

**NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JULY 8, 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Robert Harvey, Chair  
Deputy Mayor Brad Johns  
Councillor Barry Dalrymple  
Councillor Peter Lund

REGRETS: Councillor Tim Outhit, Vice Chair

STAFF: Ms. Krista Tidgwell, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Wallace Lucas Community Centre, 596 Lucasville Road, Lower Sackville.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 22, 2010**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johns, seconded by Councillor Lund, that the minutes of April 22, 2010 be approved, as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

11.1 Case 16016: Substantive DA Amendment - 380 Cobequid Road

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

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

**4.1 STATUS SHEET ITEMS**

**4.1.1 Pockwock Road Speed Limits**

Information Report provided, see Information Item #3. Item removed from the Status Sheet.

**4.1.2 Waterstone Neighbourhood Association - Margeson Drive**

This matter was discussed under Item 7.1 - Information Report - Margeson Drive Follow-Up. See page 6.

Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.3 Area Rate for Implementing a Sidewalk within the Sunset Ridge and Twinbrooks Subdivision**

No update, item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.4 Wier Field Artificial Turf Replacement**

Deputy Mayor Johns advised that he will be meeting with staff to complete a turf

assessment. A staff report will be provided to the Community Council following the assessment.

#### **4.1.5 Burning Bylaw**

Deputy Mayor Johns met with Deputy Chief Director, Roy Hollett of Fire and Emergency Services, to review the revisions of the Burning By-law. A copy of the revisions were provided to the Chair of the Waterstone Association for review and comments. The Burning By-law revisions are expected to be before Regional Council by early August. Item to remain on the Status Sheet

#### **4.1.6 Sackville Drive Signage**

Information Report provided, see Information Item #1.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johns, seconded by Councillor Lund, that Item 4.1.6 - Sackville Drive Signage be removed from the Status Sheet. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **4.1.7 Hammonds Plains Road at Yankeetown Road**

Information Report provided, see Information Item #4.

Councillor Lund expressed concern with staff's response respecting street lights and the 80km speed limit, contained within the June 23, 2010 staff report. He commented that there are small children and schools within the area and the speed limit should reflect this. He indicated that he will be pursuing this matter further. Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

#### **4.1.8 Pockwock Road Signage Issues**

Councillor Lund advised that the speed limit along Pockwock Road up to White Hills Run has been reduced to 60km.

Deputy Mayor Johns further indicated that HRM staff is reviewing the option to reduce the 80km speed limit along the Lucasville Road from the Timber Trails Mobile Home Park to the Hammonds Plain Road to 70km.

Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

#### **4.1.9 Hammonds Plains Road - Truck Traffic Concerns**

Information Report provided, see Information Item #2. Item removed from the Status Sheet.

#### **4.1.10 Extend Water Service Area to Fenerty Road, Springfield Lake**

Deputy Mayor Johns advised that the Halifax Water Commission has not provided a comment to date respecting this matter. He has spoken with the former Chair of the Springfield Lake Watch group, who noted that the group will be becoming more active in September. Once the group is active, he anticipates that the group will be in discussions with the Halifax Water Commission regarding the extension. Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

#### **4.1.11 Legacy Court Playground**

Councillor Harvey noted that land has been set aside for the Legacy Court playground and staff are still reviewing the matter. Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

### **5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

### **6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE**

## **7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Information Report - Margeson Drive Follow-Up (*deferred from April 22, 2010*)**

- An Information Report dated April 13, 2010 was before the Community Council.

Deputy Mayor Johns requested that the April 13<sup>th</sup> Information Report be provided to Nick Antoff, Chair of the Waterstone Neighbourhood Association, for review and comment.

### **8. HEARINGS - NONE**

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

### **9.1 Correspondence**

#### **9.1.1 Letter from Maureen Scott, Community Employment Counsellor, Anchor Industries Society and Marilyn Forrest, Executive Director, Anchor Industries Society dated June 22, 2010 re: sidewalk & crosswalk request for Cobequid Road**

- Correspondence dated June 22, 2010 from Ms. Scott and Ms. Forrest was before the Community Council for review.

Ms. Scott reviewed her letter noting that nine of Anchor Industries Society's clients live at the Sagewood Seniors Complex located at 345 Cobequid Road and participate in a

volunteer work placement program. Many of the clients find it difficult to cross the street in front of the facility and often require more time to cross. The lack of sidewalk and crosswalk is affecting the residents' ability to safely cross the street while travelling to their work placement. As well, the lack of sidewalk in front of the facility also makes it difficult for pedestrians to travel up and down the same side of the street. The Anchor Industries Society requests the installation of a marked crosswalk and sidewalk to provide greater mobility and safety for Sagewood's residents, as well as, safety for others within the area.

Councillor Harvey commented that he has received phone calls from the residents of Sagewood and their families expressing similar concerns.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Dalrymple, Councillor Harvey indicated that he was not aware of any government land behind the facility where a trail could be installed; however, this option could be explored.

Deputy Mayor Johns noted that Owen LaPierre, a resident of District 19, had also contacted him respecting a similar request for a marked crosswalk with lights and the installation of a sidewalk. He commented that although the Sagewood facility is in District 20, this matter seems to have broader implications.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johns, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple, that the North West Community Council:**

- 1. Forward a letter, with a copy of Ms. Scott and Ms. Forrest's correspondence dated June 22, 2010, to Traffic Services requesting an installation of a marked crosswalk; and**
- 2. Forward a letter, with a copy of Ms. Scott and Ms. Forrest's correspondence dated June 22, 2010, to Construction Design requesting an installation of a sidewalk in front of the Sagewood Seniors Complex located at 345 Cobequid Road back to Glendale Avenue, Sackville.**

**Jack Brill, Lower Sackville, former County Councillor,** advised that on behalf of the seniors, there are 50 residents at Sagewood plus an additional 55 staff that work at the facility. There is also a 75 unit apartment complex presently being constructed within the neighbourhood and has the potential for 150 residents. The complex is set to be completed by 2011. He commented that the need for a sidewalk and crosswalk is urgent. He commented that many seniors require more time to cross the street, which increases the likelihood of an accident happening. He further suggested that a bus shelter be installed at the bus stop on Cobequid Road across from the Sagewood Seniors Complex to assist with pedestrian safety. He noted that there are no bus shelters within a kilometre of either direction from the Sagewood facility.

Deputy Mayor Johns requested a addition to the motion that the Community Council forward a letter, with a copy of Ms. Scott and Ms. Forrest's correspondence dated June 22, 2010, to Metro Transit requesting an installation of a bus shelter at the bus stop on Cobequid Road across from the Sagewood Seniors Complex. Councillor Harvey noted that the letter should also be copied to the North West Transit Advisory Committee for their review. Members of the Community Council agreed to the addition.

The motion now reads as follows:

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johns, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple, that the North West Community Council:**

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- 2. Forward a letter, with a copy of Ms. Scott and Ms. Forrest's correspondence dated June 22, 2010, to Construction Design requesting an installation of a sidewalk in front of the Sagewood Seniors Complex located at 345 Cobequid Road back to Glendale Avenue, Sackville; and**
- 3. Forward a letter, with a copy of Ms. Scott and Ms. Forrest's correspondence dated June 22, 2010, to Metro Transit requesting an installation of a bus shelter at the bus stop on Cobequid Road across from the Sagewood Seniors Complex, as well as, copy the North West Transit Advisory Committee for their review.**

Councillor Harvey advised that HRM's budget has been set for 2010. He indicated that he will be meeting with staff from Construction Design to review budget priorities and will bring this matter forward. He commented that he has been attempting for several years to have the Cobequid Road sidewalk extended from Judy Anne Court. The priority level of the sidewalk is ranked 158 on the list of HRM sidewalks requested for installation. HRM generally does eight to nine sidewalk projects per year.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Harvey noted that Mr. Brill will be kept informed of staff's responses.



**9.1.2 Letter from Christina Parker, Chairperson, Highland Park Ratepayers Association dated re: Intersection of Hammonds Plains Road and Northwood**

- Correspondence dated June 23, 2010 from Ms. Parker was before the Community Council.

Ms. Parker provided a overview of her correspondence dated June 23, 2010 to the Community Council, noting that there is a history of motor vehicle accidents at the intersection of Hammonds Plains Road and Northwood Road. She asked whether the Traffic Authority could do a study on the alignment of the Hammonds Plains Road. She commented that residents expressed concerns respecting the road's alignment during a recent director's meeting of the Highland Park Ratepayers Association. She commented that a flashing caution light has been installed at the intersection but staff has denied the Association's request for traffic signs and a crosswalk. Staff for the office of the Traffic Authority have informed the Association that these concerns are enforcement issues. Ms. Parker indicated that area can not be enforced 24/7 and expressed concern with motorists' reluctance to stop and allow pedestrians to cross at the unmarked crosswalk with a speed limit of 80km.

Following a brief Committee discussion, it was **MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple, that North West Community Council:**

1. **Request that Traffic Services provide a safety solution respecting the intersection of Hammonds Plains Road and Northwood (ie. Installation of flashing lights, caution signal, etc.) and investigate the road alignment; and**
2. **That a copy of Ms. Parker's correspondence dated June 23, 2010, along with a copy of the magazine article, be forwarded to Traffic Services for their review and consideration.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9.2 Petitions - None**

**9.3 Presentations - None**

**10. REPORTS - NONE**

## 11. ADDED ITEMS

### 11.1 Case 16016: Substantive DA Amendment - 380 Cobequid Road

- A report from the North West Planning Advisory Committee dated July 8, 2010 was before the Community Council.

Tyson Simms provided an overview of the report dated July 8, 2010.

Councillor Harvey noted that the North West Planning Advisory Committee discussed this matter at their June 7, 2010 meeting and are in support of staff's recommendation.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Johns, seconded by Councillor Lund, that North West Community Council give Notice of Motion to consider the proposed amending agreement as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 17, 2010 and schedule a Public Hearing. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Following a brief discussion, the Community Council agreed to reschedule their August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to August 19<sup>th</sup> and hold their next regular meeting within District 20.

Public Hearing scheduled for August 19, 2010.

## 12. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

## 13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In response to a concern raised by **Gina Byrne, District 23**, regarding statistical documentation from another level of government respecting the number of vehicle movements along the Hammonds Plains Road, Councillor Lund advised that Ms. Byrne could provide the information to him and he would review it with Traffic Services staff.

**Ross Evans, District 23**, noted the following points and concerns regarding the Pockwock Road crosswalk:

- the crosswalk's lights have not worked for the past two to three weeks; a pedestrian crossing the road was almost hit by a motorist the previous week
- the crosswalk markings require painting, which was anticipated to be done by April 2010
- that the crosswalk be moved to the opposite side of the light post; HRM's snow plows are unable to clear away the snow at the end of the crosswalk due to the light post
- that signage be posted on the front lawn of the telephone exchange to assist motorists in identifying that a crosswalk is present

Councillor Lund advised that he would discuss Mr. Evan's points and concerns with staff.

**Christina Parker, Chairperson, Highland Park Ratepayers Association**, requested that the Community Council contact Dan Leopold, Manager of Vehicle Compliance for Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. She has written Mr. Leopold outlining the Associations truck traffic concerns along the Hammonds Plains Road, commenting that the road is supposed to be open to local traffic only. Vehicle Compliance has indicated that they are monitoring the area and have issued three violation tickets. Ms. Parker suggested that Vehicle Compliance provide a report respecting the number of tickets issued to date. She commented that she has not seen evidence of any Vehicle Compliance vehicles monitoring the truck traffic along the Hammonds Plains Road.

The Community Council advised that Ms. Parker's request is a Provincial matter and noted that Councillor Lund would follow up with MLA, Mat Whynott respecting her concerns.

Mr. Evans thanked the Community Council for their efforts in reducing the speed limit along the Pockwock Road.

**Nick Antoff, Chair of the Waterstone Neighbourhood Association**, noted the following points and concerns:

- the speed limits, such as the Pockwock Road, should be in conjunction with each other; certain streets have multiple speed limits; staff should pick one speed limit for the entire stretch of road
- whether the Community Council could review passing zones with staff; most of the roads have passing lanes where there are car access driveways and higher speed limits
- He and Deputy Mayor Johns are planning to monitor the truck traffic along the Lucasville Road/Hammonds Plains Road and take photographs of trucks they feel should not be on the road
- two Waterstone community parks are being poorly maintained; HRM staff and/or its contractors are cutting the grass too short; contractors should not be paid for poor workmanship; the Waterstone Neighbourhood Association is willing to take over the responsibility this maintenance free of charge

Deputy Mayor indicated that he had an opportunity to monitor the truck traffic along the Lucasville Road for approximately an hour, noting that there may have been one truck that should not have been accessing the road. Most of the trucks are from the local businesses within the area. He noted that an RCMP Inspector is being placed at the

Sackville Police station and will be in charge of both the Sackville and Tantallon stations, which should assist with some of Sackville's enforcement issues.

Deputy Mayor Johns indicated he would be meeting with staff responsible to oversee the work of contractors regarding park maintenance. There are approximately five areas within District 19 that have been missed and from various discussions with staff, District 19 is not the only area experiencing these types of issues. He commented that there could be a possibility for the Waterstone Neighbourhood Association to take on the responsibility of the Waterstone park maintenance.

Councillor Dalrymple further indicated that a number of contractors have been given written notice regarding incomplete work.

Councillor Lund advised that he receives quarterly reports from the RCMP and has asked that these reports be broken down into Regions. He noted that during April - June 2010, the RCMP has stopped 217 motorists from Tantallon to the Kearney Lake Road. This number has increased from the 170 motorist stopped during that time period in 2009.

**Andrew Weaver, District 23**, expressed concern regarding grass maintenance along the Bedford Highway. He noted that workers are pointing the mower's blower towards the street, which is spraying vehicles with grass and dirt.

**Shawn Parker, Park Terrance**, expressed concern with HRM and/or the Province's contractors cutting down trees and branches and leaving them in the ditch. He commented on the poor esthetics and the lack of pride shown in this work. He indicated that his property is also starting to cave into the ditch from the removal of the trees.

Deputy Mayor Johns noted that the Halifax Water Commission is responsible for storm sewers and ditches. The Province is responsible for the pavement and curb; however, the Halifax Water Commission is responsible for ditches.

Mr. Parker indicated that he has made a formal complaint to the Halifax Water Commission respecting this matter and has asked them to replant trees to replace the ones that have been removed.

In response to a question raised by a member, Deputy Mayor Johns advised that staff is reviewing new locations for city deposes along the Hammonds Plains Road.

**Mr. Skinner, District 23**, expressed concern regarding water damage to his property. He indicated that he has sent photographs to Councillor Lund identifying the water damage and ice overflowing into his trenches. He noted that the Halifax Water Commission workers are cutting out culverts in the Haliburton Heights subdivision

because the bottoms of the culverts are rotten. He indicated that his property is adjacent to the main street and has sink holes due to a rotting culvert, which has not been replaced. Mr. Skinner further noted that there is no signage on the machining to identify the company responsible for the work. The workers are parking illegally and have dumped asphalt on the side of the road. He has contacted the RCMP and HRM's Call Centre respecting these concerns.

Ms. Byrne commented that there are reports on file respecting Mr. Skinner's situation. She noted that all of the culverts have to be replaced from Windsor Drive to Nottingham Drive along the Hammonds Plains Road.

In response to a concern raised by Ms. Parker, Councillor Harvey advised that the Halifax Water Commission is under the Halifax Regional Municipality. Of the seven board members, three are Councillors plus the Mayor.

Mr. Evans advised that the culvert in front of his rental property located at 2169 Hammonds Plains Road was supposed to be replaced when the water line was installed up the road. He further expressed concern that he is still waiting for gravel to be placed down at the end of the driveway.

- 14. NEXT MEETING DATES** - August 19, 2010  
- September 23, 2010

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Krista Tidgwell  
Legislative Assistant

**INFORMATION ITEMS**  
**July 8, 2010**

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1. Information Report dated May 6, 2010 re: Sackville Drive Signage
2. Information Report dated May 18, 2010 re: Truck Traffic on Hammonds Plains Road between Pockwock Road and Stillwater Lake
3. Information Report dated June 23, 2010 re: Pockwock Road Speed Limits
4. Information Report dated June 23, 2010 re: Hammonds Plains Road at Yankeetown Road