

**NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MAY 23, 1996

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Jack Greenough  
Councillors: Barry Barnet  
Robert P. Harvey  
Peter J. Kelly  
Jack Mitchell  
Reg Rankin

STAFF MEMBERS: Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Sandra Shute, Assistant Municipal Clerk

On this date, the first meeting of North West Community Council was held at Sackville High School, Lower Sackville.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Town Criers, Tom Gray, Sackville and Stewart MacMillan, Bedford, after leading Deputy Mayor Greenough and the members of North West Community Council into the hall, introduced the Community Council members and wished them well in their future endeavours. Following this, Deputy Mayor Greenough thanked the Town Criers and extended greetings from Halifax Regional Municipality.

**2. INSTALLATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The members of North West Community Council - Barry Barnet - District 19, Upper Sackville-Beaver Bank, Robert P. Harvey - District 20, Lower Sackville, Peter J. Kelly - District 21, Bedford, Reg Rankin - District 22, Hammonds Plains-Timberlea and Jack Mitchell - District 23, St. Margaret's Bay-Prospect, were duly sworn in.

Deputy Mayor Greenough then went on to explain that the North West Community Council was the first Community Council to seize the opportunity provided within the Halifax Regional Municipality Act to establish a Community Council. He outlined the powers and duties of North West Community Council.

The newly sworn-in members of North West Community Council then took the opportunity to make opening remarks regarding the formation of the Community Council.

3. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

**MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Mitchell that Councillor Harvey be nominated as Chairman.**

As there were no further nominations, Councillor Harvey was declared Chairman and took the Chair.

Councillor Harvey thanked his colleagues for their trust and gave a short history of the former Sackville Community Committee/Council. Following this, the meeting went into recess for a Reception at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

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

The Clerk advised of the following additions to the Agenda:

Correspondence: Congratulatory Letter from Councillor Cooper, District 4  
Letter from Theresa Scratch re Community Councils

**MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Barnet to approve the Order of Business, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Harvey, at a later point in the meeting, added an additional item, that of a letter from Donald Currie, Principal, Gertrude Parker Elementary School.

5. **ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE**

**MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Rankin that the Rules of Procedure as circulated be adopted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. **ADOPTION OF MEETING SCHEDULE**

**MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Mitchell that the Meeting Schedule as circulated to the end of August, 1996 be adopted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

On a question from the Chair as to plans for advertising the meetings dates and places, it was agreed to make use of newsletters, community centres, Libraries and Cable Announcements. Consideration would also be given to placing advertisements in the various local newspapers. Councillors were asked to contact the Clerk's Office with suggestions.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

### 7.1 Correspondence

7.1.1 **MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell to receive a letter of congratulations dated May 22, 1996 from Councillor Cooper, District 4 on the success of North West Community Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7.1.2 **MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Barnet to receive a copy of a letter dated May 22, 1996 from Theresa Scratch to John Cameron, Chair, Municipal Legislation Review Committee regarding the importance of Community Councils. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7.1.3 **MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Kelly to receive a letter dated May 15, 1996 addressed to Councillor Harvey from Donald Currie, Principal, Gertrude Parker Elementary School requesting consideration for a new crosswalk and crossing guard in the vicinity of Gertrude Parker School. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOVED BY Councillors Barnet and Kelly that the letter be acknowledged, that the request be forwarded to the appropriate member of staff and that copies be made available for Community Council members. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 8. REPORTS

### 8.1 Planning Advisory Committee

Mr. Bill Butler, Manager, Planning Services, Central District reviewed the existing situation with respect to Planning Advisory Committees - four of the six previous Planning Advisory Committees would function within the North West region: Bedford, Sackville, Western and the Beaver Bank area, which was part of Municipal Planning Advisory Committee. His recommendation was that there should be one Planning Advisory Committee appointed to serve North West Community Council. He outlined the benefits of his recommendation.

It was the intention to have a report prepared for the next meeting outlining options and procedures, if Community Council wished.

Councillor Kelly requested time to review the staff report as he had concerns about the recommendation.

Councillor Rankin stated he also wanted the benefit of other options for the short term at least, as there might be merits for sub-committees for Bedford, Sackville and the Western area. This option should be included in the staff report.

**MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Rankin to refer back to staff pending a written report for Community Council for consideration. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. **MOTIONS** - None

10. **ADDED ITEMS** - None

11. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

11.1 Councillor Barnet served Notice of Motion that at the next meeting of Community Council to be held on June 12, 1996, he proposed to move a formal response to John Cameron's letter from the Municipal Legislation Review Committee.

12. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Maureen Bartlett submitted a copy of a letter dated May 23, 1996 she had written to John Cameron, Chair, Municipal Legislation Review Committee in support of Community Councils. She also spoke in support of Community Councils. Community Council members agreed to receive the correspondence.

Ms. Theresa Scratch extended congratulations to Community Council and spoke in support of Community Councils.

Mr. Walter Regan, speaking of behalf of himself and Sackville Rivers Association, raised the following points:

- He spoke in favour of Community Councils. Residents of Sackville had been promised a Community Council and he did not want to see a flip flop by the provincial government. He suggested that the name of Halifax Regional Municipality should be changed to "The Municipality of Chebucto". In reply to Mr. Regan's suggestion regarding the change in name, Councillor Harvey stated it was

possible for the name to be changed without approval by the provincial government. Certainly this could be taken under consideration.

- He asked if there would be a job created in the budget for the new Regional Municipality for the position of Topsoil By-law Enforcement Officer. In response, Councillor Harvey requested that the question be directed to the appropriate staff for an answer.
- He asked if it would be possible, under the new Regional Municipality, to have garbage cans installed in the Cobequid/Glendale/Beaverbank/Sackville Drive square area as he has been asking for these for a number of years. In response, it was agreed to refer the question to the Commissioner of Regional Operations.
- He asked for support for a provincial park at Second Lake from the North West Community Council. In response, Councillor Harvey stated he would like the members of Community Council who are not familiar with the issue to be able to familiarize themselves with it. He suggested that a presentation on the whole issue could be scheduled for a future Agenda.
- He asked when the RCMP Bike Patrol would begin for the summer season. Inspector Elliott, RCMP Sackville Detachment was in attendance and advised it would start as soon as school is finished.
- He asked if there was going to be another sale of composters. Mr. Regan was told it was quite likely there would be another sale.

Mr. Mike Gray spoke in favour of Community Councils.

Mr. Ron McKinnon raised the following points:

- He spoke in favour of Community Councils and recommended a liaison Councillor for sub-committees.
- He asked if a sidewalk priority list would be continued. In response, Councillor Harvey stated there would be more information available once the budget process starts.

Mr. Frank Sutherland spoke in support of Community Councils. He encouraged going back to Halifax Regional Council requesting support for the cause of Community Councils.

Ms. Anne Merritt spoke in support of Community Councils.

13. NEXT MEETING - JUNE 12, 1996 IN BEDFORD AT BOARD OF TRADE  
OFFICES - MEZZANINE LEVEL - SUNNYSIDE MALL
14. ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED** by Councillors Rankin and Mitchell to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Vi Carmichael  
Municipal Clerk

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