

**Western Common Wilderness Advisory Committee  
General Meeting 004  
Minutes**

**Date:** September 10, 2007

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Lakeside Community Recreation Centre

**Present:** Darrell Cooling, Alan Kitz, William Matheson, Blake Maybank, Susan Smith, Dusan Soudek, Concillor Reg Rankin, Peter Bigelow(HRM), Jan Skora(HRM), Doug Branscombe(HRM), Michael Wile(HRM),

**Regrets:** Philip Cochrane, Michael Lamplugh, Lorne Logan, Kelly Morrissey, Jane Sears,  
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**1.0 Approval of the Agenda of September 10, 2007 Meeting 004**

The proposed Agenda of the September 10, 2007 Meeting 004 was approved as presented. No changes or additions have been proposed.

**2.0 Approval of the Agenda and Minutes from July 30, 2007 meeting**

The Western Common Wilderness Advisory Committee Minutes from July 30, 2007, Meeting 003 has been approved as presented.

**3.0 Planning and development initiatives for Business Campus located in Western Common**

The development and planning initiatives for Business Campus located in the Western Common area have been presented by Michael Wile, Manager of HRM Business Parks. During the presentation it was indicated that a concept plan and a preliminary design for the future road system in this area have been developed. The design provides a general configuration of the transportation system and disposition of the potential areas suitable and capable to accommodate business and other type of development. At this point the designated land has not a site specific or recommended uses. The available land is not designated for any particular Business Park form of development. All this will be determined in context of the future market demand and business objectives for this area. Currently, HRM is undertaking a regional review of the business park needs and opportunities. As a result of this study more specific vision for this land will be established. It was indicated that the current vision is to establish a light industrial and high tech industrial uses in this area. All these uses will be generally compatible with the primary objectives adopted for the surrounding land. The uses will also be compatible to the environmental features(waterways) of this area. All specific decisions pertaining land uses in this area will be consulted with Wilderness Common Master Plan.

#### **4.0 Brookside Recreation Centre**

An update to the progress of the planning process has been presented by Jan Skora. It was indicated that at the last meeting of the project design team a site plan was evaluated. All staff recommendations pertaining context and requirements of Western Common Concept Plan have been incorporated to the proposed site plan and the preliminary design of the building. The detail presentation of the project will be presented at the September 26, 2007 meeting.

#### **5.0 Terms of Reference for Western Common Wilderness Advisory Committee**

The new draft of the document was presented by staff for the review and discussion. The revised version of the document was recommended for approval by Bill Matheson, Chair of WCWAC. The document was approved with no changes or revisions.

#### **6.0 Exploration of the waterways in area of the Wilderness Common.**

It was proposed by Dusan Soudek Vice Chair of WCWAC that a canoe trip(s) will be organised to Big Indian Lake and MacDonald Lake located in Wilderness Common area. The primary objective of this trip will be to evaluate current recreation values of the major waterways located in this area. The coordination of this trip with members of the WCWAC will be done by Dusan Soudek.

#### **7.0 New Business and date for next meeting**

It was proposed by WCWAC members that the next meeting will take place in Lakeside Community Recreation Centre. The proposed date of the meeting is September 26, 2007. The time and location will be confirmed by staff. No new business issues were identified.

It was indicated by staff that the next meeting will include presentation of Brookside Recreation Centre project and Chebucto Peninsula open space study.

#### **8.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M..