



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
March 5, 2024**

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

**REGRETS:** Councillors: Trish Purdy  
Paul Russell – Leave of Absence

**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, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants  
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant  
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, 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 10:01 a.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 11:03 a.m. and recessed at 12:02 p.m. Council reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened at 4:08 p.m. Council adjourned at 4:15 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 10:01 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.

## **2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Councillors noted special community announcements and acknowledgements.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regional Council February 6, 2024 and Special Regional Council February 13, 2024**

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT the minutes of Regional Council February 6, 2024 and Special Regional Council February 13, 2024 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

- 18.1 – Homelessness Update
- 17.6 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS - Private and Confidential

Deletions:

- Item 15.1.1 – Second Reading Proposed By-Law S-452, an Amendment to By-Law S-400 Respecting Charges for Street Improvements - Gravel Road Paving Program – Halifax Regional Municipality Roads

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Mayor Savage requested that Item 15.3.1 - People. Planet. Prosperity: Halifax's Inclusive Economic Strategy: Years 3-5 be considered prior to item 6.

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Mayor Savage requested that Item 17.6 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS be considered at 11:30 a.m.

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Austin requested that that Item 17.5 - PROPERTY MATTER be considered at 11:30 a.m. and that Item 18.1 – Homelessness Update be considered before convening into In Camera (In Private).

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

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

- 13.1.1 – Fly-past Request – Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony
- 13.1.2 – Fly-past Request – SailGP Competition
- 13.1.3 – Fly-past Request – HFX Wanderers RCAF Appreciation Game
- 15.1.3 – PLANAPP 2023-00466: Amendment to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for lands at the western end of Shore Drive in Bedford
- 15.1.4 – Establishment of Vacant Lot Tax Within Service Boundary
- 15.1.5 – Impacts of Provincial Road Trails Legislation
- 15.1.6 – Encroachment Agreement – decorative walls at 5960 Inglewood Drive, Halifax
- 15.1.7 – Encroachment Agreement – fence at 8 Lexington Avenue, Dartmouth
- 15.1.8 – Encroachment Agreement – Brunswick & Sackville Street Plaza (Parks Canada)
- 15.1.9 – Demo Regulations – Building Permits
- 15.2.1 – 2023/2024 Write off of Uncollectible Accounts

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Cleary, Russell

**6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

**7. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

**8. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**

**9. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**

**10. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – February 6, 2024**

**10.1 Lake Banook Master Plan**

The following was before Council:

- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee report dated January 18, 2024 with attached staff report dated July 17, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare the Coordination Plan as outlined in the staff report dated July 17, 2023, and return to Regional Council with a staff report.**

Beth Bray, Landscape Architect, Policy & Planning responded to questions of clarification from Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Cleary, Lovelace, Russell

**11. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE**

**12. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

**13. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**13.1 Correspondence**

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 15.1.6, 15.1.7, 15.3.2 and 15.4.1.

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

**13.1.1 Fly-past Request – Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony**

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Captain A. MacKenzie

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT Halifax Regional Council grant permission for the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) to fly RCAF assets in formation over Point Pleasant Park as per the enclosed diagram in the letter dated February 6, 2024 (routed from sea and turning inland to fly directly over the memorial) at an altitude of 500 feet above the highest obstacles at 10:58 a.m. on May 5, 2024, as part of the Battle of the Atlantic ceremony.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Cleary, Russell

### **13.1.2 Fly-past Request – SailGP Competition**

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Captain J.J.C. Duchesne

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT the Halifax Regional Municipality grant permission to the Royal Canadian Air Force to fly a Cyclone helicopter over Halifax Harbour, from McNabs Island to Angus L. Macdonald Bridge, on June 1, 2024. Exact time of the Flyby is still to be confirmed by the event organizer. Requesting the Flyby be authorized to fly at a height of 500 feet above the highest obstacle on the Flyby track.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Cleary, Russell

### **13.1.3 Fly-past Request – HFX Wanderers RCAF Appreciation Game**

The following was before Council:

- Correspondence from Lieutenant Colonel W.L. Thomey

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT the Halifax Regional Municipality grant permission to the Royal Canadian Air Force to perform a Flyby over the Wanderer Grounds, corner of Summer and Sackville Streets, on June 8, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at a height of 500 feet above the highest obstacle.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Cleary, Russell

## **13.2 Petitions**

### **13.2.1 Councillor Kent**

Councillor Kent submitted a petition from residents of Medway Court, Dartmouth regarding snowplowing quality of Medway Court with approximately 23 signatures asking the Halifax Regional Municipality to investigate and re-assess the snowplowing service delivery for Medway Court.

#### **14. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

#### **15. REPORTS**

##### **15.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

##### **15.1.2 Second Reading Proposed By-law S-453, an Amendment to By-law S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements - Gravel Road Paving Program – Halifax Regional Municipality Roads**

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated January 10, 2024
- Extracts from January 9, 2024 and January 23, 2024 Regional Council minutes

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to implement the Halifax Regional Municipality Gravel Road Asset Management and Paving Program as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated January 10, 2024, with annual funding provided in future capital plans over a period of approximately ten (10) years as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated January 10, 2024, and**
- 2. Adopt Amending By-law S-453, amending By-law S-400, the Street Improvements By-law, as set out in Attachment B to the staff report dated January 10, 2024.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Smith, Russell

##### **15.1.3 PLANAPP 2023-00466: Amendment to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for lands at the western end of Shore Drive in Bedford**

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated January 29, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to enable a private recreation facility at the end of Shore Drive, Bedford; 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 January 29, 2024.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Cleary, Russell

#### **15.1.4 Establishment of Vacant Lot Tax Within Service Boundary**

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated October 15, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT Halifax Regional Council request the Province of Nova Scotia amend the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter to grant Council the authority to impose an additional residential property tax, based on assessed value on empty residential lots that are located within the areas of the Municipality, and following the inclusion criteria designated by Council.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Cleary, Russell

#### **15.1.5 Impacts of Provincial Road Trails Legislation**

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated December 18, 2023

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:**

- 1. Create a By-law to enable the designation and regulation of road trails on portions of HRM roadways; and**
- 2. Upon creation of the By-law, establish a program, consistent with the approach used by the Province, to designate road trails on portions of HRM roadways.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Cleary, Russell

#### **15.1.6 Encroachment Agreement – decorative walls at 5960 Inglewood Drive, Halifax**

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated January 23, 2024
- Correspondence from Dr. Andrew Dickinson, Chris Markides, Jason Ghosh

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT Halifax Regional Council not approve the Encroachment License Agreement, attached to the staff report dated January 23, 2024, for the decorative walls encroaching upon the street right of way.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Cleary, Russell

**15.1.7 Encroachment Agreement – fence at 8 Lexington Avenue, Dartmouth**

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated January 23, 2024
- Correspondence from Bernie and Sheila MacEachern

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT Halifax Regional Council not approve the Encroachment License Agreement, attached to the staff report dated January 23, 2024, for the fence encroaching upon the street right of way.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Cleary, Russell

**15.1.8 Encroachment Agreement – Brunswick & Sackville Street Plaza (Parks Canada)**

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated January 23, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve the Encroachment License Agreement (subject to non-substantive amendments, if any), attached to staff report dated January 23, 2024, for the information signs encroaching upon the street right of way.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Cleary, Russell

**15.1.9 Demo Regulations – Building Permits**

The following was before Council:

- Staff report dated February 14, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT Halifax Regional Council take no further action with respect to pursuing an amendment to the Nova Scotia Building Code Act regarding demolition regulation at this time.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Cleary, Russell

**15.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE  
15.2.1 2023/2024 Write off of Uncollectible Accounts**

The following was before Council:

- Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated February 21, 2024 with attached staff report dated January 16, 2024

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve:**

- a) The real property tax accounts in the amount of \$17,157.54 comprised of \$11,415.39 principal and \$5,742.15 interest as summarized in Schedule 1 of the staff report dated January 16, 2024 be formally written out of the books of account;**
- b) The general revenue accounts in the amount of \$18,342.94 comprised of \$14,581.72 principal and \$3,761.22 interest as summarized in Schedule 1 of the staff report dated January 16, 2024 be formally written out of the books of account; and**
- c) The recreation accounts in the amount of \$16,066.08 comprised of \$16,066.08 principal and \$0.00 interest as summarized in Schedule 1 of the staff report dated January 16, 2024 be formally written out of the books of account.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Cleary, Russell

### **15.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE**

#### **15.3.1 People. Planet. Prosperity: Halifax's Inclusive Economic Strategy: Years 3-5**

The following was before Council:

- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee report dated February 15, 2024 with attached staff report dated January 25, 2024
- Staff presentation dated March 5, 2024

Wendy Luther, President and Chief Executive Officer, Halifax Partnership and Catie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer gave a presentation.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council approve Attachment A of the staff report dated January 25, 2024, as the action plan for years three-to-five (2024-2027) of the five-year People. Planet. Prosperity: Halifax's Inclusive Economic Strategy 2022-2027.**

Luther and O'Toole responded to questions of clarification from Council. O'Toole noted that staff would review the list of short-term rentals and provide a memorandum to Council on timelines.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Cleary, Lovelace, Russell

#### **15.3.2 Centennial Pool Replacement Planning**

The following was before Council:

- Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee report dated February 15, 2024 with attached staff report dated January 18, 2024
- Correspondence from Angela Thornhill, Jamey Martell, Michell Robertson, Susan Stark



- Staff presentation dated March 5, 2024

Jacqueline Belisle, Planning Coordinator, Recreation Policy & Planning and Taylor Dagenais, Community Planner, Recreation Policy & Planning gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to advance a Training and Competition Aquatic Facility Study as outlined in the staff report dated January 18, 2024 and report back to Regional Council with its findings and recommendations for the development of such a facility.**

Belisle and Dagenais responded to questions of clarification from Council regarding the Long Term Aquatic Strategy, population growth in Halifax Regional Municipality and projected costs for developing a new facility.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Russell, Smith

## **15.4 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

### **15.4.1 Councillor Mancini - Mental Health Supports for First Responders**

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council consideration form from Councillor Mancini
- Correspondence from Brendan Meagher, Mark Hartlen

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff recommendation report that outlines options and associated costs for providing access to specialized nontraditional methods of care and support for employees in first responder roles. The report should also outline other approaches and strategies for meaningfully addressing the psychological safety of first responders; HRM employees in Fire and Police including their respective unions, Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP) Coordinators, 911 employees and appropriate managers should be consulted on the preparation of this report.**

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer and Britt Wilson, Executive Director, Human Resources responded to questions of clarification from Council.

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon proposed the addition of "volunteer firefighters, ground search and rescue". As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff recommendation report that outlines options and associated costs for providing access to specialized non-traditional methods of care and support for employees in first responder roles. The report should also outline other approaches and strategies for meaningfully addressing the psychological safety of first responders; HRM employees and in Fire and Police including their respective unions, Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP) Coordinators, 911**

employees, volunteer firefighters, ground search and rescue and appropriate managers should be consulted on the preparation of this report.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Russell

**15.4.2 Councillor Blackburn – Leave of Absence Request – Councillor Russell**

The following was before Council:

- Request for Council consideration form from Councillor Blackburn

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**Pursuant to the Halifax Regional Municipal Charter sections 14 (4) and 22 (1) I request, that Halifax Regional Council grant Councillor Paul Russell a leave of absence from all meetings, including Regional Council, North West Community Council and Budget Committee, until March 31, 2024 to allow for ongoing recovery from medical treatments.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Russell

**16. MOTIONS – NONE**

**17. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Items 17.5 and 17.6.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT Regional Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Items 17.2, 17.3 and 17.4.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**17.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – January 23 and February 6, 2024**

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of January 23 and February 6, 2024 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**17.2 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 December 15, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated December 15, 2023; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated December 15, 2023, be maintained private and confidential.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Russell

### **17.3 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS - 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 February 23, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated February 23, 2024; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated February 23, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.**

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

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

Against: Councillor Hendsbee

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Russell

### **17.4 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential Report**

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

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential staff report dated February 26, 2024

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated February 26, 2024; and**

2. **Direct that the private and confidential report dated February 26, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Purdy, Russell

**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 February 1, 2024
- Staff presentation dated March 5, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mancini

**THAT Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Suspend the rules of procedure under Schedule 3, the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee Terms of Reference, of Administrative Order One, the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order, requiring the Standing Committee to review and make recommendations on overseeing the priority setting relative to the Community Visioning Program, Functional Plan Implementation and major planning projects; and**
2. **Advance the Downtown Dartmouth Waterfront Revitalization Project in support of improving access, connectivity, cultural activity, and future development opportunities along the Dartmouth Waterfront, as outlined in the Discussion Section of the private and confidential staff report dated February 1, 2024.**

Eric Lindsay, Planner II and Stephanie Salloum, Principal Planner gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification regarding public engagement initiatives and the development stage of the project.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Russell, Purdy

**17.6 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS - Private and Confidential**

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private).

The following was before Council:

- Private and confidential handout dated March 5, 2024

**Private and Confidential Information Items**

1. **Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information Report - re: Property Matter**

**18. ADDED ITEMS**

**18.1 Homelessness Update**

The following was before Council:

- Staff presentation dated March 5, 2024

Max Chauvin, Director, Housing and Homelessness gave a presentation. Chauvin and Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Council. O'Toole clarified that there could be some individuals who may try to go to the shelter at the Forum or another shelter who may be turned away if they were not able to follow the shelter's requirements. Chauvin noted that the Municipality continued to work with the Province and transitioning individuals. O'Toole noted they had spoken with the Minister of Finance and investments were coming which would result in additional options within HRM. Council asked staff to invite the Department of Community Services to a future meeting of Council. O'Toole noted that the Municipality has asked to be part of the Province's meetings with service providers to ensure accurate information sharing.

John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services /Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer spoke to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms regarding an individual's right to personal security.

## **19. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **19.1 Councillor Lovelace**

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular Regional Council meeting, to be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>, I will move that the Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare a staff report and return to Council with recommendations to increase productivity and efficiency of stormwater operations and implement necessary upgrades to incorporate stormwater assets into the establishment of a comprehensive non-piped stormwater system within HRM's municipal road boundary. The staff report should consider:

1. recommendations for operational efficiencies between Halifax Water and HRM;
2. policy to establish a comprehensive stormwater system;
3. process to identify and install stormwater assets to expand and connect the stormwater system, including deeded easements;
4. costing and timeline to upgrade insubstantial and undersized infrastructure including wooden cross-culverts transferred to HRM from Province of Nova Scotia; and,
5. applicable provincial legislative amendments.

### **19.2 Councillor Cuttell**

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of Halifax Regional Council, I intend to move a motion that Halifax Regional Council direct the CAO to provide an information report on existing and planned coastal protection measures that are designed to address development on vulnerable coastal properties and mitigate impact on places and services at risk from sea level rise and overland flooding.

## **20. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Iain MacLean  
Municipal Clerk