

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

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**PENINSULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
February 13, 2006**

**PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF:**

Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant  
Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 9, 2006**

**MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the minutes of the January 9, 2006 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**

**Additions:**

12.1 Personnel Matter - Appointment to the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board

**Deferral:**

9.1.1 Letter from Richard Wex, Director General, Habitat

Councillor Uteck requested that this matter be deferred to the March 6, 2006 meeting of the Peninsula Community Council. The Councillor indicated that Mr. Roger Wells, Senior Advisor, Harbour Plan, Regional Planning, will either be in attendance at that meeting or provide written comments.

**MOVED BY Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**4.1 Status Sheet**

**4.1.1 Closure of HRM Private Lane - June Street to Princess Place**

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

**4.1.2 Harvey Street Parking Lot - Townhouses**

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

#### **4.1.3 Amendments - Gross Floor Area Dwelling Requirements**

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

#### **4.1.4 CN Property Maintenance**

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

#### **4.1.5 Safety at Seaview Park**

An Information Report dated January 24, 2006 from Frank A. Beazley, Chief of Police, was before Community Council. This item will be removed from 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 Appeal Hearings**

**8.2.1 Appeal of the Approval of Variance No. 12090 - 5850 University Avenue**

C A staff report dated February 6, 2006, was before Community Council.

Mr. Andrew Faulkner, Development Officer, Planning and Development Services, reviewed the report with Community Council. Mr. Faulkner clarified that the Appellant appealed the original variance approval and this is the second time this item has been before the Peninsula Community Council due to a notification error.

Mr. Faulkner, at the request of Councillor Sloane, clarified that the Appellant is not present at this meeting of Peninsula Community Council.

Councillor Fougere called for any further questions of clarification, and there being none, opened the floor for the appeal hearing. Councillor Fougere called three times for any persons residing within the notification area or the Applicant to speak. No speakers came forward.

**MOVED BY Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that the appeal hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOVED BY Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Uteck, that Peninsula Community Council uphold the decision of the Development Officer to approve the variance. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan retired from the meeting at this time.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

**9.1 Correspondence**

**9.1.1 Letter from Richard Wex, Director General, Habitat Management, Fisheries and Oceans Canada re: Infilling of Northwest Arm**

C Correspondence from Richard Wes, Director General, Habitat Management, Fisheries and Oceans Canada dated February 3, 2006, was before Community Council.

This matter was deferred to the March 6, 2006 meeting of Peninsula Community Council during the approval of the agenda. See Item 3.

**9.2 Petitions**

Councillor Fougere submitted a Petition signed by 234 residents in support of the business known as the Canine Casbah and amendments to the current in-home occupation By-Law to include dog day-care and in-home pet boarding. This petition will be referred to staff for a report.

**9.3 Presentations - None**

**10. REPORTS - None**

**11. MOTIONS - None**

**12. ADDED ITEMS**

## **12.1 Personnel Matter - Appointment to the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board**

**MOVED BY Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Peninsula Community Council approve the appointment of Mr. David Ripley as District 14 representative to the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board for a term to expire November 2008. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION - none**

**14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **Kristan Curran, Halifax**

Mr. Curran addressed Community Council, distributing a summary of survey results to the Councillors and provided the completed surveys to the Legislative Assistant. Mr. Curran advised that his residence does not have a driveway and that many houses in his neighbourhood were built in the 1800's, before the use of vehicles, and also do not have driveways. He indicated that he would like to see changes to the on-street parking policy and also changes to the winter parking ban. Mr. Curran advised that a survey was undertaken by members of the neighbourhood in the area of Creighton, Maynard, Bauer, and Falkland Streets in 2005. He noted that 87% of residents surveyed were in support of changes to on-street parking policies and 89% were also in support of changes to the winter parking ban. Mr. Curran indicated that the group had brought their concerns to HRM staff without any result and are now bringing their concerns to Community Council hoping for some direction to staff for policy review.

Councillor Fougere requested that the survey results be forwarded to staff to be returned to Peninsula Community Council in the form of a staff report.

Councillor Uteck noted that an information report was received over one year ago from staff indicating that the resident permit parking strategy was being reviewed, however, no further information has since been received. She further noted that Peninsula Community Council members have been asking for years that the policies be reviewed, however, it was only recently announced by the Mayor that a review would take place.

Councillor Sloane noted that she has received regular feedback on the issue. She further noted that by allowing motorists to park for free on downtown residential streets, for work or entertainment, encourages people to drive their vehicles onto the Peninsula instead of using transit. Councillor Sloane suggested making drivers pay to park on downtown residential streets or increasing the cost of downtown municipal parking lots, would encourage alternate transportation and the additional revenue could go to improving

transit. She noted that the issue has been brought to the attention of the Mayor numerous times.

Councillor Fougere clarified that on street parking is an issue throughout all Districts within Peninsular Halifax.

**Graeme Gunn, Halifax**

Mr. Gunn addressed Community Council, reiterating Mr. Curran's comments. He noted frustration with walking to work and still having to move his car twice per day because of others taking up residential parking spaces. Mr. Gunn suggested that there are legitimate alternatives to the winter parking ban and he would be happy to discuss these ideas with the Traffic Authority. He indicated that HRM By-Laws are not being enforced properly or regularly.

Councillor Fougere encouraged residents to call HRM and report violations.

**15. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Peninsula Community Council is scheduled for March 6, 2006.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle  
Legislative Assistant