



**HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
December 16, 2015**

PRESENT: Councillor Stephen Adams, Chair
Councillor Reg Rankin, Vice Chair
Councillor Waye Mason
Councillor Jennifer Watts
Councillor Russell Walker

REGRETS: Councillor Linda Mosher

STAFF: Mr. Andrew Reid, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., and adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 3rd floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. TABLING OF 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The following document was before Community Council:

- A staff report dated December 7, 2015.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Rankin

THAT Halifax and West Community Council accept the 2015 Annual Report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- Public Participation for 2015 Annual Report

The Chair explained to members in the audience that this particular item was for the annual report. He called three times for any speakers to come forward. Public participation held and closed. There were no speakers present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 18, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Rankin

THAT the minutes of November 18, 2015 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

17.1 Councillor Rankin - Birch Cove Lakes Blue Mountain

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Walker that Item 17.1 be added to the agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Watts

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-thirds vote majority required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

8. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

9. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

10. **NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE**

11. **HEARINGS – NONE**

12. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

12.1 **Correspondence**

12.2 **Petitions**

12.3 **Presentation**

13. **INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

14. **REPORTS**

14.1 **STAFF**

14.1.1 **Case 20072: Amendments to Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Planning District 5, 786 and 792 Old Sambro Road, Harrietsfield**

The following was before Community Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 24, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax and West Community Council recommend that Regional Council:

1. Give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Planning District 5 as set out in Attachments A and B of the report dated November 24, 2015 and schedule a public hearing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.1.2 **Case 19695: Development Agreement to Permit a Change in Use to a Non-Conforming Use at 1210/1222 Henry Street, Halifax**

The following was before Community Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 27, 2015
- A memorandum from the Chair of the Districts 7 & 8 Planning Advisory Committee dated September 29, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax and West Community Council:

1. Give Notice of Motion to consider the proposed development agreement, as described in Attachment A of the report dated November 27, 2015, to permit a change in use to a non-conforming use at 1210-22 Henry Street, Halifax, and to schedule a Public Hearing.

Public hearing scheduled for January 19, 2016.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.1.3 Case 19857: LUB Amendment (Schedule L) and Development Agreement for 3085-3077 Oxford Street and 6393-6387 Young Street, Halifax

The following was before Community Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 27, 2015
- A memorandum from the Chair of the Districts 7 & 8 Planning Advisory Committee dated July 28, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax and West Community Council:

1. Give First Reading to consider approval of the proposed amendment to Map ZM-2 of the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law, as contained in Attachment A of the report dated November 27, 2015, to include the lands at 3085-3077 Oxford Street and 6393-6387 Young Street, Halifax, in Schedule L, and schedule a public hearing;

2. Give Notice of Motion to consider the proposed development agreement, as contained in Attachment B of the report dated November 27, 2015, to allow for a mixed-use development and schedule a public hearing. The public hearing for the development agreement shall be held concurrently with that indicated in Recommendation 1.

Councillor Watts questioned if there was a redundancy in the development agreement regarding Section 3.3.3 and 3.3.4 relative to Section 5.1(a). She proposed that Section 5.1(a) be removed, as it was covered by the previous stated Sections. She requested that the issue be noted in the minutes and addressed at the public hearing.

Ms. MacLellan responded that Sections 3.3.4 allowed for a flexibility of the types units, while Section 5.1(a) allowed for an increase in the overall number of units, above the 29 units permitted. Ms MacLellan indicated she would further discuss the matter with applicant and confirmed amending that section would not require a second public hearing.

Public hearing scheduled for January 19, 2016.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.1.4 Proposed 2016 Meeting Schedule

The following was before Community Council:

- Draft 2016 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax and West Community Council approve the 2016 Meeting schedule as amended.

Councillor Watts requested a friendly amendment that the October 18th date be removed. A further friendly amendment was agreed upon by the Council that a March 29th meeting be added to the schedule.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.2 Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee

14.2.1 Weekend Bicycle Access to Point Pleasant Park

The following was before Community Council:

- A recommendation report from the Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee dated November 6, 2015.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts

THAT Halifax and West Community Council request a staff report to examine the possibility of weekend bicycle access to Point Pleasant Park and to discuss the matter with the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. MOTIONS

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

16.1 Approval of In Camera Minutes – November 18, 2015

This matter was dealt with in open session.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Halifax and West Community Council approve the In Camera Minutes of November 18, 2015 as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17. ADDED ITEMS

17.1 Councillor Rankin – Blue Mountain Birch Cove

MOVED Rankin, seconded by Councillor that Walker

THAT Halifax and West Community Council requests the report referenced at the October 28, 2014 Regional Council meeting regarding the Birch Cove Lakes Blue Mountain return to Regional Council for consideration by the end of January, 2016.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

This motion was provided to staff for follow up.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

19. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. John Moore, of Castlehill Dr., stated concern for the infrastructure of road networks approaching Maskwa from Hamshaw Drive and Saskatoon Avenue. He stated that he represented 1,000 residents of Maskwa. He highlighted residents' concerns regarding the construction of the road and its deterioration due to increased traffic. He stated the situation was worsening and suggested that regular maintenance was required. He alluded to potential problems in Kearney Lake that were now occurring at Lake Banook.

Mr. Jim Gates spoke regarding Fire Services, describing the service standard for Fire Services adopted by Regional Council in February 2006, and voicing concern for removing staff from the Lady Hammond Road station.

Mr. Brenden Marr spoke regarding Fire Services, describing straight time overtime and staffing at fire stations. Mr. Marr stated support for increasing staffing to guarantee 4 person firefighting teams.

Mr. Nicholas Mayhew spoke regarding Fire Services, highlighting that service delivery does not reflect population density on the Halifax peninsula. He stated that certain stations referred to as redundant were vital.

Ms. Heather Langley, resident of Woodworth Crescent, spoke regarding Fire Services, stating that 911 services from Station 4 - Lady Hammond provided to nearby facilities were important and it was vital the station be capable of providing those services.

Mr. Ken McCleod, Kearney Lake Road, voiced concern for the Larry Uteck and Kearney Lake Road intersection. He suggested that the intersection be evaluated by staff.

Mr. Christian Ruel spoke on Fire Services. He indicated he lived in Station 4's response area and stated Halifax peninsula was not comparable with Dartmouth due to building form. He stated concern for potential volunteer staffing issues and response time.

Mr. Tony Manning spoke regarding Fire Services. He stated concern for response time and volunteer service. He stated concern for multiple calls and the importance of getting firetrucks on scene quickly.

Councillor Rankin left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Mike Slater spoke on Fire Services, highlighting the importance of response times in terms of saving lives. He recounted an incident of responding to calls in the South End and stated that traffic heavily affected response times. Mr. Slater highlighted the large difference between rural and urban firefighters.

Ms. Sherry Dean spoke regarding Fire Services. She highlighted the training regime of volunteer firefighters in comparison to career firefighters.

Mr. Dewer MacDougall spoke regarding Fire Services, volunteer and career firefighters. He stated concern for the recent proposal for changes to staffing. He requested the Pomox study and Auditor General reports be read carefully.

Mr. Kevin Dean spoke regarding Fire Services, highlighting the difference between volunteer and career firefighters in terms of training and response time.

Mr. Jack MacDonald spoke on Fire Services, highlighting the importance of four person firefighter teams for responding to emergencies. He requested the whole municipality be considered and not by district.

Mr. Nick Hantoft spoke regarding Fire Services, highlighting the direct cost resulting from emergencies in medical terms and cost to society. He described the challenges of higher structures and buildings without sprinkler systems and the task of moving vulnerable residents.

Mr. Dan White spoke regarding Fire Services, questioning the redeployment plan and the concept of overlap and redundancy. He stated that overlap was essential to fire service.

The Chair called three times for any additional speakers.

Ms. Marianne McGraw, of Hamshaw Drive, raised concerns made at previous meeting. She requested the conditions of the road be addressed.

The Chair called for any further speakers. He thanked those who spoke this evening.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 19, 2016

21. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Andrew Reid
Legislative Assistant