

**NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**MAY 23, 2002**

THOSE PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Robert P. Harvey, Chair  
Councillor Len Goucher  
Councillor Brad Johns

ALSO PRESENT: Thea Langille Hanna, Planner  
Kevin Conley, Park Planning and Development  
Sandra Shute, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2.1 **Regular Meeting - April 25, 2002**

**MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Johns to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting held on April 25, 2002 as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

2.2 **Special Council Session - May 7, 2002**

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Goucher to approve the Minutes of Special Council Session held on May 7, 2002 as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Added Items:           Correspondence re Infilling of Moirs Pond  
                              Correspondence re Split Shifts at C.P. Allen High School  
                              Students Crossing Riverside Drive - Councillor Johns  
                              Split Shifts at C.P. Allen High School - Councillor Goucher

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Goucher to approve the Agenda as amended. 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 **Correspondence**

- 9.1.1 A letter dated May 13, 2002 from the Office of the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans was before Community Council acknowledging receipt of Community Council's letter regarding the infilling of Moirs Pond. The correspondence will be given careful consideration and a reply will be forthcoming.
- 9.1.2 Councillor Goucher read a letter from Bedford residents voicing concern re the split shift scenario at C. P. Allen High School and requesting support so that split shifts are not an option in future.

Councillor Goucher indicated he would respond himself to the letter.

## 10. **REPORTS**

### 10.1 **Bedford Waters Advisory Committee**

#### 10.1.1 **Sandy Lake Park - Phase 2 - Beachfront Development**

A Report dated May 15, 2002 was before Community Council from Bedford Waters Advisory Committee regarding the above.

Councillor Goucher requested input from Kevin Conley, Supervisor, Park Planning and Development.

Mr. Conley advised that staff was in agreement with the recommendations from Bedford Waters Advisory Committee in general.

**MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Johns to approve the recommendations from Bedford Waters Advisory Committee and refer same to staff for implementation. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### 10.2 **North West Planning Advisory Committee**

#### 10.2.1 **Project 00086 - Secondary Planning Strategy for Bedford South**

A Memorandum dated May 3, 2002 from North West Planning Advisory Committee was before Community Council.

Councillor Goucher reiterated North West Planning Advisory Committee's comments and the recommendation that the policies in question are still relevant to both present and future development.

**MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Johns to recommend to Regional Council that Policies R-2A and R-3 remain in the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

10.2.2 Second Access for Lakeview Avenue

A Memorandum dated May 15, 2002 from North West Planning Advisory Committee was before Community Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Goucher to refer this matter to Rosemary MacNeil, Development Officer for confirmation of future plans for access.**

In making the motion, Councillor Johns advised that he has seen future plans for the area which he felt would address the issue of a second access. He indicated that he had been contacted by a number of residents living on both Lakeview Avenue and Fenerty Road who had concerns about connecting those two roads and the river that runs between them. As well, Regional Council recently purchased land in the area which could provide better access.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

10.2.3 Case 00406 - Plan Amendment to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law - 961 Bedford Highway, Bedford

A report from North West Planning Advisory Committee dated February 25, 2002 was before Community Council. Planning Advisory Committee forwarded its comments on to Community Council but did not make a recommendation.

Councillor Goucher stated there were two things that came out of the discussions: 1) the issue of residential mix and 2) what applicable uses could go there. He stated it was clear the issue of fast food takeouts was one that the residents did not want to see in a Commercial Comprehensive Development District. He recognized that argument could be made that there are takeouts at Tim Hortons and Dairy Queen but both were sheltered fairly well and had different zoning. There were, therefore, two options: 1) allow the process to continue or 2) enforce what the MPS says. In the final analysis, the MPS has to be enforced and, as well, this would be another spot amendment.

**MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Johns to recommend that Regional Council not approve the request to initiate the Plan Amendment process for the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to give consideration to allowing drive-thru restaurants within the Mill Cove Plaza area, 961**

**Bedford Highway, for reasons as outlined in the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy in the Commercial Section.**

To support his motion, Councillor Goucher quoted from certain sections of the Commercial Section of the Municipal Planning Strategy.

Councillor Harvey asked if Regional Council did not approve the request, would it be appealable. In response, Ms. Langille Hanna advised no, that it was actually a decision regarding whether or not to initiate the process.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.3 Resignation from North West Transit Advisory Committee**

A letter of resignation dated May 16, 2002 was before Community Council from Andrew Shute.

**MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Johns to accept Andrew Shute's resignation with regret. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

11. **MOTIONS** - None

12. **ADDED ITEMS**

**12.1 Students Crossing Riverside Drive - Pathway Between Alder Crescent and Riverside Drive**

A letter dated April 29, 2002 from Alan Barnhill, Chair, School Advisory Council, Sycamore Lane Elementary School was before Community Council asking for support to have a pathway permanently closed due to safety concerns for students.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Goucher to forward the correspondence to Traffic Authority and Parks and Recreation for consideration and comment regarding the request to have the path closed off. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.2 Split Shifts at C.P. Allen High School**

Councillor Goucher expressed appreciation of the way the residents of Bedford have helped another community by accepting split shifts at C.P. Allen High School this year in order to accommodate students from Sir John A. MacDonald High School. A great deal of concern has been expressed, however, relating to the possibility of split shifts again for

the fall. He supported the people of District 21 in their efforts to ensure that the split shifts do not continue for the fall.

13. **NOTICES OF MOTION** - None

14. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Don Lowther, Chair, Bedford Waters Advisory Committee raised the following points:

- He provided an update on the community opposition to the infilling of Moirs Pond. There were previously 4300 signatures and he submitted an additional 1000 names. He requested that the additional names be forwarded to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

**MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Johns to receive the Petition with an additional number of names. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

- With regard to the Jack Lake, he suggested that this area might make an excellent municipal golf course but did not know how to get the process started. He did some research into other municipal golf courses and found out that they generate a lot of revenue. One, for instance, pays the entire recreation budget from the proceeds.

Councillor Goucher indicated that the 35 acres at Jack Lake were cleared for the proposed jail site. This might be a wonderful opportunity to investigate this type of option.

**MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Johns to request George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer to provide a report on the possibility of a municipal golf course for the Jack Lake area and advise what objectives are in place regarding this area of land. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

- He referred to the recommendations from Bedford Waters Advisory Committee for Sandy Lake Park and indicated he had additional recommendations that he felt should be added to the list. It was agreed that Mr. Regan would provide Mr. Conley with the information.
- He would rather see a golf course than housing at Jacks Lake but it would have to be done in an environmentally sensitive way to protect Marsh Lake.
- He referred to Information Item No. 5 re Study of Sackville River and asked if the study could go forward.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Goucher to recommend to Paul Dunphy, Director of Planning and Development that the environmental study**



**for the Sackville River be included in the next budget for 2003/04. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

- He expressed appreciation for the approval of the Sackville Streetscape policies and asked if there were any plans to purchase land as it became available along Acadia Lane.

Deputy Mayor Harvey, in response, advised that pieces of land have been suggested to staff which might be available. He indicated it was being pursued but there was no particular budget amount at this point to implement.

- He asked the outcome of the situation with regard to shopping carts raised at Regional Council.

Deputy Mayor Harvey, in response, advised this was raised by a Dartmouth Councillor and referred to staff. He believed that whatever comes out of the Dartmouth initiative would apply HRM wide as it certainly is an HRM problem in the urban/suburban areas. Councillor Johns indicated that this subject is an issue on the Status Sheet for North West Community Council.

- He asked for an update on the 60 acres between First and Second Lake.

Deputy Mayor Harvey advised that a Workshop is planned on the concept of the 60 acres sometime in June.

15. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Thursday, July 11, 2002 at the Upper Sackville Recreation Facility, 2476 Sackville Drive, Upper Sackville.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion from Councillor Johns, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Sandra M. Shute  
Assistant Municipal Clerk