

MARINE DRIVE, VALLEY AND CANAL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 1998

Goff's Fire Hall

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

STAFF: 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 - NONE

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

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that the Order of Business 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

7.1 File No. MVS-04-98-17 - Appeal of Minor Variance for lot 21 Lockview Road in Fall River

Councillor Hendsbee advised the public hearing portion of the appeal had been heard at the September 23, 1998 meeting at which time the decision had been deferred to allow an opportunity for the members of the Community Council to visit the site before rendering decision.

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that the Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council deny the appeal and grant the Minor Variance for lot 21 Lockview Road in Fall River - File No. MVS-04-98-17. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS - NONE

10. REPORTS

10.1 Goffs Fire Hall

It was noted a public notice had been circulated throughout the community regarding fire service in the area.

Fire Chief, Don Day, Waverley, introduced Chief Steve Hobson, Grand Lake/Oakview; Chief Ed Butler, Wellington; Chief Donald Thompson, Goffs and Brent Moxon, District Chief - East.

Mr. Day advised the fire chiefs under zone 4 had made a decision that every fire station in every community should have at least one front line pumper. The next goal was to provide medical coverage up to the defib stage. He stated a minimum standard on training was developed and the Provincial Standard for a Level One Firefighter had been adopted. He stated the lack of volunteers has become a very serious problem and it is to the point where there are three people dedicating themselves to the protection of the community. He stated, at the present time, the fire department is able to provide a level of protection but this needs to be improved.

Mr. Day outlined the options available to the community such as declaring the station non-operational, close the station, change the station to a 24 hour career force or supplement the current volunteer membership.

A resident of 2598 Old Guysborough Road asked if there would be a tax increase if there was a need for an additional career firefighter to be located at the station. She asked, why, if there were two firefighters, could not one go on one shift and the other on another shift.

In response, Councillor Snow advised there is a requirement for more than one firefighter on duty at one time in order to move the truck. Further, he advised the community is trying to achieve its goals without having to increase taxes. He stated any solution may have to be supplemented either by the commercial tax rate or by the total district. The Councillor stated he did not believe that the residents of this area should be further taxed.

A resident stated it was not feasible for such a small community to have the requirement for three firefighters. She clarified that the community would be given an opportunity to vote on the hiring of another firefighter, one would not automatically be placed in the community and the residents taxed.

Councillor Snow advised the businesses at the airport and in Aerotech will be approached to see if they are willing to come to the community if needed in the event of a fire.

In response to Councillor Hendsbee, the Community Council was advised there is a mutual aid agreement with the airport and they will provide two responders immediately but, if there is an aeroplane in trouble, they may not be able to provide that service as their legal responsibility is to protect the aircraft. The residents were advised discussions are ongoing with Pratt Whitney.

Councillor Snow clarified that Pratt Whitney and the airport are paying the same amount of taxes as in previous years in the form of a grant.

In response to a question as to how many volunteers are needed, the Community Council was advised twelve volunteers would offer a reliable level of service to the community.

Ms. Thompson, Guysborough Road, asked what is needed to bring the volunteers up to an acceptable number. She stated she could not see shutting the station after all these years and the work put into it by the community. In response, the Community Council was advised there was a need for at least twelve members.

Councillor Hendsbee suggested Pratt Whitney and the airport be contacted to identify whether there are firefighters on duty that could be on call for the area of Goffs should the need arise.

It was agreed that the fire chiefs would speak to the airport and Pratt Whitney to ascertain whether there was opportunity to provide for additional fire fighter protection through their staff if and when needed.

11. **MOTIONS - NONE**
12. **ADDED ITEMS - NONE**
13. **NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**
14. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
15. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**
16. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 1998.

17. ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the meeting be adjourned at 9:22 p.m.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**Julia Horncastle
Assistant Municipal Clerk**