



**HARBOUR EAST - MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 10, 2015**

PRESENT: Councillor Gloria McCluskey, Chair
Deputy Mayor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor David Hendsbee

REGRETS: Councillor Bill Karsten, Vice-Chair
Councillor Darren Fisher

STAFF: Mr. Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor McCluskey, Chair called the meeting to order in the Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council Meeting Room, 1st floor, 40 Alderney Gate, Dartmouth.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 23 & July 30, 2015

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee,

THAT the minutes of July 23 & July 30, 2015 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nicoll

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. HEARINGS – NONE

8.2 VARIANCE APPEAL HEARINGS – NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence – NONE

9.2 Petitions – NONE

9.3 Presentation

9.3.1 Updates to Dartmouth Land Use By-Law – Jillian MacLellan, Planner, Planning & Development

The following documentation was before Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council:

- A presentation dated September 10, 2015

Ms. Jillian MacLellan, Planner provided a presentation respecting housekeeping amendments to the Dartmouth Land Use By-Law. Councillor McCluskey thanked Ms. MacLellan for her presentation and requested questions of clarification from members of Community Council.

In response to a question from Councillor McCluskey, Ms. MacLellan noted that staff does not intend for there to be a public participation component associated with the updates to the Dartmouth Land Use By-Law as the proposed changes are minor housekeeping amendments.

Councillor Hendsbee inquired if staff will be reviewing the boundaries of the By-Law, particularly where planning areas from the former City of Dartmouth intersect with the former Halifax County areas. He advised that a review of these areas may be beneficial to establish consistency.

Ms. MacLellan noted that staffs focus has been to complete the necessary housekeeping amendments to the Land Use By-Law to provide necessary updates and clarity. She noted that there will be an opportunity for staff to review the boundaries of planning areas if directed to do so, when the Regional Centre Plan is before Council in the near future.

Deputy Mayor Nicoll inquired as to how confident staff is with the time line respecting the adoption of the Land Use By-Law.

Ms. MacLellan commented that staff is targeting the report to be before Council in early 2016 for final approval by Council.

In response to a follow up question from Deputy Mayor Nicoll, Ms. MacLellan noted that the minor amendments include changes to the units of measurement referenced in the By-law such as the conversion from imperial units to metric units, updating terminology and correcting errors with respect to zoning.

Councillor Hendsbee inquired if Burnside will be included in the Dartmouth Plan. Ms. MacLellan replied in the affirmative and noted that staff is not intending to change any of the land use requirements that currently exist in the By-law. She further advised of staff's intent to update the document so that is easy to read and comprehend.

10. REPORTS – NONE

11. MOTIONS – NONE

12. IN CAMERA

12.1 Approval of In Camera Minutes – July 30, 2015

The following motion was approved in public session:

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee,

THAT the In Camera minutes of July 30, 2015 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

14. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Charlotte Hutchinson, of North Dartmouth provided commentary and distributed information to Community Council on behalf of the "We Love Dartmouth" group. She expressed her opinion that there has been a lack of transparency involved in municipality's rebranding initiative which ignores the historical and cultural significance of the communities of HRM, particularly the community of Dartmouth. She expressed her opinion that the rebranding was forced upon many residents without adequate public consultation and participation.

Mr. Dave Harrison of Dartmouth advised that he is speaking on behalf of the "We Love Dartmouth" Group. He provided commentary with respect to his work in branding and economic development and

noted his opinion that many communities and economic development agencies have the same opportunities for internet visibility irrespective of geographical size. He provided further commentary with respect to branding initiatives in other Atlantic Canadian communities and stated that the current branding strategy utilized by the Halifax Regional Municipality will likely do little or nothing to expand the municipality's existing entrepreneurial base. He encouraged Council to consider adopting a motion to have the Halifax branding removed from signage in the Dartmouth area.

Mr. Warren Weston, of Dartmouth agreed with the points raised by the previous speakers. He advised that he does not see the value in the rebranding the municipality as it jeopardizes the historical and cultural significant of distinct communities to those visiting the area. He provided commentary with respect to name of the Alderney Ferry Terminal being changed from the Dartmouth Ferry Terminal in recent years and questioned the rationale for this decision.

Ms. Sonya MacQueen, of in Dartmouth agreed with the points raised by the previous speakers respecting the rebranding of the municipality. She stated that a great deal of money will be expended on changing the brand on municipal assets and questioned the value in doing so.

Ms. Loretta Fisher, of North Dartmouth expressed her opinion that the branding of the Halifax Regional Municipality should not have been altered.

Mr. Paul Leblanc, of Dartmouth inquired about the rationale for placing Halifax flags at the Alderney Gate building on the Dartmouth side of the harbour. He advised that Council should consider allowing Dartmouth to be known as Dartmouth and should reconsider the decision on HRM's rebranding.

Mr. Patrick Stubbard, of Dartmouth provided commentary with respect to an off-leash dog area which was established within Shubie Park. He advised that the off-leash area is in close proximity to his residence with inadequate barriers to keep dogs away from his yard. He referenced a 2004 staff report which outlined that an off-leash dog park should not be established in the area. He noted his fear that his family will continue to be accosted by dogs during their day to day activities if something is not done to mitigate the impact of the off-leash area on his property. He expressed further concern that he was not consulted about the establishment of the park and the impact that it has on his property. He concluded by noting that noise, and dog waste has been a consistent problem as a result of the park and commented that he would like a resolution to his issue.

Mr. Richard McCarthy, of Dartmouth advised of issues regarding civic address on voter registration cards in the Dartmouth area. He advised that all addresses for Dartmouth residents in the Elections Canada database read Halifax. He commented that Elections Canada has indicated that HRM is responsible for the issue and advised that there may be ongoing problems with respect to voter identification on Election Day due to this issue.

Ms. Janet McCarthy, of Dartmouth provided commentary with respect to voter registration and advised that she had contacted Elections Canada officials in Halifax who indicated that the information was provided by the municipality. She noted concern that voters may be turned away if proper addresses cannot be confirmed.

Ms. Liz Campbell, of Dartmouth reiterated the points of the previous speakers with respect to voter registration and advised that she has brought the issue up with Elections Canada. She noted that residents should contact their local Elections Canada office if there are issues with their voter registration cards not indicating the proper address and encourage members of Community Council to look in to the issue.

Ms. Janet Quaig, of Dartmouth provided commentary with respect to the rebranding initiative of the Halifax Regional Municipality and noted that she would like the name Dartmouth restored on municipal signage in the area.

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 1, 2015**

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant