

WESTERN REGION COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MAY 26, 2003

THOSE PRESENT: Councillor Reg Rankin, Chair
Councillor Gary Meade
Councillor Stephen D. Adams

ALSO PRESENT: Ernie Brennan, Parkland Planner
Sandra Shute, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Keshen Goodman Library, 330 Lacewood Drive, Halifax. At a later point in the meeting, the Chair recognized MLA Bill Estabrooks, Timberlea/Prospect.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 28, 2003**

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Adams to approve the Minutes of meeting held on April 28, 2003 as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Added Items: Pinedale Park Subdivision - Prospect Bay Road - Councillor Meade
Bay Lookout Association, Boutilier's Point - Councillor Meade
St. Margaret's Arena, Skateboard Park - Councillor Meade
Rezoning of HRM Lands - Moores Lakes Area - Councillor Meade
Highway 103 Maintenance and Litter - Councillor Rankin
BLT and St. Margarets Trails - Councillor Rankin
Protocol for Closing Down Sports Fields due to Inclement
Weather - Councillor Rankin

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Adams to approve the Order of Business as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

4.1 **Status Sheet Items**

Prior to the start of the meeting, Community Council reviewed the Status Sheet in detail. The following changes were made:

4.1.1 **Proposed Amendments re Maximum Square Footage of Accessory Buildings, Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville**

This will come off the Status Sheet and be replaced by a request for proposed amendments re maximum square footage of accessory buildings for the Districts 1 and 3 Plan - St. Margarets.

4.1.2 Paving of Subdivision Roads

This can be deleted from the Status Sheet. This is a request from Spring, 2002.

4.1.3 Access to Nine Mile River

This can be deleted from the Status Sheet. Land purchase has taken place.

4.1.4 70 Fraser Road, Glengarry Estates

This can be deleted from the Status Sheet.

4.1.5 Funding Options Insurance/Bus Service Sambro Loop/Fire Service

This will be taken care of when responses come through Chebucto Community Council as the request originated there. To come off Status Sheet. Responses can be provided to Western Region Community Council as Information Items.

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** - None

10. **REPORTS**

10.1 **Winter Maintenance - Sambro Loop and District 23 Roads**

Councillor Adams had requested that this Information Item - a letter dated February 20, 2003 from the Minister of Transportation and Public Works - from the last meeting be brought over to this Agenda.

Councillor Adams indicated that it appeared the same information seems to have been provided over the last number of years. In light of the upcoming provincial election, he recommended this matter be considered at a later date in order to find out ways to improve the service in the area in question.

10.2 Sunrise Park Cemetery, Western Commons Land Sale and Negotiations

A Staff Report dated May 21, 2003 was before Community Council. Mr. Ernie Brennan, Parkland Planner provided an overview of the report with the aid of overheads. During his presentation, he advised that Mr. Hatcher submitted an overall concept plan. Because the cemetery backs onto the future site of Nichols Lake Park, HRM would be retaining ownership of Parcel C within the context of the overall plan and the future possibility of accessing Nichols Lake Park. A Licence Agreement is proposed for Sunrise Park Cemetery to utilize existing parking.

Councillor Meade asked how wide was the buffer behind the existing commercial properties on Prospect Road. In response, Mr. Brennan advised that there would be a 50' natural buffer maintained on Mr. Hatcher's property.

Councillor Rankin referred to the parcel of land being retained in HRM ownership and asked if there would be an ability to fence or gate and would it impair HRM's long term use. In response, Mr. Brennan advised that the Licence agreement is reviewed on an annual basis. In the event that Mr. Hatcher experienced vandalism and it was gated, Mr. Hatcher would have to provide parking on the other side of the gate.

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Adams to endorse:

- 1. The sale of Parcel "A", as shown on Figure 1 of the Staff Report dated May 21, 2003, to Sunrise Park Cemetery for the appraised value and subject to the terms and conditions to be set out in the Purchase and Sale Agreement.**
- 2. That a Licence Agreement be offered to Sunrise Park Cemetery Limited, for additional usage within the area, identified as Parcel "C" as shown on Figure 1 of the Staff Report dated May 21, 2003.**
- 3. The sale of Parcel "B", as shown on Figure 1 of the Staff Report dated May 21, 2003, to Sunrise Park Cemetery for the appraised value and subject to the terms and conditions to be set out in the Purchase and Sale Agreement.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

On a question as to whether or not a recommendation would have to go to Regional Council in this instance, Mr. Brennan advised that where a sale is under \$50,000, it can be signed off through Community Council and not have to go on to Regional Council.

10.3 Case 00444 - Request by North West Community Council to Amend the Height of Accessory Buildings in the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, Upper Sackville Area

A Staff Report dated May 1, 2003 was before Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Meade to give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Land Use By-law for Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville, as shown in Attachment 2 of the Staff Report dated May 1, 2003 and schedule a Joint Public Hearing with North West Community Council on a date to be set by staff. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. **MOTIONS** - None

12. **ADDED ITEMS**

12.1 **Pinedale Park Subdivision, Prospect Bay Road**

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Adams that appropriate staff be contacted re looking at options to try to ameliorate the insurance liability re the three drilled wells in the above subdivision, one option being taking over the facility by HRM or the Water Commission. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2. **Bay Lookout Association, Boutilier's Point**

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Adams to request that appropriate staff be contacted to see what resources might be available and if there is a heritage component involved with regard to the Bay Lookout Association relinquishing residual responsibility with regard to the operation and maintenance of Bay Lookout Park due to concerns with liability insurance. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 **St. Margaret's Arena - Skateboard Park**

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Adams to request that appropriate staff accomplish the construction of the Skateboard Park at the above location in September/October of this year as funding has already been approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 **Rezoning of HRM Lands - Moores Lakes Area**

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Adams that appropriate staff be contacted to look into the possibility of rezoning of a parcel of land around Moores Lakes on Chebucto Peninsula owned by HRM. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.5 Highway 103 Maintenance and Litter

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Meade that a letter be written to Department of Transportation expressing concern with maintenance, or lack thereof, of the 103 particularly the approach to Site A and if they have a continuous maintenance program for removal of litter along the highway. Secondly, Department of Transportation be asked if there is an enforcement program for this portion of Highway 103 with respect to the provision of covered vehicles as this also unnecessarily leads to inappropriate levels of litter. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

12.6 BLT and St. Margaret's Trails

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Meade that a letter be sent to the RCMP Tantallon Detachment asking that they ensure, within their resources, that as much enforcement as possible be carried out with regard to ATVs on the BLT trails as well as the St. Margaret's Trail extension to Hubbards. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

12.7 Protocol for Closing Sports Fields Due to Inclement Weather - Hammonds Plains Area

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Meade that appropriate staff be contacted to ask that they use discretion in outlying areas of HRM with regard to closure of fields due to inclement weather as weather conditions can vary in different locations throughout HRM. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

13. NOTICES OF MOTION - None

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Bill Estabrooks, MLA requested that Community Council write to Department of Transportation requesting clarification on the amount of money that Department of Transportation will be putting forward for subdivision paving.

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Adams that a letter be written to Department of Transportation and Public Works in this regard. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

15. NEXT MEETING DATE - Monday, June 23, 2003 if required.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion from Councillor Adams, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Sandra M. Shute
Legislative Assistant