

PENINSULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

November 9, 2009

PRESENT: Councillor Sue Uteck, Chair  
Councillor Dawn Sloane  
Councillor Jennifer Watts  
Councillor Jerry Blumenthal

STAFF: Ms. Karen Brown, Senior Solicitor  
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Watts that the minutes of October 5, 2009 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Deletion:

- 8.2.1 Variance #15631: Appeal of the Development Officer's Refusal of a Variance at 1670 Robie Street.

Addition:

- 12.1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2010

The agenda was accepted as revised.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES / STATUS SHEET:**

**4.1 Status Sheet**

**4.1.1 Neighbourhood Downzoning**

No update. This item is to remain on the Status Sheet

**4.1.2 Presentation - Halifax Peninsula Community Health Board**

Councillor Uteck advised that the next Regional Council agenda has a report pertaining to HRM getting its first hospice, therefore, this item could be removed from Status Sheet.

**4.1.3 Mitchell's Enviro Depot Update**

Councillor Sloane advised that the property has not been sold but that environmental remediation was being carried out. This item is to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.4 CN Property Maintenance**

No update. This item is to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.5 Peninsula Place Flooding**

No update. This item is to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.6 Litter Receptacles in the area of Robie/North/Agricola/Almon**

No update. The Chair requested the Legislative Assistant follow up with staff for a status report.

**4.17 Pedestrian Walk Light in the Urban Core**

This item was added to the Status Sheet.

Councillor Watts noted that she raised this matter at the last meeting, and requested a report from staff. She advised that she would like it on the Status Sheet until a staff report is received.

**5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION: None**

**6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION: None**

**7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS: None**

**8. HEARINGS:**

**8.1 Public Hearings: None**

**8.2 Variance Appeal Hearings:**

**8.2.1 Variance #15631: Appeal of the Development Officer's Refusal of a Variance at 1670 Robie Street.**

This item was deleted from the agenda during the Approval of the Order of Business.

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

**9.1 Correspondence: None**

**9.2 Petitions: None**

**9.3 Presentations: None**

**10. REPORTS:**

**10.1 Staff Reports: None**

**10.2 Committee Reports:**

**10.2.1 District 12 Planning Advisory Committee: Case 01309: Rezoning - 5247 Morris Street, Halifax (First Reading)**

- A report dated October 27, 2009 was submitted from the Vice Chair of the

District 12 Planning Advisory Committee, with an attached staff report dated October 6, 2009.

**MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that Peninsula Community Council give First Reading of the proposed rezoning as set out in Attachment A of the October 6, 2009 staff report and schedule a public hearing for December 14, 2009. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Community Council agreed to deal with the following item at this time:

**12. ADDED ITEMS:**

**12.1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2010**

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Councillor Blumenthal be nominated as Peninsula Community Council Chair for 2010. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

With no further nominations, Councillor Blumenthal was declared Chair.

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that Councillor Sloane be nominated as Vice Chair for 2010. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

With no further nominations, Councillor Sloane was declared Vice Chair.

At 7:06 p.m. Councillor Blumenthal retired from the meeting.

**10.3 Members of Peninsula Community Council:**

**10.3.1 Creation of a Transit Advisory Committee of PCC**

Councillor Watts asked for Community Council's consideration in establishing a Transit Advisory Committee which would assist Community Council in giving shape to how transit will be developed and considered on the Peninsula in the upcoming years. For example, she referred to the Peninsula Corridor study and advised that Community Council has received some information on it but not a lot, and she pointed out that there are funding requests to support this study and implications around the widening around Bayers Road. Citing another example, Councillor Watts advised that the Metro Transit Plan itself has serious implications for the Peninsula, particularly in regard to the Downtown Shuttle and the closure of some streets to vehicular traffic by having them as transit-only lanes. In summary, Councillor Watts advised that she would like the proposed committee to consider the broader issues around transit and how best to meet the transit needs on the Peninsula.

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Peninsula Community Council recommend establishing a Transit Advisory Committee for the purpose of considering the broader issues around transit and how best to meet the transit needs on the Peninsula. The Committee would report to**

**Peninsula Community Council.**

The Chair suggested that the request be sent to Cathy Mellet in the Municipal Clerk's Office. She explained that at the Regional Council meeting to be held the next day, staff would be providing a presentation on a review of Regional Council's committee structure, and that this request should be forwarded to her to see how it would work in with the that review.

Councillor Sloane indicated her support for the idea, advising that urban, suburban, and rural areas have different needs and different ridership concerns, and that she felt the Peninsula was being treated as if it were a suburb in this regard.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

11. **MOTIONS:** None

12. **ADDED ITEMS:**

12.1 **Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2010**

This item had been dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 6.

13. **NOTICES OF MOTION:**

13.1 Councillor Watts gave notice that, at the next regular Peninsula Community Council meeting, to be held Monday, December 14, 2009 I propose to request a staff report on the Halifax Commons which would include an analysis of the 2 concerts this past summer (economic analysis of the concerts and impact on regular users of the commons due to field closures); an outline of the plans currently in place to make upgrades to the Commons (electrical power sources, trail enhancement, etc.) and the status of sources of funding for these projects; and an update on when the review of the Master Plan for the Halifax Commons will take place involving public participation and consultation.

13.2 Councillor Watts gave notice that, at the next regular Peninsula Community Council meeting, to be held Monday, December 14, 2009 I intend to move a motion that Peninsula Community Council request staff open a planning application to consult with the public, address any potential issues (e.g. separation distances, number of hens, prohibition of roosters) and, if appropriate, draft amendments to the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law to permit backyard laying hens.

14. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No one came forward to address Community Council during Public Participation.

15. **NEXT MEETING** - December 14, 2009

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds  
Legislative Assistant