



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
July 11, 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
Kathryn Morse
Patty Cuttell
Iona Stoddard
Pam Lovelace
Lisa Blackburn
Paul Russell
Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillor: Shawn Cleary

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 Municipal Clerk
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant

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

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The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. and recessed at 12:00 p.m. Council reconvened at 1:02 p.m. Council recessed at 2:58 p.m. and reconvened at 3:17 p.m. Council recessed at 5:02 p.m. and reconvened at 6:02 p.m. Council recessed at 8:27 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 9:21 p.m. and reconvened at 10:37 p.m. Council adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.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.

Mayor Savage welcomed all the athletes and visitors participating in the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) to Halifax Regional Municipality.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – YOUTH POET LAUREATES

Mayor Savage welcomed Asiah Sparks and Damini Awoyiga, Inaugural Youth Poet Laureates of the Halifax Regional Municipality, who presented original poems to Regional Council.

2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted special community announcements and acknowledgements.

Mayor Savage and Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer acknowledged Denise Schofield for their 27-year service to the Municipality and wished Schofield well in their retirement.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 20, 2023 Committee of the Whole and Regional Council

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the minutes of June 20, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

Deferred to a future meeting of Regional Council:

- Item 14.1 Councillor Cleary - Planning & Development Permitting and Development Approval Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, it was MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the following item be deferred to a future meeting of Regional Council:

- Item 14.2 Councillor Cuttell - Restoration and Preservation of Fleming Cottage

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, it was MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the following items be deferred to a future meeting of Regional Council:

- **Item 17.1 PUBLIC SECURITY - Private and Confidential Report – Deferred from June 20, 2023**
- **Item 17.6 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS - Private and Confidential Report**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Mason requested that Item 17.2 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report be considered prior to Item 15.2.1 - Fire Station and Volunteer Firefighter Paging System Upgrades.

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Hendsbee requested that Item 17.3 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report be considered prior to Item 15.2.1 - Fire Station and Volunteer Firefighter Paging System Upgrades.

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Russell requested that Item 17.8 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report be considered prior to Item 15.2.1 - Fire Station and Volunteer Firefighter Paging System Upgrades.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Item 15.1.9 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Lovelace
- Item 15.1.11 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Councillor Mancini

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

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

- **13.1.1 – Fly-past Request – Touchdown Atlantic Game at Huskies Stadium;**
- **15.1.4 – Award – Request for Proposal (RFP) 23-044 Household Special Waste Services**
- **15.1.5 – First Reading Proposed By-law M-400, Respecting Marketing Levy**
- **15.1.7 – HRM Community Grants Program: Fiscal 2023 Referrals – Supplementary Report**
- **15.1.8 – First Reading Proposed By-law T-1007, an Amendment to By-law T-1000, Respecting Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis, Limousines, and Transportation Network Companies – Taxi Broker Fee System**
- **15.1.13 – First Reading Proposed By-law S-804, an Amendment to By-law S-801, Respecting Licensing of Temporary Signs**
- **15.2.3 – Award - 23-057 Supply and Delivery of Driver Protection System (DPS)**
- **15.3.1 – Municipal Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; and**
- **15.4.1 – Implementation of Area Rate to Fund Sidewalks Outside of the Urban Tax Area in East Preston**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary

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

HERITAGE HEARING

12.1 Case H00551: Request to Include 1206 Robie Street, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Properties for the Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before Council:

- Heritage Advisory Committee report dated April 26, 2023 with attached staff report dated April 6, 2023
- Extract from the May 9, 2023 Regional Council minutes
- Staff presentation dated July 11, 2023

Elizabeth Cushing, Planner II gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

The hearing opened at 1:17 p.m.

Mayor Savage invited the property owner to come forward and address Council.

Lisa Dooher, property owner spoke to the purchase of the home when they moved to Halifax in 2019. They noted that both the interior and exterior aspects of the home were restored by replicating its original fixtures. Dooher mentioned that the continued demolition of several other homes along Robie Street had prompted the interest to apply for heritage designation for the property. They highlighted that due to the continued demolitions around Halifax, the Municipality would regret losing significant structures in the long run. Furthermore, Dooher noted that developers were not permitting salvage companies to rescue unwanted fixtures for reuse. They stated that although the heritage status on the property would not protect it from future demolitions, it would afford residents and visitors the continued ability to enjoy the beauty and history of the home.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The hearing closed at 1:21 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the request to include 1206 Robie Street, Halifax, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated April 6, 2023, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12.2 Case 24242: Amendments to the Planning Districts 14 and 17 Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for 195 Old Post Road, Enfield (Ledwidge Lumber)

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated May 15, 2023
- Extract from the May 23, 2023 Halifax Regional Council minutes
- Correspondence from Rod Badcock
- Staff presentation dated July 11, 2023

Byungjun Kang, Planner III gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

The hearing opened at 6:17 p.m.

Mayor Savage invited the applicant to come forward and address Council.

Jennifer Tsang and Cassie Turple, representing Ledwidge Lumber, spoke in favour of the proposed amendments, highlighted the scope of work and zoning of current properties owned by Ledwidge Lumber, background information on studies undertaken by the applicant, and history of the family business.

Mayor Savage reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings and called for anyone wishing to speak on the matter.

Rod Badcock, Executive Director, Nova Scotia Innovation Hub, spoke in favour of the proposed amendments, benefits to private woodlot owners, highlighted support from the broader community, and that the proposed amendments would result in Ledwidge Lumber to playing a significant role in creating economic, social, and environmental benefits throughout Nova Scotia.

John Switzer, Enfield, spoke in favour of the proposed amendments as a longtime resident of the community, noted the negligible impact on traffic coming in and out of the mill, and highlighted the efforts the family business had put into involving the community around the site.

Royden Trainor, District 7 spoke in favour of the proposed amendments and the provincial Department of Natural Resources' perspective on the positive impacts that the project would have on the local economy.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The hearing closed at 6:37 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Planning Districts 14 and 17, as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated May 15, 2023, to enable the expansion of Ledwidge Lumber at 195 Old Post Road, Enfield.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

12.3 Case 24509: Beechville Community Planning Phase 1 - Amendments to the Timberlea/ Lakeside/ Beechville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated April 28, 2023
- Extract from the May 9, 2023 Regional Council minutes
- Correspondence from Anjelia Rao, Sarah Patriquen, Josiah Hawkins
- Staff presentation dated July 11, 2023

Anne Totten, Planner III, gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

The hearing opened at 6:57 p.m.

Mayor Savage noted that the municipality was the applicant for this matter.

Mayor Savage reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings and called for anyone wishing to speak on the matter.

Heaton Rosborough, Rosborough Boats, spoke to the work of Rosborough Boats in the area, the rationale behind seeking expansion through rezoning, and noted that there was a misunderstanding in the scope of zoning being proposed in the report. Rosborough responded to questions from Regional Council.

Patsy Crawford, Beechville, spoke to concerns with the community consultation standards, shared information about the local community development association, and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Iona Duncan-States, Beechville, spoke to concerns with large scale developments along the highway of the community and encouraged Regional Council to not allow developments that contribute to the shrinking of the historically based community.

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The hearing closed at 7:08 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the proposed amendments to the Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land Use By-law for Timberlea/Lakeside/Beechville as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated April 28, 2023.**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with African Nova Scotian communities throughout HRM to review zoning and consider developing a zone that acknowledges historic development patterns in African Nova Scotian communities, taking into consideration the lot fabric and unique circumstances in each community.**

3. **Adopt the amended Public Participation Program for Beechville Planning Strategy Review and Beechville Community Benefit Action Plan to allow for the consideration of site-specific Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law amendments as required as set out in Attachment D of the staff report dated April 28, 2023.**

Anne Totten, Planner noted the community consultation and application process for any future applications for rezoning in the area.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

13.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 12.2, 12.3, 13.1.1, 15.1.2, 15.1.10 and 15.5.1.

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

13.1.1 Fly-past Request – Touchdown Atlantic Game at Huskies Stadium

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Courtney Clace (Canadian Football League)

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

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council approve a flyby by Canadian Armed Forces aircraft as low as 500 feet, for the planned Touchdown Atlantic Game being held at Huskies Stadium at Saint Mary's University for transit, practice and shows on July 29, 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary

13.2 Petitions

13.2.1 Councillor Lovelace

Councillor Lovelace submitted a petition from Westwood Hills regarding Westwood Egress with approximately 1400 signatures to create a new safety-focused egress for the Westwood Hills subdivision within the 2023 construction season.

13.3 Presentations

13.3.1 Halifax's Inclusive Economic Strategy 2022-27 – People. Planet. Prosperity.

The following was before Council:

- Presentation dated July 11, 2023

Wendy Luther and Ian Munro, Halifax Partnership gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer noted that they would work with Halifax Partnership to incorporate framework around sales, marketing, and economic development in future reporting. O'Toole highlighted that Engage Nova Scotia would be meeting with the executive leadership to provide insight on

the relevance of their data analysis to various business units. They noted that if a decision is made to proceed with Engage Nova Scotia's proposal, a recommendation report would be brought forward to Regional Council.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – May 23 & June 20, 2023

14.1 Councillor Cleary - Planning & Development Permitting and Development Approval Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated May 15, 2023
- Staff presentation dated July 11, 2023

This matter was deferred during the approval of the Order of Business.

14.2 Councillor Cuttell - Restoration and Preservation of Fleming Cottage

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 13, 2023

This matter was deferred due to the lack of Notice of Motion; refer to the Order of Business.

15. REPORTS

15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15.1.1 Second Reading Proposed By-law U-114, an Amendment to By-law U-100, Respecting User Charges – Housekeeping Amendments to Transit Fares

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated May 25, 2023
- Extract from the June 6, 2023 Regional Council minutes

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law U-114, amending Schedule 1 of By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law, as set out in Attachment B to the staff report dated May 25, 2023.

Patricia Hughes, Director Planning and Customer Engagement responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council. John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services /Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer highlighted that it is at Council's discretion on the limit of passes provided to the housing and homelessness programs. Traves advised that Council is permitted to revise the current limit within reason, without a complete redraft of By-law U-114.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT section 8E of the proposed By-law U-114 be amended to the Executive Director of Halifax Transit may provide fare products for initiatives such Executive Director determines are related to housing or homelessness to a maximum monthly value equal to the user charge for one hundred and forty (140) Adult Monthly Passes.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law U-114, amending Schedule 1 of By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law, as set out in Attachment B to the staff report dated May 25, 2023, as amended.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary

15.1.2 Second Reading Proposed By-law M-300, Respecting Micromobility, and Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit, and Processing Fees – Regulation of Electric Kick-scooters and Shared Micromobility Services

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 15, 2023
- Extract from the June 20, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes
- Correspondence from Deanna Landry

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Suspend the rules of procedure under Schedule 7, the Transportation Standing Committee Terms of Reference, of Administrative Order One, the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order;**
- 2. Adopt By-law M-300, the Micromobility By-law, to enable the use of electric kick-scooters in the Halifax Regional Municipality, as set out in Attachment B to the staff report dated June 15, 2023;**
- 3. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 15, the License, Permits and Processing Fees Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment C to the staff report dated June 15, 2023;**
- 4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to implement a shared micromobility pilot project as per the proposed implementation approach described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated June 15, 2023;**
- 5. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare amendments to By-law M-300 (“Part B”) to develop new regulations and supporting implementation tools to regulate the shared micromobility pilot project and return to Council for approval; and**
- 6. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to add up to four new staff positions to enforce the by-law and administer the shared micromobility pilot project.**

David MacIassac, Manager, Active Transportation, and Lucas Pitts, Director, Traffic Management responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary

15.1.3 Proposed Repeal of Administrative Order 2019-011-GOV, Respecting the Design Advisory Committee - Design Advisory Committee Dissolution

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 23, 2023
- Extract from the June 20, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Deem that the work of the Design Advisory Committee, as outlined in the Design Advisory Committee Administrative Order within Attachment A of the staff report dated June 23, 2023 is complete and that the Design Advisory Committee be dissolved; and,**
2. **Adopt the Amending Administrative Order to repeal Administrative Order 2019-011-GOV, The Design Advisory Committee, as set out in Attachment C of the staff report dated June 23, 2023.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary

15.1.4 Award – Request for Proposal (RFP) 23-044 Household Special Waste Services

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 27, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council award the Request for Proposal (RFP) 23-044 for Household Special Waste (HSW) Services to GFL Environmental Services Inc. as outlined in the staff report dated June 27, 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary

15.1.5 First Reading Proposed By-law M-400, Respecting Marketing Levy

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated July 4, 2023
- Extract from the June 20, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

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

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Give First Reading to By-Law M-400, the Marketing Levy By-law, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated July 4, 2023, which includes the repeal of By-Law H-400, the Marketing Levy By-law; and**
2. **Amend the Reserve Business Case for Community Events Reserve, Q621 to reflect a transfer of 35% of the Marketing Levy to the Community Events Reserve.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary

15.1.6 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Order 10, Respecting Partial Tax Exemption for Residential Taxation - Streamline Fire Exemption Application Process

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 9, 2023
- Extract from the June 20, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 10, the Partial Tax Exemption Administrative Order, as set in Attachment B to the staff report dated June 9, 2023.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer highlighted that the Treasurer has been working closely with the Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) on the reevaluation of property tax exemptions for those impacted by the wildfires. O'Toole stated that the PVSC is currently working with the Municipality to provide pictometry imagery of the impacted areas.

Renée Towns, Director of Revenue, Treasurer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary

15.1.7 HRM Community Grants Program: Fiscal 2023 Referrals – Supplementary Report

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 13, 2023
- Extract from the June 6, 2023 Regional Council minutes

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

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council decline the funding request from the Porters Lake Community Association in fiscal 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary

15.1.8 First Reading Proposed By-law T-1007, an Amendment to By-law T-1000, Respecting Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis, Limousines, and Transportation Network Companies – Taxi Broker Fee System

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 13, 2023
- Extract from the June 20, 2023 Regional Council draft minutes

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

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law T-1007 amending By-law T-1000 – Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis, Limousines and Transportation Network Companies, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 13, 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary

15.1.9 Cost Sharing Agreement on the Paving of Subdivision (“J” Class) Streets 2023-012

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 26, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to sign the Cost Sharing Agreement No. 2023-012 with the Province of Nova Scotia, attached to the staff report dated June 26, 2023, to cost share on the paving of certain village and subdivision streets under the jurisdiction of the Province and located within the Municipality.

Brad Anguish, Executive Director, Public Works and Chief Engineer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary

15.1.10 2023-00680: Suburban Plan and Rapid Transit Corridors

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 23, 2023
- Staff presentation July 11, 2023
- Correspondence from Vassili Tsimiklis and Kevin Riles and Jane Rideout

Kasia Tota, Manager, Current Planning, and Kate Greene, Director, Regional & Community Planning gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Initiate a process to develop a new comprehensive Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for suburban areas (the Suburban Plan) with a priority given to enabling transit-supportive, mixed-use development as outlined in the staff report dated June 23, 2023, including amending the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, the Regional Subdivision By-law and amending or repealing any applicable secondary municipal planning strategies and land use by-laws to implement the new plan;**
- 2. Use the Regional Plan Review engagement program, as presented to Regional Council on June 20, 2023, as the initial public participation program policy guiding the Suburban Plan;**

3. Return to Council with a Suburban Plan What We Heard Report, Revised Suburban Plan Public Participation Program and Revised Suburban Plan Work Plan following the completion of Regional Plan Review Phase 4 engagement program;
4. Direct staff to bring forward requests for additional staff resources as outlined in the staff report dated June 23, 2023 as part of the 2024-2025 Budget and Business planning process;
5. Effective immediately direct any new requests for site-specific amendments to Municipal Planning Strategies in the Suburban Area to the suburban planning process, and direct staff to address current requests as generally outlined in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 23, 2023.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Austin

THAT part 5 of the motion be amended to include except that for Case 23600 it is directed that staff continue to process a site-specific municipal planning strategy amendment, subject to addressing the suburban plan guidelines presented in the proposed Regional Plan.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. Initiate a process to develop a new comprehensive Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for suburban areas (the Suburban Plan) with a priority given to enabling transit-supportive, mixed-use development as outlined in the staff report dated June 23, 2023, including amending the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, the Regional Subdivision By-law and amending or repealing any applicable secondary municipal planning strategies and land use by-laws to implement the new plan;
2. Use the Regional Plan Review engagement program, as presented to Regional Council on June 20, 2023, as the initial public participation program policy guiding the Suburban Plan;
3. Return to Council with a Suburban Plan What We Heard Report, Revised Suburban Plan Public Participation Program and Revised Suburban Plan Work Plan following the completion of Regional Plan Review Phase 4 engagement program;
4. Direct staff to bring forward requests for additional staff resources as outlined in the staff report dated June 23, 2023 as part of the 2024-2025 Budget and Business planning process;
5. Effective immediately, direct any new requests for site-specific amendments to Municipal Planning Strategies in the Suburban Area to the suburban planning process, and direct staff to address current requests as generally outlined in Attachment A, except that for Case 23600 it is directed that staff continue to process a site-specific municipal planning strategy amendment, subject to addressing the suburban plan guidelines presented in the proposed Regional Plan.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

15.1.11 First Reading Proposed By-law T-1200, Respecting Halifax Transit

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated July 11, 2023
- Extract from the June 6, 2023 Regional Council minutes
- Staff presentation dated July 11, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law T-1200, the purpose of which is to promote the safety, well-being, and comfort of passengers and employees of Halifax Transit, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated July 11, 2023.

Phil Herritt, Director, Transit Operations gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit Services and Superintendent Derrick Boyd, Halifax Regional Police responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

15.1.12 Halifax Forum Parking and Parkland Public Engagement

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated May 29, 2023
- Staff presentation dated July 11, 2023

Gareth Evans, Recreation Planning Specialist gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to advance detailed site and facility planning and design for the Halifax Forum complex redevelopment project as generally outlined in the building and site program within the staff report dated May 29, 2023, including heritage approvals;**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate strategic initiatives capital funds for the Halifax Forum complex redevelopment project, as outlined within the staff report dated May 29, 2023, within future municipal budgets and business plans; and**
- 3. Declare the northern portion of the property as shown on Attachment B of the staff report dated May 29, 2023, surplus to municipal requirements and categorize the property as Economic Development pursuant to Administrative Order Number 50 Respecting the Disposal of Surplus Real Property.**

Aaron Murnaghan, Principal Heritage Planner and John MacPherson, Executive Director, Property Fleet & Environment responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council.

John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services /Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer responded to questions of clarification regarding the deregistration of properties under the *Heritage Property Act* and advised that Council would need to defeat the motion on the floor if there was a desire to consider an alternative motion from the staff report. Traves further noted that Council would need two-thirds approval to rescind the August 31, 2021 motion in order to initiate the process to consider deregistration of the Halifax Forum heritage property and schedule a public hearing.

Crystal Nowlan, Director, Asset Management responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council regarding the sourcing, status, and review processes of the Strategic Initiatives Fund.

Mayor Savage stepped down from the Chair and Deputy Mayor Austin assumed the Chair.

Mayor Savage resumed the Chair.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Regional Council and advised that approving only sections one and two of the motion would allow staff to proceed with design work while providing time for exploration of maintaining heritage approvals and parking options.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Halifax Regional Council waive 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.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

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 Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to advance detailed site and facility planning and design for the Halifax Forum complex redevelopment project as generally outlined in the building and site program within the staff report dated May 29, 2023, including heritage approvals;**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate strategic initiatives capital funds for the Halifax Forum complex redevelopment project, as outlined within the staff report dated May 29, 2023, within future municipal budgets and business plans; and**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Mason, Smith, Morse, Cuttall, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Against: Councillors Purdy, Mancini

Not present: Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

3. **Declare the northern portion of the property as shown on Attachment B of the staff report dated May 29, 2023, surplus to municipal requirements and categorize the property as Economic Development pursuant to Administrative Order Number 50 Respecting the Disposal of Surplus Real Property.**

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

15.1.13 First Reading Proposed By-law S-804, an Amendment to By-law S-801, Respecting Licensing of Temporary Signs

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated June 23, 2023
- Extract from the June 6, 2023 Regional Council minutes

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

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to By-law S-804, amending By-law S-801 – Respecting Licensing of Temporary Signs, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated May 17, 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary

15.2 AUDIT & FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.2.1 Fire Station and Volunteer Firefighter Paging System Upgrades

The following was before Council:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated June 21, 2023 with attached staff report dated June 14, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve a budget increase to Project Account No. CI210020 – HRFE Power & Backhaul Upgrades in the amount of \$52,585 (net HST included) to fund upgrades to six paging transmission tower sites outlined in the staff report dated June 14, 2023;**
2. **Approve an unbudgeted withdrawal in the amount of \$52,585 (net HST included) from the Capital Fund Reserve, Q526 to fund this budget increase; and**
3. **Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and enter into an amending agreement with Bell Mobility Inc. for \$52,585 (net HST included) to complete upgrades to six paging transmission tower sites outlined in the staff report dated June 14, 2023.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Cleary, Outhit

15.2.2 Increase to Project No. CB210020 – Halifax Common Pool Reconstruction, and CA 21-164 for NRFP – Halifax Common Aquatic Project

The following was before Council:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated June 21, 2023 with attached staff report dated June 15, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve a transfer of \$2,000,000 (net HST included) from CI200002 Finance & HR Business Foundations; and**
2. **Increase Capital Project Number CB210020 – Halifax Common Pool Reconstruction by \$2,000,000 (net HST included).**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

15.2.3 Award - 23-057 Supply and Delivery of Driver Protection System (DPS)

The following was before Council:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated June 21, 2023 with attached staff report dated June 13, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Approve a transfer of \$1,021,683 (net HST included) from Project Account No. CM200006 Conventional Bus Replacement;**
2. **Approve a budget increase of \$1,021,683 (net HST included) to Project Account No. CV230001 Operator Safety Barriers.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary

15.3 EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

15.3.1 Municipal Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The following was before Council:

- Executive Standing Committee report dated June 26, 2023 with attached staff report dated June 13, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to implement an 18-month pilot program to offer sign language interpreter services, as well as to include more technology specifically designed for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing within recreation programs.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary

15.4 HARBOUR EAST – MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

15.4.1 Implementation of Area Rate to Fund Sidewalks Outside of the Urban Tax Area in East Preston

The following was before Council:

- Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council report dated June 15, 2023 with attached staff report dated May 26, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council apply an area rate equal to the difference between the urban and rural general tax rates to all residential, resource, and commercial properties paying the rural general rate in the community of East Preston, as shown on Attachment A of the staff report dated May 26, 2023, consistent with the process outlined in Administrative Order Number 2022-008-ADM, the Rural Sidewalk Area Rates Administrative Order.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cleary

15.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

15.5.1 Councillor Lovelace – The Montreal Pledge – Cities United in Action for Biodiversity

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council consideration form from Councillor Lovelace
- Correspondence from Marjorie and Martin Willison and Kellie Allen

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a staff report on Halifax Regional Municipality becoming a signatory of the Montreal Pledge – Cities United in Action for Biodiversity.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

15.5.2 Councillor Purdy – Recreation Facility Upgrades – Cole Harbour Place

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council consideration form from Councillor Purdy

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a staff report on the current status of the building and recommended options for a potential capital revitalization for Cole Harbour Place following an assessment of the building and analysis of current and anticipated recreation needs.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

16. MOTIONS

16.1 Councillor Purdy

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report to investigate the possibility of providing shuttle service to Rainbow Haven Beach as a pilot project in 2024, including considering whether amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy would be required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (12 in favour, 3 against)

In favour: Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillors Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Mancini, Mason, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Outhit

Against: Mayor Savage, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Russell

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 17.1 PUBLIC SECURITY MATTER, 17.4 LEGAL MATTER, 17.5 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, 17.6 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS and 17.7 LEGAL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Cleary

17.1 PUBLIC SECURITY - Private and Confidential Report – Deferred from June 20, 2023

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 14, 2023

This matter was deferred; refer to the Order of Business.

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 report dated June 27, 2023

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

17.3 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential report dated June 29, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated June 29, 2023; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated June 29, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

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 Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated June 28, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated June 28, 2023; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated June 28, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillors Smith, Cleary

17.5 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS - 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 29, 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 June 29, 2023; and**
2. **2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated June 29, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillors Smith, Cleary

17.6 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS - 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 29, 2023

This matter was deferred; refer to the Order of Business.

17.7 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 Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated June 30, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated June 30, 2023; and**
2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated June 30, 2023 be maintained private and confidential.**

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

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Mancini, Mason, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Against: Councillor Purdy

Not present: Deputy Mayor Austin, Councillors Smith, Cleary

17.8 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 27, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Cleary

18. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

19.1 Councillor Cuttell

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move that Halifax Regional Council consider the rehabilitation of the Sir Sandford Fleming Cottage, as the preferred option, be added to the 2024/2025 Regional Council capital budget deliberations for discussion.

19.2 Councillor Lovelace

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I propose to introduce amendments to Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council, the purpose of which is to:

1. Adjust the order of business for public participation so it appears before the staff report section on Community Council and Standing Committee agendas;
2. Outlines procedures to allow for virtual participation for the public only at in-person meetings held in the Council Chamber; and
3. Other general housekeeping amendments.

19.3 Deputy Mayor Austin

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I propose to introduce Administrative Order 2023-001-GOV, Respecting Public Appointments to Committees of Council and External Boards including repealing the 2011 Public Appointment Policy, the purpose of which is to establish a new Public Appointment Policy for the municipality.

19.4 Deputy Mayor Austin on behalf of Mayor Savage

TAKE NOTICE that at the next regular Regional Council meeting, I will be requesting a staff report to consider options for municipal financial support to the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Conference taking place in Halifax, November 8-10, 2023.

19.5 Councillor Blackburn

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move that Halifax Regional Council adopt proposed amendments to Administrative Order Number 2014-001-ADM, Respecting the Tax Relief to Non-Profit Organizations the purpose of which is to repeal and replace Schedules 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30.

19.6 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to propose First Reading of By-Law H-900, the purpose of which is to establish the Downtown Halifax Heritage Conservation District By-law including repealing By-law H-500, the *Barrington Street Heritage Conservation District By-law*, and By-law H-800, the *Old South Suburb Heritage Conservation District By-law*.

19.7 Councillor Mancini

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I propose to introduce a Policy pursuant to Section 325 of the Halifax Municipality Charter, *Administrative Order SC-102*, the purpose of which is to close a portion of Windmill Road, Dartmouth Street right-of-way described as Parcel B-2B.

19.8 Councillor Mancini

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I propose to introduce a Policy pursuant to Section 325 of the Halifax Municipality Charter, *Administrative Order SC-101*, the purpose of which is to close a portion of Parkstone Road, Dartmouth street right-of-way described as Parcel XA.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk