

HERRING COVE ADVISORY STEERING COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 20, 2011

PRESENT:           Mr. Brian Dempsey, Chair  
                      Mr. Roy Dempsey  
                      Mr. Ed Dempsey  
                      Mr. Gerard Fagan  
                      Mr. Wallace Scallion  
                      Mr. John Greer  
                      Mr. Ross Heimpel

REGRETS:           Councillor Stephen Adams  
                      Mr. Don Martin

STAFF:             Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Dempsey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Community Room of the Captain William Spry Centre, 10 Kidston Road, Spryfield.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

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

Additions: 8.1 William King Elementary School Playground

**MOVED by Mr. Roy Dempsey, seconded by Mr. John Greer, that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

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

**6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE**

**7. REPORTS**

**7.1 Final Stage of the Herring Cove Sewer and Water Development**

Mr. Dempsey provided a verbal overview of the Herring Cove Sewer and Water Development project from commencement to the present. He noted that the project was to be done in three phases with no interruption. Due to the higher than expected cost for Phases 1 and 2, Phase 3 has not been done. Some funding had been obtained and a meeting was held by HRM staff in the Spring of 2010 but no update has been provided.

**MOVED by Mr. Ed Dempsey, seconded by Mr. Roy Dempsey that the Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee recommend that the Western Region Community Council request an update on the Herring Cove Sewer and Water Project that would include a response to the following concerns:**

- 1. The project was to be done in three phases with no delay between phases. Why is the project not complete and what is the reason for the delay?**
- 2. Is Legal Action to be taken in regard to the project not being completed in three uninterrupted phases as promised.**
- 3. Clarification to be provided in regard to the financing of the project and an explanation as to why the funding “ran out” after Phase 2 and what is being done to obtain financing to complete Phase 3.**

4. **What are the alternatives to underground infrastructure for sewer services that could be introduced for development in rocky areas?**
5. **When and where will the water tower be installed?**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **7.2 New Herring Cove Fire Hall**

Mr. Dempsey advised that the new Fire Hall will be completed by the end of February 2011. An update on the project's status was received from Mr. Mike MacDonald, Project Manager, Facilities Planning, Infrastructure and Asset Management, as follows:

- the interior finishes are being installed: painting, flooring, ceiling tile, etc.
- new HRM water and sanitary services have been connected to the existing fire station/community building
- the existing water well and septic field have been decommissioned; a water sample has been scheduled to be conducted to ensure potable water meets drinking water standards
- construction is currently on schedule to be substantially complete by February 28, 2011.

## **7.3 Herring Cove Recreation and Community Services**

**MOVED by Mr. Wallace Scallion, seconded by Mr. Ed Dempsey that the Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee recommend that the Western Region Community Council request that HRM combine the funding that would be used to demolish the existing Fire Hall and the funding that would be used to rebuild the Fire Hall/Station to save the existing structure for use as a Community Centre.**

The Committee requested that the existing Fire Hall and Community Centre be incorporated and that the Community Centre be renovated for use. It was proposed that the existing bays of the Fire Station could be used as storage for recreation equipment such as Lifeguard material that would also assist the Latters Lake project.

The community of Herring Cove is ready to move forward with various community initiatives such as Senior and Youth programs/activities that would be organized by a Community Centre Board of Directors with various Sub-Committees such as: a Social Committee, Fundraising Committee, Recreation Committee and others. There are approximately 100 residents ready to volunteer their time to these Community initiatives and are only lacking a Community Centre to fulfill these goals. The intent is for the Community Centre to be self-sufficient through fundraising efforts and programs / services that could be offered for a fee such as cooking classes. The Committee requested that HRM negotiate an agreement with the Community Centre similar to the agreement between HRM and the Spryfield Lions Rink.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **7.4 Latters Lake Park Development**

Mr. Dempsey explained that efforts are being made to move the swimming hole off the Herring Cove Road to Latters Lake. Phase 1 of the project would include a parking area as there will eventually be nature trails around the entire lake and future plans for potential winter recreation activities. Most of the land surrounding the lake is parkland with one portion being privately owned; it may be possible to obtain a right of way or easement over that property. A sum of \$100,000 is available for the park development from HRM and local Councillor Steve Adams. HRM staff are not pleased with the engineering aspect, however; the Committee has not received further information.

The Committee requested an update on the Latters Lake project.

#### **7.5 Improvements to Herring Cove Breakwater**

Mr. Dempsey provided a detailed, verbal background of the Herring Cove Breakwater matter. He advised that a letter had been sent from Councillor Adams, at the Committee's request, asking that HRM commence negotiations to assume ownership of the breakwater. No update has been received.

**MOVED by Mr. John Greer, seconded by Mr. Gerard Fagan that the Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee recommend that the Western Region Community Council request that HRM:**

- 1. Commence negotiations to take municipal ownership of the Herring Cove Breakwater, and;**
- 2. Negotiate a Management Agreement with the Community of Herring Cove, similar to the Spyfield Lions Rink agreement, in regard to decision making and upkeep of the Breakwater.**
- 3. Provide clarification on the issue of Liability if HRM were to take ownership of the Breakwater considering that the Government Wharf would be in close proximity as well as the federally owned and maintained Navigation Light.**
- 4. Provide alternative options to financing the maintenance/upkeep of the Breakwater, including exploring contributions from other levels of government/organizations, rather than implementing an area rate at this time.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **7.6 Other: Herring Cove Area Settlement and Servicing Strategy – Proposed Amendments**

Mr. Dempsey advised that HRM staff is reviewing the *Herring Cove Area Settlement and Servicing Strategy* document and will be bringing forward amendments. Since the

document was intended to ensure that the traditional fishing village character of Herring Cove was maintained, and considering that there had been a recent misinterpretation of the document in regard to a proposed development, the Committee requested that they be provided an opportunity to review the proposed amendments and offer comment.

**MOVED by Mr. Roy Dempsey, seconded by Mr. Wallace Scallion that the Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee recommend that the Western Region Community Council request HRM Staff to present the proposed revisions to the Herring Cove Area Settlement and Servicing Strategy to the Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee prior to presenting to the community and that the Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee be permitted to put forward additional or alternative revisions. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **8. ADDED ITEMS**

### **8.1 William King Elementary School Playground Committee Request**

Ms. Jennifer Stewart, Member of the William King Elementary School Playground Committee, requested a letter of endorsement from the Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee in regard to the new Playground Project for the William King Elementary School senior children. The cost for the new playground is estimated at \$55,000 to \$60,000. In regard to financing/fundraising, Ms. Stewart explained that HRM would provide up to \$30,000 if the playground project were to go ahead. Councillor Adams has committed \$7500 for the project and the Playground Committee has raised \$2500 in the last few months.

Mr. Dempsey requested that Ms. Stewart have the Playground Committee forward a letter to him outlining their request.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Chris Newson  
Legislative Assistant