



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING
MINUTES
June 2, 2023**

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

REGRETS: Mayor Mike Savage
Councillors: David Hendsbee
Lisa Blackburn

STAFF: Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services
/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer
Laura Lewis, Acting Municipal Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Council adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Austin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

4. Extension of the Declaration of State of Local Emergency - Wildfire Situation

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a situational update on the fire and noted that the Incident Commander has recommended that the evacuation zone can be reduced. O'Toole also noted the site visits were organized this morning for affected residents as well as a press conference by Deputy Chief Hollett, Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency and Bill Moore, Executive Director, Community Safety.

Staff responded to questions and feedback from members of Council regarding communication of the evacuation zone and the site visits.

John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services / Municipal Solicitor / Chief Governance Officer, provided Regional Council with an update on the rationale for an extension of the Declaration of the State of Local Emergency. The extension is being recommended by the Director of Emergency Management and Incident Commander, as the current State of Local Emergency expires seven days after it's put in place unless approved by Council and the Provincial Minister. The recommendation is to extend to Friday June 9 at 4:30 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Russell

That Halifax Regional Council extend the State of Local Emergency to Friday June 9, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee and Blackburn

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk