

**CHEBUCTO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**December 1, 2008**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Linda Mosher, Chair  
Councillor Stephen Adams  
Councillor Russell Walker  
Councillor Debbie Hum

**REGRETS:** Councillor Mary Wile, Vice Chair

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

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Vice - Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

The Legislative Assistant called for nominations for Chair.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hum, that Councillor Mosher be nominated as Chair for 2009. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

There were no further nominations and Councillor Mosher was declared Chair for 2009.

Councillor Mosher then assumed the Chair.

The Chair called for nominations for Vice Chair.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councilor Walker, that Councillor Wile be nominated as Vice Chair for 2009 in absentia. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

There were no further nominations and Councillor Wile was declared Vice Chair for 2008.

The Chair requested that a letter be sent to Councillor Wile wishing her well after her knee surgery.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 3, 2008**

**MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Walker, that the minutes of November 3, 2008, be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**Additions:**

- 13.1 3 Sylvia Avenue, Spryfield - Councillor Adams
- 13.2 Information Report - Maintenance of the Dunbrack Street Rose Bushes - Councillor Walker
- 13.3 Project 01150 - Birch Cove Design Study

**Deletions:**

9.2.1 Variance #14936 - PID #00326447, Levis Street, Halifax

**MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**5.1 Status Sheet Items:**

**5.1.1 Tremont Park Alternate Main Entrance**

Councillor Hum advised that there had been no feedback on this long standing issue. She indicated that she would like this item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**5.1.2 Sherbrooke Stormwater Flooding Issues**

Councillor Hum advised that she was still in consultation with staff, however, no formal report had been prepared as of yet. She indicated that she would like this item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**5.1.3 Intersection of Herring Cove Road and Purcell's Cove Road**

Councillor Mosher advised that there had been no update on this issue. She indicated that she would like this item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**5.1.4 Bike Lanes**

Councillor Mosher advised that there had been no update on this issue. She indicated that she would like this item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**5.1.5 Crown Drive - Request for Speed Humps**

Councillor Mosher advised that there had been no update on this issue. She indicated that she would like this item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**5.1.6 Crosswalk at the Armdale Rotary - Quinpool Leg - Request for Lights or RA5**

Councillor Mosher advised that there had been no update on this issue. She indicated that she would like this item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**5.1.7 Seawall Restoration - Regatta Point and Sir Sandford Fleming Park - North West Arm**

Councillor Mosher advised that there had been no update on this issue. She indicated that she would like this item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

**7. MOTIONS OF RECISSION - NONE**

**8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

**8.1 Councillor Appointment to the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board**

The Community Council was advised that they were not required to appoint a representative to the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board.

**MOVED BY Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Walker, that the Chebucto Community Council not appoint a representative to the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9. HEARINGS:**

**9.1 Public Hearings - None**

**9.2 Variance Appeal Hearing**

**9.2.1 Variance #14936 - PID #00326447, Levis Street, Halifax**

C A report dated November 21, 2008 was before the Community Council.

Mr. Andrew Faulkner, Development Officer, advised that he had met with the appellant and applicant and as there was going to be an amendment to the rear yard set back noted in the report the variance appeal hearing would not be required. He advised that the appellant, applicant and Solicitor, Ms. Kirby Grant, were all in agreement on this matter.

**MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker that item 9.2.1 be deleted from the agenda. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**10.1 Correspondence: None**

**10.2 Petitions: None**

**10.3 Presentations : None**

**11. REPORTS:**

**11.1        Staff:**

**11.1.1        Case 01121: Amendments to the Regional MPS, Regional Subdivision By-Law and the MPSs and LUBs for Timberlea/Lakeside/Beechville and Halifax**

C        A report dated October 31, 2008 was before the Community Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the Chebucto Community Council give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy and the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-Law as provided in Attachment “C” of the report dated October 31, 2008, and schedule a public hearing.**

Mr. Brian White, Planner, provided the staff presentation on the report; advising that there would be no policy amendment, simply mapping changes.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.1.2        2009 Proposed Meeting Schedule**

C        A copy of the 2009 Proposed Meeting Schedule was before the Community Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the Chebucto Community Council adopt the 2009 Proposed Meeting Schedule as presented.  
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.2        Councillor:**

**11.2.1        Captain William Spry Centre - Meeting Room Bookings - Councillor Mosher**

Councillor Mosher advised that it was becoming increasingly difficult to schedule public information meetings for planning applications in the area as there was no reliable meeting space available. She noted that the Captain William Spry Centre was an adequate facility, however, it was loud due to music and dog obedience classes and the only available day for meetings was Tuesday when Councillors were unavailable due to their weekly Regional Council meeting. She suggested changing the dog obedience and music classes to Tuesday nights.

**MOVED BY Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Adams, that the Chebucto Community Council request that the staff person responsible for room bookings at**

the Captain William Spry Centre consider moving dog obedience and music classes to Tuesday. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

12. **MOTIONS - NONE**

13. **ADDED ITEMS**

13.1 **3 Sylvia Avenue, Spryfield - Councillor Adams**

**MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker, that the Chebucto Community Council request staff to initiate the process to rezone 3 Sylvia Avenue, Spryfield from R-1 to P (Institutional) on behalf of the Home of the Guardian Angels. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

13.2 **Information Report - Maintenance of the Dunbrack Street Rose Bushes**

**MOVED BY Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the Chebucto Community Council:**

1. **Recommend option 2 of the information report dated October 28, 2008; and**
2. **That the information report dated October 28, 2008 be forwarded to Regional Council requesting Council's consideration that \$120,000 be included in the capital budget for tree replacement.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

13.3 **Project 01150 - Birch Cove Design Study**

This item had been addressed at an earlier In Camera session.

Councillor Hum advised that she had been in discussions with staff and that this report would come back to the Community Council in January with further information.

**MOVED BY Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Walker, that the Chebucto Community Council refer the private and confidential report dated November 13, 2008 back to staff for further information and that it not be released to the public. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

14. **NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**

15. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Ms. Mary Ann McGrath**, advised the Community Council of the concerns of Kearney Lake residents regarding beavers in the area. She noted that she had been told by HRM staff that there was nothing they could do, however, she wished to point out that the situation



had now become dangerous as a beaver had cut through a six metre birch tree which had fallen into the roadway; causing a neighbour to hit it with her car. Ms. McGrath stated that many trees had been half cut by the beavers and that a storm could cause many other accidents due to fallen trees. She indicated that the hefty beaver population had now infiltrated the main lake and although resident's had been granted a permit to rip up the dam over the past year they could not do so without further environmental permits from the province. She requested that the Community Council try to find a way to control or remove the population as the Department of Natural Resources would not act until asked by the Municipality. Ms. McGrath also raised concerns regarding drainage ditches in the area as they had not been cleaned out in approximately three years. She stated that the little lake was high due to the beavers which caused overflow as well as winter plowing pushing gravel into the ditches.

**MOVED BY Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Walker, that the Chebucto Community Council refer resident concerns regarding the Kearney Lake beaver population and drainage ditches to the appropriate Halifax Regional Water Commission and HRM staff. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**Ms. Wendy MacDonald**, indicated that she would like a town hall meeting to be held regarding the following community issues: The Bayers Lake Business Park from a resident's perspective, active transportation, walkability, snow removal as it relates to trees and grass and the Mainland Common. Ms. MacDonald submitted the new Metro Transit Route Map; stating that she had found errors. She also advised that the walking path adjacent to Park West school needed to be winterized as it had become icy.

**16. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2009.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory  
Legislative Assistant

The following items were added as information:

1. Case 00960 - MPS and LUB Amendments for 21 Kidston Road, Halifax
2. Maintenance of the Dunbrack Street Rose Bushes