

CHEBUCTO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
September 8, 2008

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillor Mary Wile, Chair
Councillor Linda Mosher, Vice Chair
Deputy Mayor Stephen Adams
Councillor Russell Walker
Councillor Debbie Hum

STAFF: Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 9 & July 8, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the minutes of June 9, 2008 & July 8, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 12.1 Welcome to Halifax Sign - St. Margarets Bay Road
- 12.2 Black Rock and Dingle Beaches Have Reopened - Councillor Mosher
- 12.3 Traffic Concern - Councillor Mosher
- 12.4 Dunbrack Street Rose Bushes - Councillor Hum

Councillor Mosher advised that the Information Item regarding 209 Herring Cove Road had been dealt with as both the former Harvey's and Tim Hortons buildings on the site had been torn down.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adams, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

4.1 Status Sheet Items:

4.1.1 Welcome to Halifax Sign - St. Margaret's Bay Road

C An information report dated July 22, 2008 was circulated.

Deputy Mayor Adams advised that this item could be removed from the Status Sheet, however, it would be for all the wrong reasons. His expressed his displeasure that it had taken staff three years to decide that the requested sign was in the wrong location as it was no longer the area boundary.

4.1.2 Tremont Park Alternate Main Entrance

C An information report dated June 23, 2008 was submitted.

Councillor Hum advised that this had been a long standing issue and noted that she would like to discuss the matter with staff and hold a community meeting.

She indicated that she would like this item to remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.3 Sherbrooke Stormwater Flooding Issues

C An information report dated July 22, 2008 was circulated.

Councillor Hum noted that extensive follow up with staff had taken place since the information report was written. She advised that she was continuing to meet with staff on the matter and that an additional report would be coming forward for residents.

She indicated that she would like this item to remain on the Status Sheet.

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECISSION - NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

8. HEARINGS:

8.1 Public Hearings - None

8.2 Variance Appeal Hearings - None

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

9.1 Correspondence:

9.1.1 E-mail from a Resident Re: Piercey Field Improvements

Councillor Walker advised that this matter had already been dealt with and that no further action was required.

9.1.2 E-mail from a Resident Re: Crown Drive Traffic Control

Councillor Mosher advised that the e-mail had already been distributed to members of Council and that no further action was required by the Community Council.

9.2 Petitions:

9.3 Presentations: None

10. REPORTS:

10.1 Staff:

10.1.1 Case 01124: Second Amending Development Agreement - Governor's Brook Subdivision, Halifax

C A report dated July 24, 2008 was submitted.

MOVED BY Adams, seconded by Mosher, that Chebucto Community Council give Notice of Motion to consider the proposed Amending Agreement, as described in Attachment "A", to modify the maximum permitted driveway width, and schedule a public hearing for October 6, 2008. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 Councillor:

10.2.1 Chocolate Lake Beach- Councillor Mosher

Councillor Mosher advised that Chocolate Lake Beach had been busier than usual this season and as a result there were more cigarette butts in the sand and more garbage due to a lack of receptacles. She noted that swimming lessons had been cancelled on a number of occasions due to dog feces on the beach and that washrooms were messy and broken. She felt that the beach had been overused and under maintained and indicated that she had already requested that staff rake the beach more frequently.

MOVED BY Councillor Mosher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adams, that the Chebucto Community Council request a staff report regarding what measures could be taken by HRM staff to ensure that Chocolate Lake Beach is better maintained. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.2 Sir Sandford Fleming Park - Councillor Mosher

Councillor Mosher advised that this was in reference to the long standing issue of residents booking the bandstand only to arrive and find that it was already in use. She felt that additional measures could be implemented to alleviate this matter.

MOVED BY Councillor Mosher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adams, that the Chebucto Community Council request that staff look into recent negative incidents of the booking of Sir Sandford Fleming Park and the bandstand. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.3 Bike Lanes - Councillor Mosher

MOVED BY Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Hum that the Chebucto Community Council request a staff report on obtaining funding for bike lanes for all

five of the Chebucto Community Council districts; particularly on arterial roads. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Hum also requested that staff look into the issue of cyclists using the Fairview overpass on to the highway.

11. MOTIONS - NONE

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Welcome to Halifax Sign - St. Margarets Bay Road

This item was dealt with under Status Sheet item 4.1.1. Please see page 3.

12.2 Black Rock and Dingle Beaches Have Reopened - Councillor Mosher

Councillor Mosher noted that this was in reference to the beaches being closed numerous times even though, to her knowledge, the water levels had only been exceeded twice. She requested a more efficient manner of testing, however, she noted that she was also in support of caution.

MOVED BY Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the Chebucto Community Council request a staff report regarding the adoption of better guidelines of water testing to ensure that Black Rock and Dingle Beaches are not closed unnecessarily. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 Traffic Concern - Councillor Mosher

C A letter from a resident was circulated.

Councillor Mosher advised that the resident's name was unclear on the submission and requested that they please come forward.

MOVED BY Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Walker, that the Chebucto Community Council request a staff report on consideration of making St. Margarets Bay Road a non truck route. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 Dunbrack Street Rose Bushes - Councillor Hum

Councillor Hum stated that at the June Chebucto Community Council meeting staff had been given direction to ensure that the Dunbrack Street rose bushes were being maintained. It had been requested that staff be dedicated to cleaning up the rose bushes or to hire a contractor if necessary. Councillor Hum noted that maintenance had begun in July and the completed sections looked lovely, however, other priorities had taken over and the clean up had been put on hold. Councillor Hum was concerned that this was being deferred as summer was almost over and time was running out. She stated that this was

a safety issue and noted that a CPTED audit had been done and that the Police had also responded.

MOVED BY Councillor Hum, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adams, that the Chebucto Community Council reaffirm the need for staff to carry out maintenance of the Dunbrack Street rose bushes immediately; further to the motion passed at the June, 2008 Community Council meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Community Council also suggested keeping seasonal staff on a month longer to carry out this work if they had not yet been let go.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Kelly Greenwood, of Birkshire Close, Halifax, stated that she was speaking to the issue of the closed Birkshire Walkway. She noted that there had been a staff meeting with Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager of Real Property Planning and that a report was three years in the making.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2008.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

The following items were added as information:

1. Non Truck Routes - Crown Drive
2. Sherbrooke Drive Stormwater and Flooding Issues
3. 209 Herring Cove Road, Halifax