Pezzack, Paul Schwartzentruber, Alastair Cranston, Alec MacKinnon, David MacKenzie, Heather Egan, Jonathan Goguen-Manning, Margo Grant, Marsha Stagg, Stephen Hutton, William Dawson, Wes Surrett

The Mayor advised that where this was a joint meeting with Halifax and West Community Council, section 1 of the motion must be considered prior to section 2. Consideration of section 2 would be done by Halifax and West Community Council members only and the vote would be done by show of hands.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Give First Reading to consider the proposed amendments to the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated October 18, 2023, to broaden the scope of enabling policies IM-43, IM-44, and IM-46 and schedule a public hearing.**

Luc Ouellet, Principal Planner responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillors Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn

Against: Councillor Cuttall

Not present: Councillors Russell, Outhit

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

It is further recommended that Halifax and West Community Council:

2. **Give Notice of Motion to consider the proposed development agreement, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated October 18, 2023, to permit a 30-storey mixed-use residential and commercial building on the southeast corner of the Robie Street and Spring Garden Road intersection, while rehabilitating four municipally registered heritage buildings on Carlton Street. The public hearing for the development agreement shall be held concurrently with that indicated in Recommendation 1.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.5.2 Case H00560: Substantial Alteration to the municipally registered heritage property at 53 Queen Street, Dartmouth

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated December 5, 2023 with attached staff report dated October 27, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed substantial alteration to 53 Queen Street, Dartmouth, which includes the rehabilitation and conservation of the circa 1914 former Dartmouth Post Office designed in the Edwardian Baroque style.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Russell

15.6 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.6.1 Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon – Council Compensation

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration from Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report to amend section 2CA of Administrative Order 17, effective November 1, 2023, to add “(3) The annual increase in remuneration paid to a Member shall not exceed the increase in the Average Industrial Weekly Earnings for all industries excluding unclassified businesses for Canada as reported by Statistics Canada for the same period and shall not exceed 4%.

John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services /Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Mayor Savage stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Mayor Savage, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the motion be amended to add ‘or 2% for the Mayor’.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Russell, Outhit

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report to amend section 2CA of Administrative Order 17, effective November 1, 2023, to add “(3) The annual increase in remuneration paid to a Member shall not exceed the increase in the Average Industrial Weekly Earnings for all industries excluding unclassified businesses for Canada, as reported by Statistics Canada for the same period, and shall not exceed 4% for Councillors or 2% for the Mayor.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Russell, Outhit

Mayor Savage resumed the Chair.

16. MOTIONS

16.1 Councillor Cleary

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Cleary
- Extract from the November 28, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on amending section 6 of By-law M-400, Respecting Marketing Levy, which would allow short-term rental (STR) operators with one STR unit to report and remit the collected marketing levy on a quarterly or semiannual basis.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Russell, Outhit

16.2 Councillor Cleary

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Cleary
- Extract from the November 28, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on amending By-law (N-300) Respecting Nuisances and Smoking to add a clause that exterior lighting shall not be directed towards abutting lots or streets.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Russell, Outhit

16.3 Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

The following was before Council:

- Request for consideration form from Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

- Extract from the November 28, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) to provide a staff report to expand the Access-A-Bus service area to include the community surrounding all park and ride locations for door-to-door service; as well as a review of the half hour window for pick up notifications, and funding and tax implications for the 2025-2026 budget year.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Russell, Outhit

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – November 14, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of November 14, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

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

The following was before Regional Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated November 27, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated November 27, 2023; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated November 27, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Lovelace, Russell, Outhit

17.3 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

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

The following was before Regional Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated November 22, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated November 22, 2023; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated November 22, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Lovelace, Russell, Outhit

17.4 LEGAL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

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

The following was before Regional Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated December 7, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated December 7, 2023; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated December 7, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Lovelace, Russell, Outhit

18. ADDED ITEMS

18.1 Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee – Extended Producer Responsibility Municipal Registration

The following was before Council:

- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee report dated December 7, 2023 with attached staff report dated November 7, 2023
- Staff presentation dated December 12, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve the registration of the Municipality for participation in the Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging, Paper Products and Packaging-Like Products program and direct the CAO to register the Municipality by no later than the January 1, 2024, deadline, and in accordance with the requirements of the Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging, Paper Products and Packaging-Like Products regulations; and**
2. **Direct the CAO to negotiate and execute agreements, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the CAO, and in accordance with the Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging, Paper Products and Packaging-Like Products regulations with applicable Producer Responsibility Organization(s) related to the Municipality's curbside recycling collection**

and operation of the Municipality's Materials Recovery Facility and as required, with Divert Nova Scotia

Shannon Betts, Manager, Policy and Enforcement responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Rusell, Outhit

18.2 Councillor Cuttell – Options to Increase Funding for Rural Transit Grants

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Cuttell

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report outlining options for consideration during the 2024-25 annual budget process regarding amending Administrative Order 2014-012-ADM, the Rural Transit Grants Administrative Order to increase the flat rate per vehicle kilometre and/or the annual lump sum available to grant recipients.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Russell, Outhit

18.3 Councillor Cuttell - Heritage De-Registration of PID41518333 – Surplus Lands York Redoubt

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Cuttell

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report initiating a heritage de-registration of PID41518333 (Lot 1SM1-1), a subdivided portion of a registered heritage property known as York Redoubt, located at 12 York Redoubt Crescent, Ferguson's Cove, Nova Scotia.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Lovelace, Russell, Outhit

18.4 Ratification from Budget Committee – Capital Update and Advanced Tenders

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the schedule of 2024/25 advanced tender requests as per Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 29, 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillors Hendsbee, Kent, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttall, Stoddard, Blackburn

Against: Councillor Purdy

Not present: Councillors Lovelace, Russell, Outhit

18.5 Mayor Savage – Donation to the North End Community Centre

Mayor Savage stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Mayor Savage, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Waive section 17 of Administrative Order One, requiring a staff report from the Chief Administrative Officer;**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to make a donation to the North End Community Centre in the amount of \$8,500.00 with funds from Cost Centre E300.**

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (13 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillors Kent, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Cuttall, Stoddard, Blackburn

Against: Councillor Hendsbee

Not present: Councillors Lovelace, Russell, Outhit

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Regional Council I intend to move amendments to Administrative Order 17, so that Regional Council annual salary increases shall not exceed the increase in the Average Industrial Weekly Earnings for all industries excluding unclassified businesses for Canada as reported by Statistics Canada for the same period, and shall not exceed 4% for Councillors or 2% for the Mayor.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk