

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

PENINSULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 3, 2005

PRESENT: Councillor Sheila Fougere, Chair
Councillor Patrick Murphy
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Councillor Sue Uteck

STAFF: Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:51 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the minutes of the September 12, 2005 meeting of Peninsula Community Council, as distributed, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Deletion:

9.3.2 Presentation - Regional Planning Committee Briefing (Inadvertently included on the agenda. This matter will be considered at the November 7, 2005 meeting.)

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Status Sheet

4.1.1 Maintenance Rainnie Drive

Councillor Fougere reported that the grass had been cut. This matter is to be removed from the status sheet.

4.1.2 CN Property Maintenance

No information has been received regarding this matter. This matter is to remain on the status sheet.

4.1.3 Case 00644- Zoning Review - R-2A and R-2AV Zoned Properties

No information has been received regarding this matter. This matter is to remain on the status sheet.

4.1.4 Location of Reception Following Future Halifax Explosion Memorial Event

No information has been received regarding this matter. This matter 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 Hearing**

A joint public hearing with Chebucto Community Council to consider Case 00821: Amendment to the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-Law Respecting the Definitions of "Dwelling" and "Rooming House" was held earlier this evening. Minutes of that meeting have been prepared and will be available following approval.

- 8.2 **Appeal Hearing** - None
9. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**
 - 9.1 **Correspondence** - None
 - 9.2 **Petitions** - None
 - 9.3 **Presentations**
 - 9.3.1 **Presentation - HRM Economic Strategy - Betty MacDonald**

Betty MacDonald, Director, Governance and Strategic Initiatives, made a brief presentation to Community Council regarding the HRM Economic Strategy including the following highlights:

- HRM has been working on the strategy for about two years
- Economic growth has been slow and steady
- Need to look at initiatives to improve that growth
- Proposed Economic Strategy:
 - centers on people
 - recognizes the value of our universities
 - invests in our creative community
 - encourages partnerships and engagement with other stakeholders/other levels of government
 - will increase awareness of what HRM is about through branding
 - will strive to ensure the best business climate in Canada
- **Next Steps:** Will be seeking Regional Council approval on October 18 and will continue to work with the stakeholders following that approval

10. REPORTS

10.1 Staff Reports - None

11. MOTIONS - None

12. ADDED ITEMS

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Uteck gave Notice of Motion of her intention to, at the next meeting of Peninsula Community Council to be held on November 7, 2005, introduce for consideration the following motion:

Whereas Halifax Regional Council initiated a municipal planning strategy amendment process on August 9, 2005, to establish policies and regulations aimed at controlling development and subdivision on water lots infilled along either side of the Northwest Arm.

Whereas there have been a great number of community concerns expressed that further infilling will occur on the Northwest Arm before proper land use policies and regulations are in place.

Whereas staff will be introducing municipal planning strategy and land use by-law amendments to Halifax Regional Council on or before January 17, 2006.

Peninsula Community Council therefore urges that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada request his staff not to issue any further authorization for the infilling of water lots on the Northwest Arm in the period leading up to January 17, 2006.

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Alan Ruffman, Halifax

Mr. Ruffman addressed Community Council expressing concern regarding the speed of traffic on University Avenue in light of the number of students in the area. He requested that HRM review traffic on University Avenue from South Park Street to the Dalhousie University with a view to having a second stop sign at Le Marchant Street. Mr. Ruffman went on to suggest that the sidewalks from the Medical School to the Killam Library be widened and wheelchair accesses be improved.

Mr. Ruffman went on to express concern regarding stop signs and crosswalks in the area of the university.

Councillor Fougere indicated that HRM and Dalhousie University are working together to determine the requirements with regard to traffic and pedestrians.

Hugh Pullen, Halifax

Mr. Pullen requested further details regarding the Economic Strategy.

Councillor Fougere responded that the Economic Strategy would be presented to Council on October 18, 2005 at which time further details would be available.

Graham Hicks, Halifax

Mr. Hicks noted that bus tours are often taken to the end of Union Street in order that they may view the Bedford Basin. He noted that for the last number of years the bush and grass has not been cut and has impaired the view of the Bedford Basin from that vantage point. Mr. Hick suggested that HRM correct this situation. Councillor Murphy agreed to look into this matter and follow up with Mr. Hicks.


Referring to the Harbour Solutions occurring at the corner of Upper Water and Barrington Streets, Mr. Hicks suggested that additional directional signage for pedestrians be erected.

The Chair indicated that this suggestion will be forwarded to Harbour Solutions staff.

15. **NEXT MEETING** - November 7, 2005

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.


Sherryl Murphy
Legislative Assistant

