



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING  
MINUTES  
May 28, 2023**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Kathryn Morse

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

*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](http://halifax.ca).*

*The meeting was called to order at 10:30 p.m.. Council adjourned at 10:52 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 10:30 p.m.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Lovevlace, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

## **4. Declaration of State of Local Emergency - Wildfire Situation**

The following was before Council:

- Draft Emergency Order to Declare a State of Local Emergency dated May 28, 2023
- Map of the subject area

Denise Schofield, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Operations and Erica Fleck, Director, Emergency Management, provided an update on the wildfire situation and the response to the fires.

John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services / Municipal Solicitor / Chief Governance Officer, provided Regional Council with an update on the process and rationale for entering into a State of Local Emergency as well as the process for calling a State of Local Emergency.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that they are recommending declaring the State of Local Emergency.

Staff responded to questions of clarification regarding communications planning as well as emergency response to the situation.

Staff responded to questions regarding specific communications to communities as well as Public Service Announcement (PSA)'s required.

Mayor Savage asked if any members of Council had any objections to the declaration of a State of Local Emergency as indicated in the order circulated.

No objections were provided.

Mayor Savage indicated that they would be declaring a State of Local Emergency as prescribed in the order as of 11:00 p.m..

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Morse

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

Iain MacLean  
Municipal Clerk