

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

**NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

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PRESENT: Councillor Brad Johns, Chair
Councillor Robert Harvey

REGRETS: Councillor Gary Martin

STAFF: Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Fenerty Room, Sackville Library, 636 Sackville Drive.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Johns that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 23, 2006 and January 25, 2007; and the special meeting of February 8, 2007 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Addition:

11.1 Appointments to North West Planning Advisory Committee

Deferral:

10.1.3 Sackville Drive Sewer and Water Servicing Project - Follow Up

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Johns that the agenda as amended be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

4.1 STATUS SHEET ITEMS:

4.1.1 Pinehill Street Stormwater Drainage

An e-mail dated February 5, 2007 from David Ellis, Sr. Environmental Engineer was submitted.

For the information of those in attendance, Councillor Harvey advised that staff will be issuing a Request for Proposals to engage a consultant to undertake design work for the replacement of two roadway cross culverts at Yankeetown Road and Fenerty Road. As well, staff are expanding the scope to include the design of the required works at Pinehill Street. Councillor Harvey noted that this was a very positive move to address the erosion problem.

Community Council decided to leave this item on the Status Sheet until such time as the Request for Proposals has been awarded.

4.1.2 Storm Drain Issue - Cavalier Drive

No update was provided. This item is to remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.3 Shopping Cart Bylaw Report

No update was provided. This item is to remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.4 Judy Avenue Pathway

Councillor Johns indicated that this item involves a Development Agreement that will be coming forward to Community Council. He requested that this item remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.5 Union Street Flooding

The Chair indicated that this matter had been on the Status Sheet at Councillor Martin's request. Noting that Councillor Martin sent regrets for this evening's meeting, the Chair advised that this item would remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.6 Policy P-71, Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville MPS

An Information Report dated January 11, 2007 was submitted.

The Chair noted that the information report did not provide the kind of information he was hoping to see. He explained that the matter was originally raised in June 2002, with the hope that HRM would start work on rock-lining some of the ditches in and around the roads that lead to Springfield Lake as a way to stop a lot of sediment from entering the lake.

Community Council requested staff follow up and report back on whether work on rock-lining the ditches could, at least begin; and that staff provide a timeline on rock lining of the ditches (e.g. over the next four or five years, indicate what ditches will be done each year).

This item is to remain on 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: None

8.2 Variance Hearings: None

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence:

9.1.1 Resignation from Bedford Waters Advisory Board - Mr. Don McIver

A letter dated February 23, 2007 from Mr. Donald J. McIver was submitted.

Councillor Harvey noted that Mr. McIver has submitted his resignation from the Bedford Waters Advisory Board because his employment has resulted in his relocation outside the

country.

Community Council accepted Mr. McIver's resignation, with regret, and asked the Legislative Assistant to forward a letter of appreciation to Mr. McIver for his work on the Board.

9.2 Petitions - None

9.3 Presentations:

9.3.1 Friends of the Public Gardens

Ms. Sheila Stevenson and Ms. Leslie Armstrong, representing the Friends of the Public Gardens provided a presentation to Community Council; a copy of which can be found in the official file of this meeting.

In their presentation, they commended staff and Council for Phases 1 and 2 of the clean up of the Public Gardens following Hurricane Juan. They noted the importance of Phase 3, which is the development of a comprehensive management plan for the Public Gardens and hoped it would be completed as soon as possible. In this regard, they advised that HRM staff confirmed that capital funds placed in the 2006 budget but that were not spent, would be carried over to 2007. They urged HRM to place a high priority on Phase 3 so that it would be completed in 2007. It was also noted that they were consulted on the initial planning of Phase 3, and expressed the desire to continue working with staff. Other points of interest were noted as follows:

- The Friends of the Public Gardens will have a revised publication on the Gardens for sale, and this is expected for late spring;
- The 'Friends' received a bequest of over \$100,000 which is to be dedicated towards a capital project in the Public Gardens; and they would like to work with the appropriate HRM staff to develop a plan for these funds.

The representatives responded to questions of Community Council, and the Chair thanked them for their presentation.

9.3.2 Bruce DeVenne - First Lake Trail

Mr. Bruce DeVenne addressed Community Council and gave a presentation on the proposed pathway on First Lake and the effect this will have on the habitat of the area. In his remarks Mr. DeVenne noted that the ecosystem was delicate and he questioned if all permits necessary have been applied for and received and, if so, how could this happen without a proper study being done on the ecosystem. Mr. DeVenne also suggested that the pathways essentially go nowhere, as they start from a road and end at a road. He advised that this should be scrapped in favour of the larger trail to Waverley. In conclusion, Mr. DeVenne pointed out that, at the very least, there should be a six month moratorium on any further development until a proper study is done.

Mr. DeVenne submitted a copy of his presentation for the official file.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Johns that Mr. DeVenne's

presentation be forwarded to staff for review and report back to Community Council as soon as possible.

In response to a question, Councillor Harvey indicated that it was unlikely that any physical work will take place in the near future.

10. REPORTS:

10.1 Staff Reports:

10.1.1 Information Report: Rezoning - 43-87 Nordic Crescent

An information report dated January 25, 2007 was submitted.

Councillor Harvey noted that the information report advised that a staff report is forthcoming.

10.1.2 Information Report: Amendment to LS Zone of the Sackville Drive Land Use By-law

An information report dated January 25, 2007 was submitted, noting that a staff report is forthcoming

10.1.3 Sackville Drive Sewer and Water Servicing Project - Follow Up

The Chair advised that this matter is being deferred to the April meeting at which time the Halifax Regional Water Commission will provide a presentation.

10.2 Councillor Reports:

10.2.1 C-1 Zone Changes to Enlarge Small Scale Commercial - Councillor Johns

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey that North West Community Council request staff to initiate a plan amendment process to consider increasing the permitted size of C-1 uses from 2000 square feet to 5000 square feet within the Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. ADDED ITEMS:

11.1 Appointments to North West Planning Advisory Committee

This matter was dealt with at an In Camera session held earlier and was before Community Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey that North West Community Council recommend Mr. Michael E. Gray and Ms. Jessica Alexander be appointed as the District 19 representatives and Mr. Lorne Piercey be appointed as the District 20 representative to the North West Planning Advisory Committee for terms to expire November 30, 2008. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair noted that the Bedford Sackville News had printed an article recently on the North West Planning Advisory Committee, and in the article noted that there were vacant positions on the Committee. He added that the article prompted a number of applications to be submitted, and he expressed his appreciation to the Bedford Sackville News for this very positive response.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION: None

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Walter Regan:

Mr. Walter Regan raised the following issues, to which Community Council responded:

- Will there be a bridge over Sackville River?

Councillor Harvey noted that the matter is being discussed in the community and with staff.

- Anything being done on sewer overflow into the Little Sackville River?

Councillor Harvey noted that this was ongoing incremental project, with the main focus being to reduce inflow into the system.

- In regard to the sewer from the Lively Subdivision, will retention tanks be used?

Councillor Johns explained that there would not be retention tanks but there will be separated storm and sewer lines.

Mr. Regan requested Community Council's support for the proposed \$3 million in the Regional Council budget for all trails groups.

Mr. Bob Taylor, Sackville

Mr. Taylor advised of his concern of the water quality in First Lake. He explained that when storm drains were put in, there were provisions to hold water back before it hit the lake but it does not appear they are working anymore. Mr. Taylor advised that he discussed this with Mr. John Sheppard, HRM, and was told that staff is going to review this situation. Mr. Taylor pointed out that there are quite a few other similar situations and he questioned if they are required to have regular maintenance, adding that he did not believe any maintenance has been done over the years and, as a result, the stormwater runs directly into the Lake.

In response, Councillor Johns advised that he was aware that prior to amalgamation, storm drains were maintained. He referred to the information report submitted in regard to Status Sheet item 4.1.6, Policy P-71, Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville MPS, and noted that Community Council is trying to get staff to rock line and build dams with surge rock to catch some of the sediment.

Councillor Harvey asked that staff comment on Mr. Taylor's question, i.e. is maintenance required to be carried out on the storm drains and, if so, how many times a year. Further, that staff be requested to attend the May meeting of Community Council to give a presentation on outfalls of lakes.

On another matter, Mr. Taylor submitted photos of structures (docks; boardwalks) that have been built in the HRM-owned portion around First Lake and questioned if this was legal.

The Chair advised that the photos would be submitted to staff with a request for comment.

Ms. Theresa Scratch, Sackville

Ms. Scratch commended HRM and the Friends of First Lake for the work on the trail. She raised questions concerning permits for structures on trail, and standards for trail development, to which the Chair responded.

Mr. Steve Craig, Sackville

Mr. Craig addressed Community Council and provided information on the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life which will be held Friday June 8, 2007 at the Metropolitan Field.

Mr. Bruce DeVenne, Sackville:

Mr. DeVenne addressed Community Council and advised that most current bylaws refer to 'development' rather than 'building', and he asked if there was a proper definition of development.

The Chair noted that Mr. Paul Euloth, HRM Regional Trail Coordinator was in attendance.

Mr. Euloth indicated that he would provide a definition.

Mr. James McLean

Mr. McLean advised that he was with the Friends of First Lake. He noted that he has been a long time resident of the lake and was very concerned with the docks and boardwalks that have been built around the lake. He questioned if permits had been given for this work.

The Chair noted that the matter was raised by a previous speaker and Community Council have asked staff to respond.

Mr. MacLean asked if there were any more stages yet to go through before the project is completed.

In response, Councillor Harvey advised that all the stages have been met; the document will be reviewed to see if it impacts on the requirements.

Ms. Avis Taylor, Middle Sackville

Ms. Taylor raised a concern about the weekly flyer delivery and the litter which results from this.

In response, Councillor Johns noted that Councillor Snow has brought this issue to the attention of Regional Council and staff have been asked to look into it and respond.

Ms. Taylor questioned the idea of planting trees along Sackville Drive between the sidewalk and curb, pointing out that they are deciduous trees and will continue to get larger.

Councillor Johns responded that careful planning went into choosing the trees, adding that the particular type of trees that were planted will grow only so high and so wide, and should not pose any problems.

Ms. Taylor raised a question regarding Rosemary Drive and Highway 1, to which Councillor Johns responded.

Ms. Erma Moore

Ms. Moore also raised a concern about the littering of newspapers and flyers.

Councillor Johns noted that Regional Council is expecting a report from staff on this issue, as requested by Councillor Snow, and that the Clerk will see that North West Community Council receives the report as well.

14. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

Thursday, April 26, 2007. Location to be determined.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant