

MARINE DRIVE, VALLEY AND CANAL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

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PRESENT: Deputy Mayor David Hendsbee, Chair
Councillor Barry Dalrymple

REGRETS: Councillor Steve Streach

STAFF: Ms. Melody Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the LWF Fire/Community Hall, 843 Fall River Road, Fall River.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

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

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hendsbee, that the Order of Business as presented be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence - None

9.2 Petitions - None

9.3 Presentations

9.3.1 Monarch-Rivendale Community Association

Mr. Bradley Conrad, Monarch-Rivendale Community Association provided a presentation, City Water Solution, to Council.

Mr. Bradley Conrad, advised Council of the following issues:

- the well water is drastically reduced, due in part to development in the area
- this is a time sensitive issue, as 60 new lots are being developed
- there are 215 homes with 60 more that number will grow to 275

- the Monarch-Rivendale Community Association is representing the community at large
- there are currently twenty one board members on the Monarch-Rivendale Community Association, concerned with health, sustainability and the value of their homes
- the community relies on drilled wells
- many properties have drilled multiple wells, one as deep as 890 feet
- residents are using dynamite to create fishers for water, other residents are hydrofat, high pressure air to get water
- some residents currently do not have water, others are on the brink of running out
- the Association is aggressively pursuing the water issue
- a well report from the Province of Nova Scotia reports that the average well for the area is 339 feet, with the Nova Scotia average being 142 feet deep. Now it is at the point in order to drill a well, it is not dug less than 600 feet in Monarch-Rivendale
- 52% of the wells in the area are yielding 0 or less
- the average water flow in the area is 2.4 gallons per minute, CMHC requires 4 gallons per minute
- the Association is working with the Halifax Regional School Board, as the schools are having water issues as well
- it was noted that infrastructure (a water tower) is in place
- residents are willing to pay for service
- there was concern over the length of time for the process and the changing direction from HRM as the Association tries to move forward
- the water quantity issue is getting steadily worse
- the Association questioned if a survey is done, should it be done by the Association or HRM

Mr. Roger Wells, Supervisor, Regional & Community Planning provided the following information in regard to boundary changes:

- other areas of HRM have quantity water issues, a report will be going to Regional Council in the near future regarding these issues
- HRM staff have been in consultation with the Nova Scotia Department of Environment, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and the Halifax Regional Water Commission to identify hotspots and green field sites
- Boundary changes have to go through Regional Council
- In order for a boundary change, it goes through due process, needs to meet criteria and needs to meet quality or quantity issues and the area needs to abut a water district
- A qualified person will have to do testing and provide a qualified report to HRM regarding the water status
- If a boundary change is recommended, a public information meeting will be held in

the area where residents can have their input and a report will be sent to Council, and a public hearing held. Council will then make a decision on the boundary change.

Discussion ensued on what qualifications are required to be considered as a “qualified person” or a “qualified report” to HRM. Mr. Wells and Mr. Hannam will look further into this and advise the Association. The question was raised whether the well report would meet the criteria of a qualified report.

Councillor Dalrymple advised that he received only one call from a resident not in support of the extension of the water boundary. All other correspondence he received was in support of the process.

Mr. Jamie Hannam, Director, Engineering and Information Services, Halifax Regional Water Commission, provided information regarding the Local Improvement Charge process advising the following points:

- Once the water service boundary has been approved, the LIC process begins
- This is a joint process between HRM and the Halifax Regional Water Commission
- A public information meeting will be held
- The Municipality will manage the process, pay the bills, and recover fees through the LIC
- Council will give direction to the LIC process, the costs will be determined, a survey done, then staff will make recommendation to Council to process the project funded by a LIC, then it will go for approval by Council
- If the LIC is approved, the Halifax Regional Water Commission is the agent to deliver and manage water services.

MOVED BY Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hendsbee that Marine Drive, Valley, & Canal Community Council request Regional Council authorize HRM staff to initiate the process under current by-laws and amendments to enable the area commonly known as Monarch & Rivendale Subdivisions in Beaver Bank which include the new street and lots currently being sold and developed by Ramar Construction to be included in the Water Service Boundary. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

In response to a query by Councillor Dalrymple, Mr. Wells advised that the feasibility and costing study for Fall River Road will proceed as approved by a motion of Council.

In response to a query by Deputy Mayor Hendsbee regarding the Fall River Visioning and its Watershed Study, Mr. Wells advised that the final draft of the Shubenacadie Lakes Watershed Study has been received and the steering committee is scheduled to meet to

go over the report. He added that this report will provide valuable information with respect to the request from Regional Council.

10. REPORTS - NONE

11. MOTIONS - NONE

12. ADDED ITEMS

13 NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public come forward to speak.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2009.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Melody Campbell
Legislative Assistant