

HARBOUR EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

February 4, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Gloria McCluskey, Chair
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Bill Karsten
Councillor Jackie Barkhouse
Councillor Jim Smith
Councillor Darren Fisher

STAFF: Ms. Roxanne MacLaurin, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Melody Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor McCluskey called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Smith.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 14, 2010

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Fisher, that the minutes of January 14, 2010, as presented be approved.

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

Additions:

- 12.1 Presentation - Crosswalk Flags & Pedestrian Safety
- 12.2 Information Item #2 - Parking on Residential Streets Close to Nova Scotia Community Council - Councillor Barkhouse
- 12.3 Composition of the Boundaries of the Harbour East Community Council - Councillor Smith

MOVED by Councillor Barkhouse, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Status Sheet Review

4.1.1 Street Parking Close to Nova Scotia Community College

Information report received. To remain on the status sheet.

4.1.2 Planning Process for Group Homes

Information report received. To be removed from the status sheet.

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

8. HEARINGS

8.1 Public Hearings

8.1.1 Case 01346: Development Agreement - 657 Portland Street, Dartmouth

- A report dated December 16, 2009 was before Council.

Mr. Darrell Joudrey, Planner, presented the report to Council.

Mr. Joudrey provided clarification that the sign noted in the staff report is 3x6 not 8x10 as noted in the report.

In response to a question by Councillor Karsten, Mr. Joudrey advised that the 3x6 sign is a dark blue, plastic back lit sign.

In response to a question from Councillor McCluskey, Mr. Joudrey advised that you can enter from the right off Portland Street but only exit the premises from Carver Street.

Councillor McCluskey called for those wishing to speak in favour of or opposition to the proposal.

Mr. Nathan Rogers, Terrain Group, addressed Council advising that the existing trees will remain on the site. He added that provision has been made for eight parking stalls at the rear of the building. Fencing will be installed as a barrier to neighbouring residential homes.

Mr. Andrew Younger, MLA, Dartmouth, questioned why a right turn is not permitted off the premises to Portland Street. He expressed concern of increased traffic on Carver Street.

Councillor Karsten agreed that traffic on Carver Street could be an issue. He suggested that staff consider looking at driveway access from the site on to Portland Street.

Councillor McCluskey called three times for any additional speakers, hearing none, the following motion was placed:

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that the public hearing closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Barkhouse, that Harbour East Community Council:

1. **Approve the proposed development agreement as set out in Attachment A of the report dated December 16, 2009 to permit a neighbourhood convenience outlet use at 657 Portland Street, Dartmouth with the addition of a non-substantive amendment to revise driveway entrance on Portland Street.**
2. **Require the agreement be signed within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the applicant, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence - None

9.2 Petitions - None

10. REPORTS

10.1 Staff Reports - None

10.2 Members of Council - None

11. MOTIONS - NONE

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Presentation - Crosswalk Flags & Pedestrian Safety

Mr. Norm Collins provided a presentation, Crosswalk Flags & Pedestrian Safety, to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Fisher that Harbour East Community forward the information, Crosswalk Flags & Pedestrian Safety, to the Traffic Authority and HRM Legal Services for response. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 Information Item #2 - Parking on Residential Streets Close to Nova Scotia Community Council - Councillor Barkhouse

Councillor Barkhouse indicated that the issue of vehicles parking on residential streets close to the Nova Scotia Community College in Dartmouth is a problem that has to be addressed.

MOVED by Councillor Barkhouse, seconded Councillor Karsten that Harbour East Community Council request additional information to include solutions to alleviate the parking problems on residential streets close to the Nova Scotia Community College, and further, for staff to initiate a meeting with the stakeholders including the Traffic Authority and the Nova Scotia Community College to work towards a resolution. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 Composition of the Boundaries of the Harbour East Community Council - Councillor Smith

Members of Harbour East Community Council advised that it would be beneficial for Regional Council to consider a process to enable a more equitable means to having adequate representation from each Community Council appointed to HRM Boards and Committees. It was noted that additional representation may be required on HRM Boards & Committees dependant upon the number of Districts and the size and population of the area covered by a Community Council. In particular, Harbour East Community Council discussed the need for additional representation from the Harbour East Community on HRM Boards and Committees where appointments are made based on representation by Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Harbour East Community Council recommends that Halifax Regional Council consider a process to enable a more equitable means of having adequate representation from each Community Council appointed to HRM Boards and Committees. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public came forward to address Council at this time.

15. NEXT MEETING - March 4, 2010

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Melody Campbell
Legislative Assistant