



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
July 9, 2024**

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

REGRETS: Councillors: Becky Kent
Shawn Cleary
Iona Stoddard

STAFF: Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, K.C., Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant
Dorothy Maponga, 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 1:00 p.m. and recessed at 2:52 p.m. Council reconvened at 3:12 p.m. and recessed at 5:05 p.m. Council reconvened at 6:02 p.m. and recessed at 9:20 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 9:27 p.m. and reconvened at 10:00 p.m. Council adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 1:00 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 – June 18, 2024

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the minutes of June 18, 2024 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 – Councillor Lovelace - Renaming of Carmichael Street to Kate Carmichael Street

Deletions: None

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Lovelace requested that Information Item 9 – Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer dated May 21, 2024 re: July 2023 Rain Event – Status of Repairs be brought forward at the next Halifax Regional Council Meeting.

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Hendsbee requested that Information Item 10 – Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer dated June 27, 2024 re: Administrative Order 50 Amendments – Surplus Land Designation be brought forward at the next Halifax Regional Council Meeting.

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Purdy requested that Information Item 8 – Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer dated June 18, 2024 re: Naming of Bissett Brook be brought forward at the next Halifax Regional Council Meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, as provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Iain MacLean requested that Item 18.1 - Councillor Lovelace - Renaming of Carmichael Street to Kate Carmichael Street be considered prior to item 17.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Item 15.1.2 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Austin
- Item 15.1.3 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Morse
- Item 15.3.1 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Lovelace
- Item 15.4.1 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Cuttell
- Item 15.5.3 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Lovelace
- Item 15.8.1 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Lovelace

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mason

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

- **15.1.1 – MPSA-2024-00238: Planning Districts 1 and 3 (St. Margarets Bay) Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law amendments for lands at 5249 St. Margarets Bay Road and 51 Sonnys Road, Upper Tantallon**
- **15.1.6 – First Reading Proposed By-law M-301, an Amendment to By-law M-300, Respecting Micromobility – Shared Micromobility Pilot Program**
- **15.1.7 – Administrative Order 50 – Disposal of Surplus Real Property PID 40877581 - 4032 Mooseland Road, Mooseland: Mooseland & Area Community Association Request for Extension to Proposal Submission Deadline**
- **15.2.1 – Microphone Technology & Hearing Hotspot Upgrades - Funding Request**
- **15.5.2 – 2024 Municipal and CSAP Election – Mailout Cards and Completion Date for Revisions Period**
- **15.7.1 – Support of Shubenacadie Waterway Nomination**
- **15.9.1 – H00581: 2024-2025 Financial Incentives Program for Schmidville and Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation Districts**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

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

10.1 2024-2025 Events East Business Plan – Halifax Convention Centre & Ticket Atlantic

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated May 30, 2024
- Presentation dated July 9, 2024

Carrie Cussons, President & Chief Executive Officer, Events East Group gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council, in accordance with section 29 of the Halifax Convention Centre Act, approve the 2024-2025 Events East Business Plan for the Halifax Convention Centre Corporation, submitted to the municipality March 28, 2024, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated May 30, 2024.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

12. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 15.1.3, 15.1.5, 15.1.9, 15.6.1 and 15.6.2.

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

13.2 Petitions – None

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

14.1 Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon - Public Notification of Full Road Closures Procedure

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated May 31, 2024

Council discussed the matter. No further action was taken.

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 MPSA-2024-00238: Planning Districts 1 and 3 (St. Margarets Bay) Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law amendments for lands at 5249 St. Margarets Bay Road and 51 Sonnys Road, Upper Tantallon

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 14, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Planning Districts 1 and 3 (St. Margarets Bay) Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to enable the development of a mixed-use building with a footprint greater than 558 square meters (6,000 square feet) in area and containing more than 12 residential units at 5249 St Margarets Bay Road, Upper Tantallon and 51 Sonnys Road, Upper Tantallon; and**
- 2. Follow Administrative Order 2023-002-ADM Respecting Public Participation for Planning Documents, Certain Planning Applications, and Engagement with Abutting Municipalities for the required public participation program and as outlined in the staff report dated June 14, 2024.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

15.1.2 First Reading Proposed By-law M-402, an Amendment to By-law M-400, Respecting Marketing Levy

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 24, 2024
- Extract from the June 18, 2024 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law M-402, the purpose of which is to amend By-law M-400, the Marketing Levy By-law, as set out in Attachment 1 to the staff report dated June 24, 2024.

Vicki Robertson, Director of Revenue, Finance & Asset Management responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

15.1.3 Increase of Fines for Animal Attacks and Dangerous Dog Appeal Process

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated May 28, 2024
- Correspondence from Kimberly Morash, Jenn Merritt, Adam Lowry, Cathy Gray, Colleen Ferguson and Robert D'entremont

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Halifax Regional Council maintain the existing Animal By-law, without amendment to the fees for dog attacks, and maintain the current process for dealing with animal seizures.

Lori Scolaro, Supervisor of Regional Compliance, Peter Nightingale, Manager of License Standards and John Traves, K.C., Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to direct staff to prepare amendments to By-law A-700 to increase the fine amounts for animal attacks and maintain the current process for dealing with animal seizures.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

15.1.4 Halifax International Airport Authority Tax Agreement

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 24, 2024

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council request that the Mayor and Clerk execute the taxation agreement with the Halifax International Airport Authority, as per Attachment 2 of the staff report dated June 24, 2024.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

15.1.5 Halifax Memorial Library and Park Site - Repurposing and Approach to Park Development and Expansion

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 24, 2024
- Correspondence from Beverly W. Miller, Colleen Estabrooks, LesleyAnna Patten, Peggy Cameron, Andrea Arbic and Emma Lang, Leslie Pezzack, and William Breckenridge

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer:

- 1. To direct staff to bring forth the proposed consulting work, as set out in the discussion section of the staff report dated June 24, 2024, for funding consideration within the 2025/26 capital budget, subject to standard evaluation and prioritization as part of the regular budget process;**
- 2. Using the consulting work as a base, prepare a plan for the Memorial Library site with a scope that includes:**
 - a. substantial and/ or full removal of the building;**
 - b. recognition of the importance of the site's culture and heritage attributes;**
 - c. balancing of requirements of the Crown Grant while respecting the recommendations of the 2020 Archaeological Resource Impact Assessment;**
 - d. recommending recreation and leisure needs; and,**
 - e. conceptual park design, uses, interpretation, and capital development;**
- 3. Upon completion of the plan, return to Regional Council with a staff report with recommendations for implementation, including any necessary steps for subsequent approvals, and including such items as funding allocations and a process to apply for either the substantial alteration or demolition of the building in accordance with the Heritage Property Act.**

Rudy Vodicka, Project Manager, Corporate Real Estate, Peter Stickings, Director Corporate Real Estate, and Richard Harvey, Manager of Policy and Planning 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 Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Morse, Cuttell, Lovelace, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Against: Councillor Hendsbee

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

15.1.6 First Reading Proposed By-law M-301, an Amendment to By-law M-300, Respecting Micromobility – Shared Micromobility Pilot Program

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 4, 2024
- Extract from the June 4, 2024 Regional Council minutes

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law M-301, Amending By-law M-300, the Micromobility By-law, as set out in Attachment 2 to the staff report dated June 4, 2024.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

15.1.7 Administrative Order 50 – Disposal of Surplus Real Property PID 40877581 - 4032 Mooseland Road, Mooseland: Mooseland & Area Community Association Request for Extension to Proposal Submission Deadline

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated May 27, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the request from the Mooseland & Area Community Association to extend the deadline for the submission of their proposal regarding the conveyance of 4032 Mooseland Road, Mooseland to October 2, 2024; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to direct staff to review Administrative Order 50, Schedule 1, Community Interest Properties, and to return to Council with any recommended amendments.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

15.1.8 First Reading Proposed By-law U-118, an Amendment to By-law U-100, Respecting User Charges – Halifax Transit Fare Update 2024

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated May 23, 2024
- Extract from the June 18, 2024 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law U-118, amending By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated May 23, 2024.

Patricia Hughes, Director Planning & Customer Engagement, Halifax Transit responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Attachment B of the Staff Report dated May 27, 2024 be amended to delete the word UPASS from item 5.

Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Morse, Cuttell

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

The question was called on the main motion:

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law U-118, amending By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated May 23, 2024 with amendments to delete the word UPASS from item 5.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED. (11 in favour, 3 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillors Hendsbee, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Lovelace, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Against: Councillors Purdy, Morse, Cuttell

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

15.1.9 Homelessness Update July 2024

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated July 3, 2024
- Correspondence from Jennifer Provo, Sue Uteck, Rhonda Myers, Ben Ferguson, Wendy Nugent, Ian Porter, Andrea Hilchie-Pye, Kim Kierans, David Stanley, Charles Lindsay, and Rollie Thompson and Mary McGeer
- Staff presentation dated July 9, 2024
- Handout dated July 9, 2024

Bill Moore, Executive Director Community Safety, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Halifax Regional Council waived the rules of order section 83 (1) and (3) of Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council, to permit Committee of the Whole speaking rules.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Endorse the list of potential designated locations as outlined the staff report dated July 3, 2024 and direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to designate locations for sheltering as required, based on this list; and**
- 2. Update the list of criteria describing where sheltering is not permitted consistent with the information in the staff report dated July 3, 2024.**

Moore and Maggie MacDonald, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the motion be amended to remove Starr Park from the list of potential sites and add Geary Street Green Space to the list.

Moore responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

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

In favour: Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillors Hendsbee, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Morse, Cuttell, Lovelace, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the motion be amended to remove Farrell Street Park (Dartmouth) from the list of potential sites.

Moore responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

Moore and MacDonald responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the motion be amended to remove Halifax Common (berm) (Halifax) and Point Pleasant Park (Halifax) from the list of potential sites.

MacDonald and Moore responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

As provided for in section 90 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion was separated for voting purposes.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the motion be amended to remove Halifax Common (berm) (Halifax) from the list of potential sites.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND DEFEATED. (4 in favour, 10 against)

In favour: Councillors Purdy, Lovelace, Russell, Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillors Hendsbee, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Morse, Cuttell, Blackburn

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the motion be amended to remove Point Pleasant Park (Halifax) from the list of potential sites.

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

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Purdy, Lovelace, Cuttell, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Against: Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillors Hendsbee, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Morse

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

MOVED Councillor Austin, seconded Councillor Mancini

THAT the motion be amended to add part 3 to direct staff to return to Regional Council in November with an assessment of all designated sites.

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

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

Against: Councillor Outhit

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

Cathie O' Toole, Chief Administrative Officer and Brad Anguish, Commissioner of Operations responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

As provided for in section 90 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion was separated for voting purposes.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Endorse the list of potential designated locations as outlined in the staff report dated July 3, 2024 and direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to designate locations as amended.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED. (9 in favour, 5 against)

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

Against: Councillors Purdy, Cuttell, Lovelace, Russell, Outhit

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

2. **Update the list of criteria describing where sheltering is not permitted consistent with the information in the staff report dated July 3, 2024; and**
3. **Direct staff to return to Regional Council in November with an assessment of all designated sites.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

15.2 AUDIT & FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Microphone Technology & Hearing Hotspot Upgrades - Funding Request

The following was before Council:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated June 19, 2024 with attached staff report dated April 5, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the transfer of \$54,500 including net HST from capital project CI000021 - Public WiFi, to capital project CI200001 – IT Service Management.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

15.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Indigo Shores Park Plan

The following was before Council:

- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee report dated June 20, 2024 with attached staff report dated May 10, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the Indigo Shores Park Plan as a document to guide improvements to Indigo Shores' parkland and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to incorporate the identified implementation priorities within future Business Plans and budgets, and**
2. **Approve a shared off-leash dog area in Bondi Drive Park as identified in Fig. 39 of the Indigo Shores Park Plan to be incorporated and subsequently designated as part of the development of park facilities within the Indigo Shores subdivision.**

Richard Harvey, Manager, Policy & Planning responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

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

15.4 ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY STANDING COMMITTEE

15.4.1 Solid Waste Strategy Review – UPDATE

The following was before Council:

- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee report dated June 13, 2024 with attached staff report dated May 6, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the next phase of reviewing and updating the municipality's Solid Waste Strategy in accordance with the tasks and action items outlined in the Next Steps section of the staff report dated May 6, 2024.

Andrew Philopoulos, Director, Solid Waste responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

15.4.2 Municipal Letter of Support for Community Solar Project

The following was before Council:

- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee report dated June 13, 2024 with attached presentation dated June 13, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report to consider a Municipal letter of support for SolarBank Corporation's application to the provincial Community Solar Program.

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

15.5 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.5.1 Governance Review – Phase 1 Implementation Plan and Advisory Committee Review

The following was before Council:

- Executive Standing Committee report dated June 17, 2024 with attached staff report dated May 24, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Prepare amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Active Transportation Advisory Committee and Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee, as outlined in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated May 24, 2024 and return to Council with the proposed amendments for Council's consideration;**
- 2. Commence the process to dissolve the Community Design Advisory Committee, Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee, Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council Planning Advisory Committee, Investment Policy Advisory Committee, Margeson Drive Master Plan Committee, Port Wallace Community Public Participation Committee, North West Planning Advisory Committee, Regional Watershed Advisory Committee, and Western Common Advisory Committee, and to return to Council with the necessary amendments to dissolve these committees;**
- 3. Prepare amendments to Administrative Order 48, the Community Council Administrative Order, relating to the creation of Planning Advisory Committees, as outlined in the staff report dated May 24, 2024 and return to Council with the proposed amendments for Council's consideration; and**
- 4. Complete the remaining phases of the governance review implementation plan, as outlined in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated May 24, 2024.**

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk, Richard Harvey, Manager, Policy & Planning and Erin MacIntyre, Director, Current Planning responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the motion be amended to add part 5 to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report that includes terms of reference for a new Parks Advisory Committee and return to Council for consideration.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT part 2 of the motion be amended to remove North West Planning Advisory Committee.

John Traves, K.C., CD, Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer, MacIntyre and MacLean responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, Councillors Hendsbee, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Morse, Cuttell, Lovelace, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Against: Councillor Smith

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Prepare amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Active Transportation Advisory Committee and Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee, as outlined in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated May 24, 2024 and return to Council with the proposed amendments for Council's consideration;**
- 2. Commence the process to dissolve the Community Design Advisory Committee, Halifax Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee, Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council Planning Advisory Committee, Investment Policy Advisory Committee, Margeson Drive Master Plan Committee, Port Wallace Community Public Participation Committee, Regional Watershed Advisory Committee, and Western Common Advisory Committee, and to return to Council with the necessary amendments to dissolve these committees;**
- 3. Prepare amendments to Administrative Order 48, the Community Council Administrative Order, relating to the creation of Planning Advisory Committees, as outlined in the staff report dated May 24, 2024 and return to Council with the proposed amendments for Council's consideration;**
- 4. Complete the remaining phases of the governance review implementation plan, as outlined in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated May 24, 2024; and**
- 5. Prepare a staff report that includes terms of reference for a new Parks Advisory Committee and return to Council for consideration.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

15.5.2 2024 Municipal and CSAP Election – Mailout Cards and Completion Date for Revisions Period

The following was before Council:

- Executive Standing Committee report dated June 17, 2024 with attached staff report dated May 28, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Returning Officer to provide additional notification to voters in the Municipality by mailing them postcards which notifies them that the preliminary list of electors has**

been prepared, and such notification may include promoting the 2024 municipal and CSAP election; and

2. Based on the advice of the Returning Officer, set the date that the revising officers must furnish the Returning Officer with the preliminary list of electors, together with the amendments they have made to the lists, to be Friday August 30, 2024.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

15.5.3 First Reading Proposed By-law E-103, an Amendment to By-law E-100, Respecting of a Prompt and Coordinated Response to an Emergency and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 2018-006-OP, Respecting Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency

The following was before Council:

- Executive Standing Committee report dated June 17, 2024 with attached staff report dated May 21, 2024
- Extract from the June 18, 2024 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-Law E-103, the purpose of which is to amend to By-Law E-100, to reflect the transfer of the role of Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator to Community Safety as set out in revised Attachment B of the Executive Standing Committee report dated June 17, 2024.

Bill Moore, Executive Director, Community Safety, John Traves, K.C., Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer, Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer and Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard, Blackburn, Russell

15.6 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

15.6.1 Road Safety Strategy: The Way Forward

The following was before Council:

- Transportation Standing Committee report dated June 19, 2024 with attached staff report dated March 14, 2024 and attached supplementary report dated June 5, 2024
- Correspondence from Wendy MacDonald and Martyn Williams

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the Road Safety Strategy 2024, included in Attachment 1 of the supplementary report dated June 5, 2024 and endorse the vision and goal identified; and**
2. **Direct staff to provide annual reports to the Transportation Standing Committee regarding the actions of the Road Safety Program and the Road Safety Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) identified in the Road Safety Strategy, Attachment 1 of the supplementary report dated June 5, 2024.**

Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard, Blackburn, Russell

15.6.2 Road Safety Action Plans

The following was before Council:

- Transportation Standing Committee report dated June 19, 2024 with attached staff report dated June 14, 2024
- Correspondence from Martyn Williams

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed action plans, in principle, to address the ten intersections with the highest number of fatal and injury collisions as outlined in the staff report dated June 14, 2024.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard, Blackburn

15.7 HARBOUR EAST – MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

15.7.1 Support of Shubenacadie Waterway Nomination

The following was before Council:

- Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council report dated June 12, 2024 with attached presentation dated June 12, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare a staff report to consider a letter of support for the Shubenacadie Canal Commission in pursuit of their proposal for nomination of the Shubenacadie Waterway to be included as a waterway within the Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS) program.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

15.8 GRANTS COMMITTEE

15.8.1 Rural Transit Funding Program 2024/25

The following was before Council:

- Grants Committee report dated June 26, 2024 with attached staff report dated March 27, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve grants, pursuant to the Rural Transit Grants Administrative Order, for the 2024/25 fiscal year, to a maximum of \$500,000, including the grants set forth in Table 2 of the staff report dated March 27, 2024.

Patricia Hughes, Director, Planning & Customer Engagement and Cathie O' Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

15.9 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15.9.1 H00581: 2024-2025 Financial Incentives Program for Schmidville and Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation Districts

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated June 28, 2024 with attached staff report dated June 4, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve the proposed grant applications 25-001 to 25-006 listed in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 4, 2024, conditional upon the applicant's compliance with sections 7 and 36-39 of Administrative Order Number 2020-005-ADM and the requirements specified in Attachment A being satisfied; and**
2. **Approve a one-time Conservation Grant of up to \$50,000 on a 50% cost sharing basis for exterior conservation work and a one-time Functional Improvement Grant of up to \$150,000 on a 15% cost sharing basis for functional improvements to the building at 5185-5189 South Street in Halifax, Application 25-007, for work described in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 4, 2024, subject to the same conditions as for the Conservation Grant and Functional Improvement Grant and conditional upon the applicant's compliance with sections 7, 16-25, and 36-39 of Administrative Order 2020-005-ADM, to be drawn from Cost Centre C340 for the 2024-25 Financial Incentives Program for Schmidville and Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation Districts.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard

15.10 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.10.1 Councillor Mancini - Dangerous and Unsightly Premises By-law

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Mancini

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on the development of a Dangerous and Unsightly Premises by-law to provide more specific guidelines defining dangerous and unsightly premises and outlining the procedure for repeat offences that will supplement the Halifax Charter regulations.

John Traves, K.C., CD, Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard, Blackburn

15.10.2 Councillor Mancini – Lake Micmac Height Restrictions

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Mancini

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare a staff report:

- 1. Outlining the process and costs to undertake a Wind Impact Study for Lake Micmac, and further outlining the process to amend the Dartmouth Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law and the Regional Centre Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to establish maximum height restrictions for development around Lake Micmac; and,**
- 2. Request that public participation be undertaken in accordance with the Public Participation Resolution adopted by Regional Council.**

Erin MacIntyre, Director, Current Planning responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard, Blackburn

16. MOTIONS – NONE

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – June 18, 2024

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of June 18, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.2 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated June 25, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated June 25, 2024; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated June 25, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard, Blackburn

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 17.3 PROPERTY MATTER and 17.5 PROPERTY MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

As set out in section 34 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, a motion was required to extend the time of the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Halifax Regional Council extend the time of the meeting past 10:00 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17.3 PROPERTY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

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

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated June 10, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated June 10, 2024; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated June 10, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn

17.4 PROPERTY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated May 27, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated May 27, 2024; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated May 27, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard, Blackburn

17.5 PROPERTY MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

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

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated June 28, 2024
- Private and confidential staff presentation dated July 9, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated June 28, 2024; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated June 28, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Contract Negotiations

18. ADDED ITEMS

18.1 Councillor Lovelace - Renaming of Carmichael Street to Kate Carmichael Street

The following was before Council:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Lovelace

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer prepare a staff report to make amendments to Administrative Order 29: Respecting Civic Addressing Policies to allow for the renaming of Carmichael Street to Kate Carmichael Street.

Erin MacIntyre, Director, Current Planning, Cathie O'Toole Chief Administrative Officer and John Traves, K.C., Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Kent, Cleary, Stoddard, Blackburn

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to propose amendments to Administrative Order 48, Respecting the Creation of Community Councils, the purpose of which is to introduce new District names which result from the 2024 District Boundary Review process.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk