

**CHEBUCTO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**October 6, 2008**

**MINUTES**

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

**STAFF:** Ms. Kirby Grant, Solicitor  
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 8, 2008**

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the minutes of September 8, 2008, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**Additions:**

9.3 Presentations:

9.3.1 Neighbourhood Traffic Issues on Crown Drive, Keating Road and Fenerty Road - Mr. Greg Baker and Mr. Dan McNeil

Councillor Mosher requested that item 10.1.2 be moved after item 9.3.1 as it dealt with the same issue. The Community Council agreed.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

**4.1 Status Sheet Items:**

**4.1.1 Tremont Park Alternate Main Entrance**

Councillor Hum advised that there had still been no response from staff. She indicated that she would like this item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.2 Sherbrooke Stormwater Flooding Issues**

Councillor Hum requested a revised report regarding the Sherbrooke Stormwater Flooding issues. She stated that she had received correspondence from legal staff advising that HRM could not contact the adjacent property owner as there was no solid proof that work being done on their land had increased the flooding; noting that it was possible that the problem was coming from a larger source. She indicated that correspondence had also stated that HRM should continue to make changes to the street in the form of catch basins and grading to address safety concerns.

Councillor Hum would like a report to come forward containing the above noted information in order to keep all information on record.

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**

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

C A report dated July 24, 2008 was submitted.

Ms. Randa Wheaton, Senior Planner, presented the report on Case 01124; noting that the proposal did fit in with the Municipal Planning Strategy guidelines.

The Chair called for those wishing to speak for or against Case 01124: Second Amending Development Agreement - Governor's Brook Subdivision, Halifax.

**Mr. Brian Harvey, Development Manager of Armco Communities**, spoke on behalf of the proponent and property owner. He wished to thank HRM Planning staff; noting that the amendment would help keep cars from being parked on the street which would maintain a better functionality for the subdivision and aid HRM with snow removal.

The Chair called three times for additional speakers. Hearing none, the following motion was placed:

**MOVED BY Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mosher, that the public hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Chebucto Community Council:**

- 1. Approve the Second Amending Agreement, as contained in Attachment A of the staff report dated July 24, 2008, to modify the maximum permitted driveway width; and**
- 2. Require that the Second Amending Agreement be signed within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the applicant, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary,**

**whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**8.2 Variance Appeal Hearings - None**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: None**

**9.2 Petitions: None**

**9.3 Presentations :**

**9.3.1 Neighbourhood Traffic Issues on Crown Drive, Keating Road and Fenerty Road - Mr. Greg Baker and Mr. Dan McNeil**

C A copy of the presentation was circulated.

**Mr. Daniel McNeil, Crown Drive**, advised the Community Council that he had concerns for the safety of local pedestrians, particularly children, on Crown Drive, Keating Road and Fenerty Road. He indicated that he would like HRM to do a traffic study on the area. Highlights of Mr. McNeil's presentation were as follows:

C Over 150 years ago Crown Drive was constructed for non residential use;

C It became residential in the 1920's;

C When Crown Drive was paved in the 1960's no sidewalks or curbs were installed;

C There was low traffic flow on Crown Drive until approximately 1988 when it was opened up to Brook Street and to access from the rapidly growing Fairmont Subdivision;

C Two new condominiums are now under construction and the parking garages for both buildings will empty on to the intersection of Crown Drive and Brook Street which is an already busy intersection;

C A portion of Crown Drive is still owned by CN railway as abandoned tracks are located behind the road;

C There are two schools in the area;

C As there are no sidewalks, children must navigate narrow streets, parked cars and snowbanks in the winter time during their walk to school.

**Mr. Brian Baker, Crown Drive**, continued the presentation. The following highlights were noted:

C Local residents often witness people speeding in the area where the posted limit is 50;

C Parking is permitted on the north portion of Crown Drive, however, construction workers take up the majority of spaces inhibiting police from monitoring the intersection;

C Approximately 2568 cars travel through the intersection on a daily basis;

- C There are 15 multi unit apartment buildings in the area;
- C A new playground was being built by the busy intersection;
- C The volume of traffic on Crown Drive may not be as large of a problem as the narrowness of the street.

In closing, the gentlemen requested an HRM funded traffic study.

#### **10.1.2 Crown Drive - Request for Speed Humps - Councillor Mosher**

**MOVED BY Councillor Mosher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adams, that Chebucto Community Council request a traffic study and staff report from HRM engineering staff that includes but is not limited to:**

- 1. Street width and geometry, present and projected traffic volumes, pedestrian traffic, a proposal for a potential solution with regards to safety and that the report should be authored and signed by a licensed, professional traffic engineer; and**
- 2. That a request for speed bumps on Crown Drive be given consideration.**

Councillor Mosher advised that this came as a result of ongoing traffic issues on Fenerty Road, Crown Drive and Keating Road. She stated that high volumes of traffic posed a safety concern for children walking to school and that there was limited parking due to the narrowness of these streets, continuous development and a potential new active transportation trail where the CN railway was previously located. Councillor Mosher also wished to know the status of HRM potentially buying the land from CN.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **10. REPORTS:**

##### **10.1 Councillor:**

##### **10.1.1 Follow up From The Variance Hearing For 45 Amirault Court - Councillor Hum**

Councillor Hum advised that this issue was in reference to the public hearing which had taken place at the June 9, 2008 meeting. She stated that Mr. Trevor Creaser, Development Officer, had advised that, upon having staff research the area, there were no setback violations on Amirault Court with regards to fireplace inserts.

**10.1.3 Intersection of Herring Cove Road and Purcell's Cove Road - Safety Issue - Councillor Mosher**

Councillor Mosher advised that she had received an e-mail from staff regarding this issue which she would submit to the Legislative Assistant; noting that she was not satisfied with staff's answer. She indicated that the issue stemmed from the traffic flow at the intersection of Herring Cove Road and Purcell's Cove Road during peak times; advising that vehicles on Purcell's Cove Road were not getting a chance to merge and get into the queue which was causing traffic jams, aggressive driving and accidents. She stated that staff had advised that the removal of signal lights had not caused this problem as there had always been a traffic issue at this intersection and that the Chebucto Road project should help to alleviate the back log of traffic.

Councillor Mosher requested that this item be added to the Status Sheet and that a further review of this intersection take place pending the completion of the reversing lanes project on Chebucto Road.

**10.1.4 Crosswalk at the Armdale Rotary - Quinpool Leg - Request for Lights or RA5 - Councillor Mosher**

Councillor Mosher advised that many residents had reported almost being hit by cars while trying to cross the Armdale Roundabout.

**MOVED BY Councillor Mosher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adams, that Chebucto Community Council request that an RA5 push button crosswalk or lights be installed at the intersection of the Armdale Roundabout/Quinpool intersection for safety reasons. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.1.5 Seawall Restoration - Regatta Point and Sir Sandford Fleming Park - North West Arm - Councillor Mosher**

Councillor Mosher stated that she was aware that this information was already available, however, she would like it all to be included in one report regarding the deterioration of the sea wall so that it could be forwarded on to concerned residents.

**MOVED BY Councillor Mosher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adams, that Chebucto Community Council request a staff report on the rising sea levels in the North West Arm and HRM's remediation plan for both the Regatta Point and Sir Sandford Fleming sea walls. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11. MOTIONS - NONE**

**12. ADDED ITEMS - NONE**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**



**14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no one wishing to speak at this time.

**15. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2008.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory  
Legislative Assistant