

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**MINUTES**

**September 18, 2006**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Terry Myer, Chair  
Mr. Helen Cianfaglione  
Mr. Mary Wallworth  
Mr. Gary Russell  
Councillor Murphy  
Councillor Gary Meade  
Ms. Mary Wallworth

**REGRETS:** Mr. Kevin Bulley  
Mr. Betty Macdonald

**STAFF:** Ms. Tatajana Zazetalo  
Ms. Stephanie Parsons, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m in Halifax Hall.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - June 19, 2006**

It was noted that Ms. Wallworth's name was under regrets and present. She was not present at the June 19, 2006 meeting.

**MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Ms. Cianfagione, that the minutes of the June 19, 2006 meeting be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

The Committee agreed to move item 6.1 to be the first order of business. The agenda was accepted as amended.

**6.1.1 Mainland Common Community Center**

- A copy of a PowerPoint presentation entitled Sharing Our Vision for a Mainland Community Center was before the Committee.

Ms. Margaret Soley, Manager, Facility Development, HRM, Mr. Terry Gallagher, Co-ordinator Capital Projects, Buildings, HRM and Ms. Betty Watson Borg - YMCA provided an overview of the Mainland Common Community Center. A copy of the presentation is on file. During the presentation the following was noted:

- The Community Center is a joint project with the YMCA of Greater Halifax Dartmouth and HRM;
- The design of the building will incorporate features of best practices such as natural light, energy efficiency, maximization of space, security and accessibility;
- A holistic approach to programs and services will be taken;
- Proposed spaces include, aquatics, health and fitness, indoor track, gym and multipurpose rooms;
- The Center will be open seven days a week 5:30 a.m. -10:00 p.m.

The Committee was advised that they can get involved by attending community focus groups, endorsing the shared vision and responding to the marketing survey in October.

In the presenters' concluding remarks they advised that in the fall of 2006 they will be conducting focus group session, marketing surveys and fund-raising campaign. They intend to break ground in 2007 and open the center in 2008.

The following concerns/suggestions were noted by the Committee

- Ensure adequate service of access a bus as currently Metro Transit roads cannot drive down the existing road;
- Ensure that people from different social economic status can participated;
- Install community effort and ensure various cultural activities;
- Suggested an amateur radio station;
- Include universal design principles and programs for person with disabilities;
- When designing the building keep in mind what you will have 10 years from now;
- Hire youth for part time positions at the center i.e. programming, cleaning.

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

##### **4.1 Discussion on Disabilities Act**

A discussion ensued regarding a Disabilities Act for Nova Scotia and whether or not there is a need. It was suggested that the Committee invite various groups and stakeholders to the next meeting to obtain input and see what they in vision for the future for persons with Disabilities.

It was also suggested that Mr. Hubley be invited to the next meeting to discuss the sidewalk renewal program and various other issues.

#### **5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

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

##### **6.1 Presentation**

##### **6.1.1 Mainland Common Community Center**

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting, refer to page 3.

#### **7. REPORTS - NONE**

#### **8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE**

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date is scheduled for October 16, 2006

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:00p.m.

Stephanie Parsons  
Legislative Assistant