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1. **INVOCATION**

The meeting was called to order with an Invocation at 7:00 p.m. in the Charles Fenerty Room at the Sackville Library, 636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 21, 1999**

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Harvey to approve the Minutes of meeting held on January 21, 1999 as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Added Items: Councillor Harvey - Second Lake Regional Park
 Councillor Barnet - Possible Location of Staples Call Centre
 20 Hillside Drive re Street and Lawn Subsidence
 Repainting of Yellow Lines on Beaverbank Road
 Councillor Kelly - Information Item No. 5 re Youth Drop In Centre

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Harvey to approve the Order of Business as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM 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 **Correspondence**

9.1.1 **Request for Support from Sackville Community Development Association re Signage Change**

A letter dated January 24, 1999 from Gordon Morgan, President, Sackville Community Development Association was before Community Council requesting that Community

Council review the request to change signage from the present "Lower Sackville" to the more inclusive name of "Sackville" when highway signs requires replacement. Should Community Council agree, then a letter of support was requested which could be forwarded to Department of Transportation. Included with the request was a copy of a letter dated January 19, 1999 from Sackville Community Development Association to Department of Transportation and their reply dated January 22, 1999.

Mr. Gordon Morgan spoke in support of the request.

Councillor Harvey stated previously Community Council considered the question as to whether or not to have an all-inclusive name "Sackville" rather than Lower, Middle and Upper Sackville. This request was for highway signs only and he did not see any problem with having a simple sign reading "Sackville" after which people could find out what part of Sackville they want to go.

Councillor Barnet stated he had no objection but would be concerned if the request was to change the name of the three communities of Sackville to "Sackville". He added that he found it interesting that Department of Transportation again looks to Community Council for input.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Harvey to support the request and advise Department of Transportation of same via Sackville Community Development Association, pending concurrence from Traffic Authority. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 Delegations

9.2.1 Halifax Regional Development Agency - Progress Report on Activities for 1998/99 Based on Current Business Plan

Ms. Helen Matheson, Chair, Mr. Bill Gard, Vice-Chair and Mr. Greg Brown, General Manager, Halifax Regional Development Agency were in attendance. Mr. Gard provided an overview of the current business plan and progress in achieving the performance targets set for the year. As well, he expressed concern with the possibility of yet another budget cut by HRM and was requesting discussion on the impact. Following the presentation, he circulated brochures and information to Councillors.

Mr. Gard referred to a request from the Minister re funding for the RDA for 2000-2005 which has not been responded to by HRM. The RDA needed a clear indication of support to the province from HRM. Continuing cuts to the budget were reaching the point of terminally hurting the RDA. Federal and Provincial funders and peers throughout Nova Scotia recognized the Halifax Regional Development Agency as a leading Community

Economic Development organization in the province. He was asking that Councillors recognize the RDA's success and support the RDA through budget deliberations.

Councillor Harvey spoke in support of the achievements of the RDA. Budget deliberations formally begin next week, all areas of the budget would be under scrutiny and deficit reduction was at the top of the list. He noted, however, it was not the intention of Council to cripple any endeavours.

Councillor Barnet asked if the RDA has taken any steps to offset the loss of Black Harbour. In response, Mr. Brown explained the situation and advised that the project was predominately driven by the Mill Cove Development Agency. The Halifax Regional Development Agency would follow their lead.

Councillor Kelly asked for information on the cuts made to the RDA's budget over the last two years. In response, Mr. Gard advised it was originally \$275,000 and in the two succeeding years the budget has been cut by \$25,000 each year. The RDA was asking for the same amount as last year - \$225,000 but added that the funding for this year had ended up at \$211,500. Both the provincial and federal governments provide funding of \$100,000 each. He noted that each RDA throughout the province gets the same funding but the Halifax Regional Development Agency was much larger and it was felt that it did not take into account the size of operation throughout HRM.

Councillor Harvey referred to the fact that HRM was also funding the Greater Halifax Partnership as part of economic development which might not be taking place in other municipalities.

Subsequently, Councillor Harvey asked how the search for an office in Sackville was progressing. In response, Mr. Brown advised he had contacted Simpson McLeod, Manager of Real Estate regarding space at Acadia School but had not received a response yet.

Councillor Kelly suggested that the Water Commission building at 506 Sackville Drive might have available space as well. If there was nothing available, he cautioned that Mr. Brown exhaust all avenues of finding HRM space before signing a lease on space not owned by HRM.

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Barnet to contact Simpson McLeod indicating Community Council's great interest in having the RDA location in the Acadia School complex or the Water Commission building in Sackville. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. **REPORTS**

10.1 North West Planning Advisory Committee

10.1.1 Case 00023 - Application by Wallace Macdonald & Lively on Behalf of the Armoyan Group for approval of detailed plans for Lot 1F-1 Nelsons Landing for a Hotel Site

A Staff Report dated January 25, 1998(9) was before Community Council together with a Memorandum dated February 4, 1999 from North West Planning Advisory Committee recommending approval of the application.

Andrew Whittemore, Planner provided an overview of the application with the aid of site plans. During the course of his presentation, Mr. Whittemore explained that the original agreement had been approved by the former Town of Bedford but it was not executed by the developer. After consultation with Legal Services, it was ascertained that the hotel use was still a permitted use because the agreement was never executed. Staff felt that the proposal was consistent with the Development Agreement as it relates to the provisions guiding development on Lot 1F-1 and was recommending approval of the detailed plans. Staff was also recommending that the last motion by the former Town of Bedford to approve the 23 single unit dwellings be rescinded. There was no requirement for a Public Hearing in this case.

Councillor Kelly pointed out that ordinarily a motion to rescind requires a notice of motion; therefore, to rescind the motion as per the Staff Report tonight would require suspension of the Rules of Order. He asked what the time frame was for the development. In response, Mr. Whittemore replied the applicant wanted to proceed as quickly as possible.

Noting the suites would be 2.5 to 3 times the size of a normal hotel room, Councillor Kelly asked why the applicant wanted to develop with suites since the objective would be to maximize return. In response, Mr. Whittemore advised that a suites hotel would accommodate the longer-stay travelling public. The suites range from 700 sq. ft. to 1200 sq. ft. When comparing the 80 suites with the 180 rooms that would be permitted under the existing agreement, it was determined that the actual bulk of the building would not be any greater. Staff felt justified, therefore, that the suites would meet the intent.

Councillor Kelly then asked if there was a time limit that people could stay in the suites and if stoves and microwaves were provided. In response, Mr. Whittemore advised that there was also a

Councillor Kelly asked for input from the proponent.

Mr. Barry Zwicker, Wallace Macdonald and Lively provided details of the project. Included in the details provided, was the fact that the suites would be similar to the Maranova and Cambridge Suites, the only two similar facilities in the area at this time. The intent was to go immediately to construction drawings, apply for a hotel licence and to build as a hotel suite facility. All of the components of the project allow for that use including underground parking.

Councillor Kelly asked for information on laundry facilities and recreational uses. He was told laundry services would be contracted out; there was recreational space inside the building.

Councillor Harvey asked if there was concern in Bedford that the building be used as an hotel and nothing else. In reply, Councillor Kelly advised that the question was to have the facts available in order to make the appropriate choice. The Development Agreement allows for a hotel complex. If they wanted to go for something different, the option was there to apply for a change in the agreement.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Harvey to suspend the Rules of Order. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Barnet to rescind the January 16, 1996 motion of the former Town of Bedford Council at which an amendment to the Development Agreement to permit 23 single unit dwellings in place of a hotel was approved as per the Staff Report dated January 25, 1998(9). MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Harvey to bring the Rules back into order. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Harvey to approve the detailed plans as submitted by Wallace Macdonald and Lively on behalf of the Armoyan Group to construct a hotel on Block 1F-1 on Nelsons Landing Boulevard as per the Staff Report dated January 25, 1998(9). MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 Appointments to Bedford Waters Advisory Committee

A Memorandum from the Chair of Bedford Waters Advisory Committee dated February 11, 1999 recommending the appointment of two citizens to Bedford Waters Advisory Committee was before Community Council. As well, Councillor Kelly brought forward one name himself.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Harvey to appoint the following individuals to Bedford Waters Advisory Committee for a term to expire November, 2001:

**Kevin R. Dean
Douglas K. Murray
Len Goucher**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 Route 83 - Transit Extension and Park and Ride

Councillor Barnet explained the background surrounding a request for the extension of Route 83 out to Patton Road and a portion of Sackville Drive to utilize some existing wait time to provide service to the community of Upper Sackville. He noted when previous requests went forward, the Upper Sackville Recreation Facility was not in operation but since it became operational, there was an opportunity for a Park and Ride at that facility to accommodate approximately 200 vehicles during the day. He believed that this would provide badly-needed transit service to the community of Upper Sackville, access to the Recreation Facility and the percentage of revenue to cost would improve.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Harvey to request that staff review the request for extension of Route 83 to the Upper Sackville Recreation Centre and a proposed Park and Ride via Patton Road but, if staff finds this request is not feasible, to have staff look at the possibility of extending Route 80 to take over the entire service for Route 83.

Mr. Kenny Silver, Planning and Development, Metro Transit pointed out that staff would have to address the fact that Community Transit serves the area beyond Springfield Estates where Route 83 ends. If Community Transit were to be replaced with Route 83, found not to be viable and the service was removed, it would be very difficult to put the Community Transit service back. He pointed out that there was a different demand level for Route 80 compared to Route 83 as well as more frequent service for Route 80, which might add to the cost.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.4 Community of Sackville Landfill Compensation Act - Bursary Fund

A Report dated January 28, 1999 from Wayne Anstey, Director of Administrative Services was before Community Council recommending that a Bursary Fund not be established.

Councillor Barnet stated that the question to the solicitor was not whether a Bursary Fund could be established as there has been one for a number of years. The question was whether or not a Foundation could be developed to manage the fund. He suggested that he and Councillor Harvey could meet with the solicitor and provide him with clarification and then get a further report.

After Councillor Barnet provided some background information into the Bursary Fund now set up, Community Council members agreed to proceed in the manner suggested.

10.5 **Youth Drop In Centre - Bedford**

An Information Report dated January 25, 1999 was before Community Council. Peggy Allen, Recreation Programming provided an overview of the report. She advised that staff was looking for direction on how to proceed and, as well, information from Real Estate as to any other available facilities in HRM.

Councillor Kelly requested that staff proceed to the next step, which would be to meet with Real Estate to determine viability of the former Bedford Fire Hall. He added that Emergency Medical Incorporated may be able to stay on the main floor and pay rent because they are still looking for space and the youth could have the space downstairs. There also might be other opportunities, such as office space rented to the public, which could be considered. He asked that a motion be made to review those options with a further report to come back to Community Council as to viability.

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Barnet that staff meet with Real Estate with regard to the viability of the former Bedford Fire Hall for the Youth Drop In Centre and that a further report be requested from staff with regard to this and other opportunities for use of space in the building. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. **MOTIONS** - None

12. **ADDED ITEMS**

12.1 **Second Lake Regional Park**

Councillor Harvey advised that on Tuesday, February 9, 1999 there was a significant announcement made in Sackville by three Provincial Cabinet Ministers - Natural Resources, Housing and Municipal Affairs and Community Services - that the provincial government has agreed to transfer from Housing to Natural Resources 665 acres, the entire watershed of Second Lake. This decision will impact the community of Sackville for a long time. He expressed appreciation to the three Ministers involved and indicated the significant role and interest of Premier MacLellan in the project. He also expressed

appreciation of the work of organizations such as Sackville Rivers Association, and the Cobequid Economic Development Association out of which came a reconstituted Second Lake Regional Park Association - Co-Chairs Shane O'Neil and Theresa Scratch. He then advised that technical adjustment to the map was required as a next step, then the land declared Park Reserve and to create a plan for a park.

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Barnet that a letter be sent to Premier MacLellan thanking him for his personal involvement and interest shown in the matter, the Ministers directly responsible and his government as a whole for the extremely positive decision taken with regard to the environment in the greater Sackville area. Further, that a letter of thanks be sent to John Holm, MLA as well in appreciation of his efforts. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 Possible Location of Staples Call Centre in Sackville

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Harvey that a letter be sent to Staples encouraging the location of the new Staples Call Centre to the Downsview Mall site in Lower Sackville, which has several opportunities in that location. While it is a good opportunity for Halifax Regional Municipality wherever it locates, there were compelling reasons why Staples should take a close look at the Downsview Mall location. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Barnet outlined benefits of the Call Centre locating to the Sackville area.

12.3 20 Hillside Court - Subsidence

Councillor Barnet outlined problems with subsidence both on the property at 20 Hillside Court and on the street which has been occurring over the last few years and his efforts to have the problem solved.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Harvey to request that the Director of Works and Natural Services, John MacKay, investigate the problem and solve it. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 Repainting of Yellow Line - Beaverbank Road

Councillor Barnet advised that because of construction last year, the vast majority of the yellow line on Beaverbank Road has disappeared which creates additional problems because of patching and deterioration of the road surface. Lighting along Beaverbank Road is not good and, during wet conditions, it was hard to tell which lane you are driving

in. He was requesting that repainting be done at once. Additionally, Councillor Kelly suggested the tape option if not able to repaint at this time.

MOVED by Councillor Barnet and Harvey that staff be requested to repaint the yellow line on Beaverbank Road, even at this time of the year, or look at the tape option if not able to repaint at this time. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. **NOTICES OF MOTION** - None

14. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Marvin Silver, Bedford raised the following points:

- C He referred to the fact that a portion of District 1 wished to go with Colchester County and asked for clarification. Councillor Kelly advised that there were about 5000 people in the Musquodoboit Valley area. The Municipal Government Act coming into effect on April 1, 1999 - Sections 357 and 358 - gives them permission to go with another County if it is mutually agreed or annexed.
- C He then asked if there was the possibility of Bedford doing the same thing and expressed support for same. In response, Councillor Kelly advised that he had appeared before the Law Amendments Committee asking them to revoke Section 391 of the said Act but they refused to do so. That part of the Act was now Section 390 and does not permit District 21 or any other community to go in any other direction until that Section is changed. There was a Municipal Corrections Act which, if passed, would give the option to take place but, until then, the Municipal Government Act would prevail. The only other option would be to change the government of the day.

Councillor Harvey referred to the Committee set up recently by Council to look into the request by a portion of District 1. He said it should not be taken that Regional Council was in any proactive way seeking to have that part of its jurisdiction removed. The Committee of Councillors, with staff support, would be investigating what it would mean to HRM if the 5000 people in the Musquodoboit Valley were to go to Colchester and what it would mean to the people. Colchester County would also have to do the same kind of study. As to the Eastern Shore area of District 1, the Committee would also be looking at variations of delivering services to the Eastern Shore recognizing their rural nature.

Mr. Walter Regan, Sackville Rivers Association raised the following points:

- C He spoke in support of the RDA and asked for support from Community Council in the RDA's quest for funding.

- C He asked the status of the request from Sackville River Walkway Committee to become a Sub-Committee of Community Council and for funding. It was agreed that the Clerk would follow up.
- C Referring to his concern with dumping along the service road at McCabe Lake, he asked what had been done about the situation. As well, he asked for information on the feeder brook at Second Lake. In reply, Councillor Barnet advised that with regard to McCabe Lake, he met with contractors who are prepared to donate equipment and time to help. He was developing a Clean 19 program for the spring - for District 19 - to look at the entire community. He understood that Department of Transportation has agreed to gate the road. As to the Windsor Junction concern, he would follow up.
- C He expressed appreciation for the support of Community Council over the years for the Second Lake Park proposal.
- C As a citizen, he felt that HRM should stay as it is and make it work, without anyone leaving the Municipality.

Mr. Al Walker referred to tax bills received from the former County of Halifax which provided a breakdown of charges for fire, police, sidewalks, etc. and asked if this could be done again. In reply, Councillor Kelly advised that Councillor McInroy, District 5 brought this matter forward to Regional Council. It will be part of budget discussions. The second tax bill in the fall could contain this provided it is agreed to do so and there is sufficient time.

Mr. Gordon Morgan, Sackville Community Development Association spoke in support of the RDA and expressed appreciation of Community Council's efforts to locate an office for the RDA in the Acadia School building. He asked for support from Community Council for funding for the RDA.

Councillor Harvey subsequently asked for clarification re second generation funding for the RDA. Mr. Bill Gard of the RDA explained that the RDA was originally set up as a five year program and the second generation funding referred to a further three or five year commitment.

15. **NEXT MEETING** - March 25, 1999 - Bedford

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion from Councillor Harvey, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

