

MARINE DRIVE VALLEY AND CANAL  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 25, 1998

PRESENT:           Councillor David Hendsbee, Chair  
                  Councillor Bill Dooks  
                  Councillor Gordon R. Snow

STAFF:            Mr. Peter Bigelow, General Manager, Recreation Facilities  
                  Ms. Julia Horncastle, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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1. INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with an invocation.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that the minutes of the January 28, 1998 meeting be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions

Councillor Hendsbee requested the following items be added:

- District 3 Fire Department Budget approval
- District 3 City Boundary Clarification

Councillor Snow requested the following items to be added:

- Petition
- Budget

-Request

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

9.1 Delegations

9.1.1 Presentation by RDA

Ms. Judy Bellefontaine and Ms. Joanne Fewer, with the aid of overheads, made a presentation updating the Community Council on the work undertaken by the RDA in 1997/98, outlining the services and assistance available through the RDA.

In response to Councillor Dooks, Community Council was advised there is not a lot of communication between the Greater Halifax Partnership and the RDA. The Councillor noted, for the record, he has not had any success with the Partnership with regards to the rural area.

Councillor Dooks stated that when the Partnership was put in place, it was his understanding that its responsibility was to market the whole Regional Municipality and that they were there to work in conjunction with the RDA s.

Councillor Hendsbee thanked the members of the RDA for their attendance and presentation.

10. REPORTS

10.1 1998 Volunteer Recognition Program

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that Councillor Hendsbee be the representative of the Marine Drive Valley and Canal Community Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 Councillor Snow

10.2.1 Spider Lake Road Water

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that a feasibility study on water be undertaken to provide water to Spider Lake Road, Marjorie Anne Drive and Andrea Lynn Avenue. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.2 Sidewalk Study – Portobello road from Highway #2 to First Entrance to Silverside

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that a request for a sidewalk cost study for that section of Portobello Road from Highway #2 to First Entrance to Silverside with the cost analysis to coincide and mingle with the Cobequid Road sidewalk project with both projects be installed as one under an area rate. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.3 Taxation

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that Halifax Regional Municipality stay with 0% increase in taxation for the upcoming year. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Dooks presented a chart of rates as charged by neighbouring municipalities for information of the Community Council.

10.2.4 Transportation

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that a letter be written to Premier MacLellan, with a copy to the Minister of Transportation, concerning roads outside the core area specifically #277 Highway and #2 Highway in District 2. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.5 Lights – Kings Road

Councillor Snow asked that this item be deleted.

#### 10.2.6 EMO

Councillor Snow advised that after the last major rainstorm there had been an incident in District 2 where help was asked for from the EMO, a representative of the EMO came to the community but did not do anything resulting in a house being damaged by flooding.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that a letter be sent to the EMO director asking what are the protocols and criteria for initiating a EMO measure. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

#### 10.2.7 Sidewalk – Waverley

Councillor Snow requested this item be deleted as the work has been completed.

#### 11. MOTIONS – NONE

#### 12. ADDED ITEMS

##### 12.1 District 3 Fire Departments Budget Approval – Councillor Hendsbee

Councillor Hendsbee presented the District 3 Fire Department Budget for the Lawrencetown Beach and Area (\$306,300.00), Chezzetcook and Area (\$180,300.00) and Lake Echo and Area (\$360,200.00). The Councillor advised these budgets were conditional on clarification of wages once the fire department negotiations are completed.

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that the District 3 Fire Department Budgets be approved conditional on clarification of wages once the fire department negotiations are completed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

##### 12.2 District 3 Community Boundaries – Councillor Hendsbee

Councillor Hendsbee, with the aid of maps, outlined the community boundaries in District 3 advising these would be used in the calculation of area rates for individual communities.

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that the boundaries as outlined be recognized as the community boundaries for District 3. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3            Petition – Councillor Snow

Councillor Snow stated there are residential lots (R-6 zoning) where residents are allowed to keep horses which causes problems with rodents and smell etc. The Councillor advised there are two locations in his district which have resulted in water pollution. He advised he has contacted the Department of the Environment, MLA s and HRM staff. He presented a petition from the residents of Anthony Lane in Lake Fletcher and is requesting it be forward to the Minister of the Environment.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the peition be received and forwarded to the Minister of the Environment. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4            Budget – Councillor Snow

Councillor Snow submitted a budget for the River Line Community Centre, in Dutch Settlement to be realized by a community area rate.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the budget be approved and forwarded to finance. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.5            Request – Councillor Snow

Councillor Snow advised buses can no longer turn in the Cul-de-Sac on Millers Lake Road which is posing as problem as the buses have to back onto the road as people are parking in the cul-de-sac.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that a No Parking sign be installed on the Cul-de-Sac at Millers Lake Road. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.6            North Preston Recreation Centre – Councillor Hendsbee

Councillor Hendsbee referenced information item #2 and stated that staff have indicated it would be more feasible to build a new facility rather than repair the existing recreation centre.

Mr. Peter Bigelow advised Whitman Benn did an assessment of the building and HRM was informed it would cost approximately half a million dollars to bring the building up to code and useable. He stated that there is concern that if HRM were to take over the building in its present condition, it would have to be closed and the community would be without any kind of indoor recreation facilities. He stated staff is looking for direction on and assistance with working with the community to find work around methods to house the recreation activities temporarily in other facilities in the community.

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that it be recommended to Regional Council the full title to the land and building be transferred to the municipality and further that the recreation department work closely with the community to find alternative means and methods to provide recreational programs in other venues in the meantime. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Murray Houghton, Fire Chief, Lawrencetown Fire Department, provided an update on the 911 service in the rural areas. As a part of the presentation Mr. Houghton presented a copy of the Civic Sense Program brochure and demonstrated the new numbering signage for households.

Mr. Paul Pettipas, Chairperson, LWF, asked if there had been a response regarding the Department of Transportation service to Keltic Gardens. In response, Councillor Hendsbee stated that with the number of dirt roads in the rural areas the paving boundary may have to be examined with regards to an extension of that paving boundary. He further advised that the service contract for the core area is not complete until October, 1999.

Mr. Pettipas received clarification on the status of the transfer between the Province and HRM with regards to social service costs.

Mr. Pettipas questioned the number of new fees that have been put in place since amalgamation.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that a report on the fee structure be requested for the May, 1998 meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Councillor Snow requested a special meeting to address outstanding status sheet items.

16. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lawrencetown Community Centre.

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m. MOTION PUT AND



PASSED.

Julia Horncastle  
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL CLERK