

Attachment A-13

Regional Plan Review Origin Motions

On June 8, 2021 Regional Council passed the following motion (Item 11.4.1):

Moved by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. Initiate a process to consider site-specific amendments to the Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law for PID 00323139, and portions of PIDs 00271585 and 00323147 zoned Residential Development District (RDD), in order to better protect the environmentally-sensitive features identified on Maps 3a and 3b of the Mainland South SPS (Maps 5 and 6 of the staff report dated March 17, 2021); and follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 27, 1997; and
2. Consider amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, the Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law for lands currently designated and zoned Urban Reserve in the Purcell's Cove Backlands area (as shown on Map 1 of the staff report dated March 17, 2021), through the ongoing Regional Plan Review (Case 22257) in order to protect environmentally-significant features in the area, consistent with the policy directions outlined in the staff report dated March 17, 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

On August 31, 2021 Regional Council passed the following motion (Item 11.4.1):

Moved by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to review the Municipality's policies and regulations regarding wetlands as part of the Regional Plan Review, with the goal of maintaining their ecological functions, particularly in urban areas. This review should include consultation with the Province regarding applicable wetland legislation and recommend appropriate municipal regulations.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

On September 28, 2021 Regional Council passed the following motion (Item 15.4.1):

Moved by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to review and provide a staff report on the Municipality's policies and regulations regarding access to coastal shorelines as part of the Regional Plan Review, with the goal of protecting existing access points and increasing opportunities for new public access to the coast and include:

- Access Inventory;
- At-risk low-lying areas;
- Areas where the HRM may need to work with the province to ensure public coastal lands are not transferred or sold to private interests;
- Explore opportunities to work with private landowners to increase action to the shore;
- Applicable legislation;
- A jurisdictional scan of potential planning tools that could be used;
- and recommend appropriate municipal regulations,

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

On November 18, 2021, Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee passed the following motion (Item 13.1):

Moved by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee request a staff report to define and provide rationale for urban, suburban, and rural settlement classifications; conduct an internal review of how these settlement classifications are used across HRM strategies and policies including planning, transit, sewer and water, and taxation; provide a national jurisdictional review of similar sized population and/or geography of how municipalities define and apply settlement classifications; and provide a recommendation for a standard use of these terms within HRM.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

On April 21, 2022 Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee passed the following motion (Item 13.1):

Moved by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report on the process and feasibility of removing the 5% parkland dedication for the first three lots subdivided from any parcel of land in existence on June 16, 2007 and instead require a 10% for all parkland dedication

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

On May 17, 2022, Regional Council passed the following motion (Item 15.4.1):

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, and Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to create new size thresholds for commercial uses permitted as-of-right within the MU-1 zone acknowledging the need to encourage and enable children's recreation and developmental activities and other low impact uses, while also recognizing the need to mitigate the impact of higher intensity commercial uses that may generate large volumes of visitors, lights, noises, or odours; and,
2. Follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 27, 1997.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

On September 13, 2022 Regional Council passed the following motion (Item 15.1.6):

Moved by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. Initiate a process to consider amendments to the Halifax Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and all applicable community municipal planning strategies and land-use by-laws as necessary to simplify, consolidate and remove barriers to the development of market gardens, consistent with the proposed policy direction outlined within the Discussion section of the staff report dated August 22, 2022.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

On November 22, 2022 Regional Council passed the following motion (Item 15.6.2):

Moved by Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on amending the Regional Plan and/or The Regional Centre Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to allow for a relaxation of the required watercourse setback at 300 Prince Albert Road to allow for the establishment of a boardwalk space via the appropriate planning process.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

On January 24, 2023, Regional Council passed the following motion (Item No.15.1.11):

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council: ...

2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare a staff report that explores approaches to tourist accommodations in rural parts of the Municipality that are outside of the urban service area boundary;

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

On February 7, 2023 Regional Council passed the following motion (Item 15.5.1):

Moved by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report and return to Council with recommendations to modernize rural and suburban land use by-laws to rezone or establish a zone for municipal park and open space land specifically for park and community use.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

On June 20, 2023, Regional Council passed the following motion (Item 18.2):

Moved by Deputy Mayor Austin, seconded by Councillor Cuttall

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. Accept the Draft Regional Municipal Planning Strategy included in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 16, 2023 to be used for public engagement purposes;
2. Adopt the amendments to the Public Participation Program for the Regional Plan Review in Attachment F of the staff report dated June 16, 2023 and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to follow the revised Public Participation Program for the Regional Plan Review as generally set out in Attachment B and as outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated June 16, 2023; and
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to follow the revised work plan schedule as generally outlined in Attachment C of the staff report dated June 16, 2023 – Regional Plan Work Plan and Attachment D of the staff report dated June 16, 2023 – Site-Specific Requests.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

On December 12, 2023, Regional Council passed the following motion (Item 15.1.9):

Moved by Councillor Cuttall, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Accept the Draft Regional Plan What We Heard Report included as Attachment A of the staff report dated November 20, 2023; and
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to follow the recommended approach to site specific requests

for Regional Plan amendments as generally outlined in Attachment B of the staff report dated November 20, 2023.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

On March 19, 2024, Regional Council passed the following motion (Item 15.5.3)

Moved by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on urgently advancing the Middle Sackville Master Planning Process, Case 21639, to consider extension of urban service boundary for water and sewer, and addition of the following PIDs to allow planning for connectivity, schools, egress, housing and commercial developments: 40281461; 40123614; 41461450; 40123788; 40695504; 41315946; 41093725.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

On August 1, 2024, Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee passed the following motion:

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

THAT Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report on recommendations for voluntary and mandatory bird-friendly design standards for new and existing buildings, including a jurisdictional scan examining bird-friendly design standards from other Canadian municipalities and cities.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

On October 1, 2024, Regional Council passed the following motion:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:
 - a. Initiate a process to consider amendments to all planning documents, including the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, all Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-Laws, and the Regional Subdivision By-Law to ensure compliance with the Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations as amended by the Province of Nova Scotia on August 20, 2024; and
 - b. 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, as outlined in the Community Engagement section of the staff report dated September 13, 2024; and
 - c. Return to Regional Council with a staff report outlining the risks and potential approaches to land use planning in consideration of the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in Annapolis Group Inc. v. Halifax Regional Municipality.
2. Request that the Mayor send a letter to the Province of Nova Scotia requesting amendments to the HRM Charter to include immunity from construction taking/ de facto expropriation claims.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.