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1. **INVOCATION**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with an Invocation. The meeting was held at Sunnyside Mall, Bedford.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NOVEMBER 14, 1996**

Referring to page 9 of the Minutes, Councillor Rankin stated that in addition to his comments regarding Mayor Ball's capacity as a Councillor at the Western Region Community Council meeting in July, 1995, there was nowhere in the record of the meeting that he - Councillor Rankin - had made a particular promise that the matter would end. He wanted this on the record because he valued his integrity. He recollected he made that statement and requested that it be included as part of the Minutes.

MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Kelly to approve the Minutes of meeting held on November 14, 1996 as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Added Items: 1) Letter dated November 26, 1996 from Millwood Village Ratepayers Association re status of sidewalk extension for Millwood Drive
 2) Letter dated November 22, 1996 from Department of Transportation re paving request for Rising Sun Trail, Highland Park

Councillor Mitchell: Additional watershed property - Hatchet Lake/Goodwood

Councillor Barnet: Information Item - Memorandum dated November 18, 1996 from Transportation Services re crosswalk request - Gertrude Parker School

Councillor Harvey: Shopping carts in the community

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell to approve the order of business as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

4.1 **Funding Request - Sackville Seniors Advisory Council**

A letter dated November 19, 1996 from Sackville Seniors Advisory Council was before Community Council clarifying their previous letter received at the last meeting as to the amount of funding requested. The shortage in funding was approximately \$2,000.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Kelly to refer the request to the Grants Committee by way of having the Sackville Seniors Advisory Council complete a Grants application which will be sent to them and which must be returned by December 31, 1996. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION** - None

6. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION** - None

7. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

7.1 Report from North West Planning Advisory Committee

Application No. PA-SA-001-96-CD - Amendment to the Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy to allow larger home based businesses within the Rural Residential area

This matter was deferred from the last meeting.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Mitchell to move the application on to Regional Council for a full Public Hearing at which time Regional Council can consider the comments made at the Public Participation Session, from Planning Advisory Committee and from Community Council and reach a fair and impartial decision. Further, that staff be requested to come forward to Regional Council with an option that is site specific to accommodate Mr. Duck and Mr. Duck's application only.

Councillor Harvey asked for input from staff as to whether or not the motion was worded to provide sufficient direction. In response, Jacqueline Hamilton stated that a policy would have to be developed for the Public Hearing and there was question as to whether or not it should be referred to Planning Advisory Committee for review.

Councillor Barnet stated he preferred it move on to Regional Council as there has been considerable community debate on the matter already. The proposed policy could be available before the Public Hearing for those members of the public who would have an interest.

Councillor Kelly asked if Planning Advisory Committee should be involved and have input into the overall process. Councillor Barnet, in reply, stated that he would not be opposed

to having staff forward the proposed Policy to PAC and have it done in concert as a parallel process.

Councillor Harvey stated he would not be supporting the motion as it was counter to the PAC recommendation. District 20 has a different view of R-6. He had no objection to Mr. Duck's operation and if he could open the door to Mr. Duck and then close it, that was one thing but once the precedent was set, another site specific application could come forward for another location.

Having explained that the motion did not indicate support or lack thereof, Councillor Barnet said that Regional Council would have the opportunity to consider all applications on their own merit. He encouraged staff to come up with something that is site specific and accommodates Mr. Duck, as outlined in his motion.

Councillor Harvey stated that except for one property owner, R-6 property owners in District 20 have indicated to him that they did not wish the matter considered further at this time. Also, if the motion succeeds and goes forward, he would be looking for very stringent policies which would be very site specific.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED 3-2.

It was agreed that the option to come forward from staff to Regional Council would also be forwarded to Planning Advisory Committee for comment.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None
9. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS** - None
10. **REPORTS**
- 10.1 Report from North West Planning Advisory Committee

A report dated November 8, 1996 from Planning Advisory Committee regarding staffing in the Central Region Planning Services Office was before Community Council.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Kelly that Community Council endorse the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and that the Commissioner of Community Services be asked to look at this matter as quickly as possible considering the huge workload in the Central Region. Further, that reallocation be considered as part of the process.

Councillor Kelly clarified that he understood there was an overflow of staff in one area which could be reallocated to ease the load in the Central Region. Reallocation, therefore, could be considered before additional staff were hired.

Councillor Rankin pointed out that the community of Hammonds Plains was eager to see the completion of the Plan Review for the former Districts 15/18/19 and additional staff would be able to assist with this Plan Review.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2 Bedford Waters Advisory Committee

10.2.1 Paper Mill Lake Policy

A Memorandum dated November 20, 1996 from Bedford Waters Advisory Committee was before Community Council.

Mr. Bob Kerr, Bedford Waters Advisory Committee provided information on testing being carried out on Paper Mill Lake, particularly with regard to the developer having an agreement to test and reports to the former Town of Bedford. Mr. Mandaville had provided a scientific report which indicated that the status of Paper Mill Lake should try to aim for the year 2050 to be in a certain specific state. Bedford Waters Advisory Committee agreed with Mr. Mandaville's report and felt it was a good policy to keep the lake as pristine as possible. He requested that Community Council support the approach for the area. As well, there was a consistent policy required for all the area served by North West Community Council.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell that the process commence and that this matter be referred to staff. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.2 Councillor and Staff Representation on Bedford Waters Advisory Committee

A Memorandum dated November 20, 1996 was before Community Council regarding the above matter and included a copy of the Terms of Reference for Bedford Waters Advisory Committee.

Mr. Marvin Silver, Bedford Waters Advisory Committee provided information on the mandate of Bedford Waters Advisory Committee. The Committee formerly forwarded motions to Bedford Town Council through staff and there was a Councillor appointed to the Committee. As well, there was a member of Engineering staff assigned to the Committee to provide effective communication. The recommendation from the Committee was to appoint a staff member, preferably from Engineering and a liaison Councillor.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Barnet to refer to Regional Operations for appointment of a staff member, that Councillor Kelly would sit on the Committee to start off the process and that Bedford Waters Advisory Committee revise its Terms of Reference to reflect the new relationship. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. **MOTIONS**

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Mitchell:

WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia has awarded the tire recycling contract to TRACC, making them the official tire recycling firm for Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS this firm is currently looking for a place to locate within the Province of Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS the largest share of used tires is generated right here in the Halifax region;

AND WHEREAS the area within the jurisdiction of the North West Community Council provides valuable opportunities to this firm including good highway links to the entire province of Nova Scotia, an able and willing work force and plenty of correctly zoned private lands as well as publicly owned industrial parks;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Community Council strongly encourages and supports this firm to consider locating within the boundaries of the North West Community Council providing the 75 badly needed jobs in the Halifax region.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Barnet requested that a copy of the motion be sent to the Minister of Environment and the MLAs in the North West region.

12. **ADDED ITEMS**

12.1 **Sidewalk Extension Millwood Drive**

A letter dated November 26, 1996 from the Millwood Village Ratepayers Association was before Community Council regarding the extension of the Millwood Drive sidewalk.

Councillor Barnet provided background information on the developer's commitment to construct sidewalks. In the last few days, he had received indication through staff that the

developer was waiting until the last two houses under construction were complete and it was hoped that the sidewalks could even still be constructed before winter sets in. It appeared that the developer intended to live up to his commitment.

12.2 Request for Paving - Rising Sun Trail, Highland Park

A Memorandum dated November 22, 1996 from Department of Transportation was before Community Council.

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Kelly to refer the correspondence to Ted Tam, Manager of Design and move Community Council's support on to him. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 Additional Watershed Property - Hatchet Lake/Goodwood

Councillor Mitchell referred to his motion at the last meeting for staff to start the process of transferring 200 acres of watershed property at Hatchet Lake over to the Prospect Road and Area Recreation Association. In this regard, there were an additional 25 acres for Goodwood off the long bog and he was requesting that these lands be transferred at the same time.

MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Rankin to include the 25 acres in Goodwood as part of the transfer of lands. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 Shopping Carts - Little Sackville River

Councillor Harvey expressed concern that shopping carts have been finding their way into the Little Sackville River, clogging it up and working against the aesthetics of the river.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Mitchell to correspond with the grocery cart owners, make them aware of the situation and ask them to take steps to alleviate the problem. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.5 Crosswalk Request - Gertrude Parker School

A Memorandum dated November 18, 1996 from Kenny Silver, Traffic Authority was before Community Council indicating that the observed traffic in the area did not support the need for a marked crosswalk.

Councillor Barnet stated that he felt this request should be reconsidered and provided his reasons for same.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Kelly to send the matter back to staff for reconsideration, ask for specific reasons and request that staff not consider traffic counts and numbers of children.

The Chair pointed out that Police Services still had to evaluate the site for a crossing guard and asked what would happen if they recommended a crossing guard when the Traffic Authority recommended no crosswalk. In his opinion, the two evaluations should be done at one time.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. **NOTICES OF MOTION** - None

14. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Dennis Fougere, Scott Edward Drive referred to Mr. Duck's application and pointed out that the school bus dropped off young children at the corner of Walker Service Road and Scott Edward Drive, where Mr. Duck proposed to locate.

Mr. Duck, in response, said that at his current location, there were children getting the school bus in front of his house and he even let them stand under his overhang to keep dry in bad weather.

Ms. Catherine Fougere also expressed concern regarding the relocation of Mr. Duck's business to her area with regard to increased traffic.

Ms. Theresa Scratch, after explaining the definition of R-6 in Sackville, asked if the Councillors who supported forwarding the application to allow a site specific amendment to Regional Council were prepared to promote a similar type of Plan amendment in their own Plan areas.

Councillor Barnet, in reply, stated that Community Council was neither supporting or not supporting the application; it had been moved forward. To comment right now would be speaking prior to the Public Hearing.

Ms. Theresa Scratch asked for clarification as to whether or not the PAC recommendation was going forward to Regional Council. In reply, the Chair advised that what was going forward was the motion that passed tonight along with the agreement that any policies developed on the basis of the motion would not only be sent forward to Regional Council but would also be sent to PAC for comment.

Ms. Scratch pursued the fact that the recommendation from PAC should go regardless. In reply, the Chair advised the clarification he was given on this matter was that PAC was acting as a PAC to Community Council only and was not acting as an area advisory committee. Community Council could, therefore, either accept or reject the recommendations of the PAC - there was no obligation of Community Council to send recommendations on.

Councillor Kelly pointed out that the motion was not for or against; therefore, there was nothing to stop sending PAC's recommendation forward as information.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell that, for purposes of clarification, the original recommendation also be sent to Regional Council as part of the overall discussion and debate. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mr. Walter Regan, Sackville Rivers Association expressed appreciation that additional garbage cans have been placed around the Sackville area and he hoped for more in the future.

Mr. Tony Edwards referred to advertising of Planning Advisory Committee meetings required under the Planning Act - Section 32, Subsection 2, page 20. In his opinion, putting the Agenda on a bulletin board in the municipal office was not sufficient. He suggested advertising on the notice board across from Central School in Bedford at least five days before the date of the meeting.

It was agreed to send Mr. Edwards' request on to Planning Advisory Committee.

Mr. Wayne MacPhee raised the following points:

- He asked if there was a lower payroll now that the number of politicians was reduced from 60 to 24 as a result of amalgamation. It was agreed to make the information available for the next meeting.
- He asked for information on the proposal for a multi-purpose centre costing \$400,000 for ten years at the proposed landfill site near Otter Lake. In reply, Councillor Rankin explained the proposal that would be going forward to Regional Council. Subsequently, Mr. MacPhee expressed concern regarding affordability of the recreational centre and the recovery rate in general.
- He was associated with a Soccer Club which had 2134 players of which 1730 were recreational. As a taxpayer, he was concerned because he was hearing about proposals for fields for Upper Sackville and Millwood and asked if they were required at this time if the existing fields were upgraded, particularly if the majority

of the players were recreational. In reply, Councillor Barnet stated that Regional Council does recognize the fact that there is a need to improve the existing infrastructure as well as looking at future needs. It was important that fields not be built which are specifically earmarked for one group when they could meet the needs of a number of groups. As far as the Millwood issue was concerned, there were a number of roadblocks at this time.

Mr. Bryce Reid recommended that if a recreational facility was built in the proposed landfill area, it should be built first before the landfill is in place because his experience with the Upper Sackville facility has been one of frustration and getting the runaround.

Ms. Maureen Bartlett referred to Metro Transit buses travelling on residential streets and outlined a problem she experienced with one bus recently. She recommended that the speed limit should be reduced on residential streets for large vehicles such as buses and also that parking be limited to one side of the street only to allow buses to travel along streets that are not as wide as main roads.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Kelly to forward the request to Traffic Authority for comment and to determine if there is an ability, under the Amalgamation Act, to reduce speed limits below 50 kph as this was not possible prior to amalgamation in the former Halifax County. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mr. Archie Fader referred to a blind spot at the corner of Walker Service Road and Old Sackville Road where it was necessary to proceed over the crosswalk in order to see oncoming traffic and asked if something could be done. In response, Councillor Harvey advised that he had forwarded the concern on to Regional Operations and had received a written answer advising that the site had been investigated and that Parks and Recreation would be clearing the intersection out. He agreed to follow up himself.

15. **NEXT MEETING** - Thursday, December 12, 1996 - 7:00 p.m.
Lions Club, Greenhead Road, Lakeside

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.