

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

Lawrencetown Community Centre
West Lawrencetown Road

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

STAFF: Mr. Angus Schaffenburg, Planner
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 February 25, 1998 be approved as circulated.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions

Report, dated March 20, 1998, from Angus Schaffenburg, Acting General Manager of Community Planning
re: Buffer Zones.

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 Letter of Resignation from the Marine Drive, Valley and Canal PAC, from David Wyatt, dated February 25, 1998

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the letter of resignation be received. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 Correspondence, dated March 9, 1998, from the Office of the Premier, regarding the condition of Highway #2, 212 and 277

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that the correspondence be received. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.3 Petitions

Councillor Snow submitted a petition on behalf of the residents of Shirley Court, Capilano Country Estates requesting paving.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the petition be forwarded to Regional Operations and request that the paving of Shirley Court be considered as priority #3. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.4 Correspondence from Brian Acker, 1469 Cobequid Road, Waverley re: Shortage of Fire and Emergency Protection in Zone 4

Councillor Snow submitted a letter from Brian Acker, Waverley, regarding fire and emergency protection in Zone 4.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the letter be forwarded to Gary Greene, Fire and Emergency Services. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. REPORTS

10.1 Halifax County Watershed Advisory Board

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that the Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council adopt the Halifax County Watershed Advisory Board as an advisory board to the marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council for those areas of the former County under the jurisdiction of the Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 Councillor Hendsbee

10.2.1 Road Maintenance and Upgrade

Councillor Hendsbee advised that Mr. Colwell, MLA Elect, had been invited to the meeting.

Ms. Wendy Look, Keltic Gardens Residents Association, stated they are very concerned with the state of the roads in the subdivision and requested that it be graded properly or paved. She advised the residents have met and have discussed circulating a petition requesting the road be paved.

Councillor Hendsbee advised paving is done on a 50/50 cost sharing basis between the residents and the Department of Transportation on a per foot frontage cost. He outlined the procedure undertaken for paving in the rural areas.

Mr. Herman Pye, Keltic Gardens, advised none of the dirt roads in Keltic Gardens were plowed during the last snow storm as the Department of Transportation advised the roads were too soft. He advised that the roads are such in Keltic Gardens that the residents have to leave their cars on one street and walk home which causes concerns with regards to fire protection, ambulance service, and police protection.

On a show of hands, it was noted there were 29 residents from Keltic Gardens subdivision, 26 from Carter and Romans subdivision and 1 from Vantage Estates subdivision.

Mr. Paul Pettipas, Keltic Gardens, stated there is a distinct difference between the services provided to the core area versus the rural area noting the core is the responsibility of HRM where the rural area is under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Department of Transportation.

Mr. Ed McCready, Carter and Romans, reiterated the concerns of the previous speakers.

Councillor Hendsbee suggested the subdivisions form a residents association to put forward requests for paving and other street improvements.

Ms. Evangeline Colman, Carter and Romans, asked why HRM was not responsible for road maintenance.

Ms. Laura Dehmel, Keltic Gardens, stated she is not in favour of having the roads chip sealed as they deteriorate and crack resulting in whole chunks coming out of the road.

Mr. Scott Dixon, Keltic Gardens, stated there are areas such as Laura Drive which needs to be fixed as the street is nothing but mud in the spring and summer.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the Marine Drive Valley and Canal Community Council hold a

special session inviting the Deputy Minister of Transportation, HRM representatives, MLA and MP, to attend and hear input from the residents.

Mr. Pettipas questioned whether the Department of Transportation is upholding its responsibilities as a result of the transfer. He stated the residents would like to know what level of service is expected and who's responsibility and who is monitoring whether these people in the rural districts are getting their monies worth.

Mr. Dave Noseworthy, Keltic Gardens, stated there is a group in the subdivision gathering information regarding the road conditions as well as level of service they are receiving.

Mr. Mike Leacocke advised that street paving requirements have changed and the costs have risen and suggested all costs be factored in to provide people a true picture of what is involved.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. MOTIONS – NONE

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Buffer Zones

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that a letter be sent to the Minister of Natural Resources requesting that the amendments to the Forestry Act, first tabled in December 1997, be re-tabled in the new session of the House of Assembly and include provisions for regulations to prevent tree cutting adjacent to highways and roads. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident of Keltic Gardens expressed concerns with hunting in the woods behind the subdivision. In response, Councillor Hendsbee advised he was investigating the imposition of restrictions/ban for the area and would further advise the community when answers are forthcoming.

It was questioned whether there was a blasting by-law in place. Councillor Hendsbee advised he would clarify if there was coverage for District 3.

Ms. Evangeline Colman stated there are no street lights at the end of Michelle and Dorothy as well as Lisa Ann and she had been advised they would be placed at those locations. Councillor Hendsbee advised

there is a street light survey being undertaken and there is discussion with the power corporation to take this responsibility advising there will be 200 street lights placed in the district this spring noting the streets mentioned are included on the list.

15. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Status Update – Councillor Snow
Water– CNR –Health – Councillor Snow

16. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Julia Horncastle
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL CLERK