

HARBOUR EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

March 6, 2008

PRESENT: Councillor Andrew Younger, Chair  
Councillor Harry McInroy  
Councillor Jim Smith  
Councillor Gloria McCluskey  
Councillor Jackie Barkhouse

REGRETS: Councillor Bill Karsten

STAFF: Ms. Melody Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting of Harbour East Community Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 7, 2008**

**MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Smith that the minutes of Harbour East Community Council February 7, 2008, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**Added Items:**

13.1 Case 000951: Development Agreement for 155 Ochterloney Street Downtown Dartmouth

13.2 Highfield Park and Pedestrian Overpass

**MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Barkhouse that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

An update of the status report was discussed.

**5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

**6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE**

**7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 Closure of Pleasant Street Sobeys**

Councillor Barkhouse advised Council that she has been contacted by members of the community concerned about the closing of the Pleasant Street Sobeys store.

**MOVED BY Councillor Barkhouse, seconded by Councillor Smith that Harbour East Community Council send a letter to Sobeys expressing the concerns of the community.**

**9. HEARINGS - NONE**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**10.1 Correspondence**

**10.2 Petitions**

**10.3 Presentations**

**10.3.1 Canal Greenway and Sullivans Pond Banook Studies**

Mr. Rudy Vodika, Coordinator, Real Property Policy, provided a presentation on the Canal Greenway and Sullivans Pond/Banook Study. Mr. Peter Bigelow regrets that he is unable to attend the Harbour East Community Council due to illness.

**Canal Greenway Phase II - Coordinated Open Space Development Plan**

**MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor McInroy, that Harbour East Community Council:**

- 1. Approve the Canal Greenway Phase II - Coordinated Open Space Development Plan as the preferred direction for the public lands associated with the Starr Property.**
- 2. Forward this information to Regional Council to inform their discussions with respect to the five year Capital Plan.**

Councillor McCluskey asked if there was any discussion with Sobeys regarding a land exchange. Mr. Vodika advised that this was not discussed specifically for the park area, although there was some previous dialogue with Sobeys as they contemplated the use of their property. HRM staff will continue land discussions with Sobeys.

Councillor Younger stressed the need to have the architectural features exposed. Mr. Vodika replied that the site will be kept open and it will be properly landscaped.

Councillor Younger noted that there are members of Shubie Canal Commission attending Community Council this evening.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**Sullivans Pond Banook Masterplan Report**

**MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Barkhouse, that Harbour East Community Council:**

- 1. Approve the Sullivans Pond and Lake Banook: Masterplan Report in principal as the preferred direction for the public lands and park properties in this area.**
- 2. Forward the study information to Regional Council for capital consideration**

**in support of the 2008 Nationals and the 2009 World Canoe Championships.**

Councillor McCluskey advised of the importance of getting this project started.

Councillor Younger questioned if there are plans for cost sharing through the sewer project. Mr. Dunphy, Director, Community Development, advised that this would be cost recovery and that the sewer is primarily in Burnside. The trail project is factored in the cost recovery.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.3.2 Canoe 09 World Senior Canoe Championships Organizing Team**

Mr. Frank Garner, General Manager with the 2009 World Senior Canoe Championships, provided a presentation on the progress for the upcoming 2009 World Senior Canoe Championships. Mr. Garner introduced persons who are attending this evening involved with preparation of upcoming and past canoe events.

Upcoming future events include:  
2008 National CanoeKayak Championships  
2009 World CanoeKayak Championships

**MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Mr. Frank Garner provide the presentation to regarding the Canoe 09 World Senior Canoe Championships to Regional Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11. REPORTS - NONE**

**12. MOTIONS - NONE**

**13. ADDED ITEMS**

**13.1 Case 00951: Development Agreement for 155 Ochterloney Street Downtown Dartmouth**

A report dated February 14, 2008 was before Council.

This is an application by Heritage Credit Union for a development agreement to permit a drive-through Automated Bank Machine at 155 Ochterloney Street, Downtown Dartmouth.

**MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Barkhouse that Harbour East Community Council:**

- 1. Move Notice of Motion to consider a development agreement as provided in Attachment A to this report and schedule a public hearing for April 3, 2008.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **13.2 Highfield Park and Pedestrian Overpass**

Mr. Dave McCusker, Manager, Regional Transportation, presented the staff report to Council. One of the alternative directions before Council is an overpass at the Burnside location. Mr. McCusker advised Council that one overpass could be built this year, with the remaining two in future years.

Councillor McInroy added that the highway in question is a provincial highway and should fall under Provincial jurisdiction.

Upon discussion, Council agreed that the best alternative at this time is to build the overpass at Burnside Drive.

Correspondence was received from Mr. Sean Patrick O'Boyle, Chair of Buses, Bikes and Carpools Committee, Greater Burnside Business Association, endorsing three overpasses being built across Highway 111.

**MOVED BY Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor McInroy that Harbour East Community Council:**

- 1. Endorse a strategy which would result in three pedestrian overpasses being built, the first priority being an overpass at Burnside Drive location.**
- 2. Any cost savings from #2 (425 x1/2-400K) should be allocated to future overpass construction or trail development on Burnside Drive.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - NONE**

### **13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Dr. Jake O'Connor, Shubie Canal Commission, advised in regard to the Canal Greenway & Sullivans Pond Banook Studies that it is very important and of urgency that the history and heritage be protected and the uniqueness of the area be preserved.

Mr. Tim Olive, Executive Director of the Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission, provided a presentation objecting to any change in the height restriction in Dartmouth Crossing. The DDBC requests that Harbour East Community Council follow the recommendation of senior planning staff and deny the application to amend the MPS and LUB to accommodate the height restriction application.

Mr. Shalom Mandeville, Founder of Soil Water Conservation provided an update regarding shallow lakes.

Mr. David Paske that he would like to see a restored or replica canal boat be put on the trolley at the Shubie Canal.

**15. NEXT MEETING**

Next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Melody Campbell  
Legislative Assistant