

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

MARINE DRIVE, VALLEY AND CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 25, 2011

PRESENT: Councillor David Hendsbee, Chair
Councillor Barry Dalrymple
Councillor Steve Streach

STAFF: Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Hendsbee, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the LWF Community Centre, Fall River.

2. TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

The Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council Annual report for 2010 dated May 9, 2011 was before the Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that the Annual report be accepted as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public came forward to address Community Council at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that the minutes of the March 30, 2011 meeting of the Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council be approved as distributed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Streach that the agenda, as distributed, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Streach offered apologies noting that he would have to leave this meeting early due to another commitment.

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

6.1 STATUS SHEET

6.1.1 River Road

There was no update received regarding this matter. This matter will remain on the status sheet.

6.1.2 Fence Permit Application #102842 – 91 Glasgow Road

This matter was considered at the March 30, 2011 meeting at which time it was deferred pending receipt of additional information.

The Clerk indicated that not all of the information requested has been received.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that the Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council approve a further extension to the next meeting of the Community Council to be held on June 22, 2011. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6.1.3 Case 01278 – Application to amend Planning Districts 8 & 9 MPS and LUB

There was no update received regarding this matter. This matter will remain on the status sheet.

6.1.4 Wetland Restoration Project near Bennett Park, Hwy #107, Exit 18

This matter is addressed under item 12.1, Conservation Easement Acquisition Proposal, Mineville and can be removed from the status sheet.

6.1.5 Civic Addressing

An e-mail update was received from Denise Schofield, Manager, Development Engineering. This matter can be removed from the status sheet with a request that an update be provided in September.

6.1.5 Willie's Walk

An e-mail update was received from Denise Schofield, Manager, Development Engineering. This matter can be removed from the status sheet.

- 7. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**
- 8. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**
- 9. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**
- 10. HEARINGS - NONE**

- 11. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**
- 11.1 Correspondence - None**
- 11.2 Petitions - None**

11.3 Presentation

11.3.1 Norm Collins – Crosswalk Flag Program

Mr. Norm Collins addressed Community Council thanking them for the opportunity to present. Mr. Collins referred to the fact that the crosswalk flag program matter has been before Regional Council previously and noted that he believed that it is a matter of public safety which should be resolved. Mr. Collins went on to read from his written presentation, a copy of which is on file.

In closing Mr. Collins noted that over 3,000 people had signed a petition in support of Crosswalk Flag Program. He asked that Marine Drive Valley and Canal Community Council recommend that HRM not object to the use of crosswalk flags where local community groups wish to use them.

7:15 p.m. Councillor Streach retired from the meeting

Mr. Collins responded to questions from members of the Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee the Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council recommend that HRM not object to local community groups/organizations installing, maintaining, and using crosswalk flags at marked crosswalks or traditional sites of significant pedestrian crossing within their community, provided there will be no cost implications to HRM.

Councillor Dalrymple noted a number of locations within his District which would benefit from a crosswalk flag program. He noted that these locations will never qualify for signalized cross walks and suggested that a community group led program will be cost effective and provide safer street crossing for everyone, but children in particular. Councillor Dalrymple pointed out that the crosswalk flag is just another tool in a belt of safety tools such as signalized crossings and street markings. He commented that education of the public would be key to the success of the program and noted that a very effective pamphlet already existed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF REPORTS

12.1.1 Conservation Easement Acquisition Proposal, Mineville

A staff report dated April 11, 2011 was before Community Council.

Mr. Robert Jahncke, Landscape Architect, Real Property Planning, presented the report advising that staff was recommending that HRM not pursue the Conservation Easement Acquisition Proposal in Mineville as presented to Community Council by Mr. Dean.

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that the Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council:

- 1. Not pursue a Conservation Easement Partnership on a private Engineered Wetland in Mineville at this time**
- 2. Request Mr. Dean and the Provincial Department of the Environment to advise HRM on the status and review process for the site over the next five years.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 13. MOTIONS – NONE**
- 14. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**
- 15. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**
- 16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No persons came forward to address Community Council at this time.

17. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Marine Drive Valley and Canal Community Council will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2011.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy
Deputy Clerk

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Correspondence from the Honourable Bill Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation, dated April 27, 2011 re: road conditions at the corner of Highway 7 and Upper Governor Street