

WESTERN REGION COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

September 25, 2006

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

STAFF: Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Keshen Goodman Library, 330 Lacewood Drive, Halifax, NS.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 28 , 2006**

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Meade, that the minutes of August 28, 2006 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**Additions:** 12.1 Appointment to the Membership Selection Committee - Legislative Assistant  
12.2 Distribution of Building Community Funds for Tantallon Elementary School Playground - Councillor Meade

**MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Rankin that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/STATUS SHEET**

**4.1 HRM Issues**

**4.1.1 Water Service Boundary - St. George Blvd., Kingswood**

No update received. Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.2 Shiloe Road - Councillor Rankin**

No update received. Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

#### **4.1.3 Exhibition Park - Wood Storage**

Mr. Peter Bigelow advised that the wood chips/logs are to be removed this fall. To remain on the status sheet.

#### **4.1.4 Construction of an Accessory Building on Property with Extreme Grades (Tantallon)**

No update received. Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

#### **4.1.5 LUB Amendment - Definition of Service Station**

Public Hearing scheduled for October, 2006. Item to be **removed** from the status sheet.

#### **4.1.6 Western Common Stewardship Committee**

- An Information Report dated September 25, 2006 was before Council.

Mr. Jan Skora and Mr. Peter Bigelow presented.

Referencing the Conclusion section on page 3 of the Information Report, it was **MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Meade that the Western Region Community Council authorize that:**

- 1. In October 2006 Real Property Planning staff advertise the selection process for the Western Commons Wilderness Advisory Committee.**
- 2. The Western Commons Wilderness Advisory Committee membership be selected from the list of qualified interested individuals.**
- 3. That the role of the Western Commons Wilderness Advisory Committee be to advise the design team for the Wilderness Common on planning and development issues related to these lands.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **4.1.7 Goodwood**

- (i) Re-zoning of I-3 Lands**
- (ii) Moratorium on Developing I-3 Lands**

Mr. Peter Bigelow advised that within the next two weeks a comprehensive report will be forwarded to Regional Council and the Western Region Community Council on these

issues.

#### **4.1.8 Lack of Second Exit in Highland Park**

Councillor Meade advised that this item is to be removed from the status sheet.

#### **4.1.9 Legal Definition - Public Consultation/Public Input**

No update received. To remain on the Status Sheet.

#### **4.1.10 Case 00925: Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville Land Use By-Law Amendment C-4 (Highway Commercial) Zone - Auto Repair**

Councillor Meade advised that this item is to be removed from the status sheet.

### **4.2 Provincial Issues**

#### **4.2.1 Environmental Concerns - Paul's Point Fisheries Ltd., Hackett's Cove**

No update received. To remain on the Status Sheet.

#### **4.2.2 Request for Crosswalk - Intersection of St. Margaret's Bay Road and Timberlea Collector (off Exit 3)**

A letter from the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works has indicated that this area is entirely within the purview of the HRM. No further update received. To remain on the Status Sheet.

### **5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

### **6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE**

### **7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

### **8. PUBLIC HEARING - NONE**

### **9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS - NONE**

### **10. REPORTS:**

#### **10.1 STAFF REPORTS:**

##### **10.1.1 Case 00857: Rezoning of 1109 St. Margaret's Bay Road**

- A report dated August 22, 2006 was before Community Council.

Mr. Luc Ouellet, Planner, presented the report.

**MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Meade that the Western Region Community Council give first reading for the proposed rezoning of 1109 St. Margaret's Bay Road and schedule a public hearing for Monday, October 23, 2006. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **10.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**10.2.1 Appointment of a Representative from the Western Region Community Council to serve on the Grants Committee.**

***MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Adams that Councillor Gary Meade be appointed the Western Region Community Council representative to the Grants Committee for the two-year term November 2006-November 2008. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

**11. MOTIONS - None**

**12. ADDED ITEMS**

**12.1 Appointment to the Membership Selection Committee**

**MOVED BY Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Adams that the Western Region Community Council appoint Councillor Rankin as the Western Region Community Council Representative on the Membership Selection Committee for the November 2006-November 2007 term. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12.2 Distribution of Building Community Funds for Tantallon Elementary School Playground**

**MOVED BY Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Rankin that the Western Region Community Council approve disbursement of \$25,000 from the District 23 Building Community Fund and \$10,000 from the District 22 Building Community Fund for the construction of a playground at the Tantallon Elementary School. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - None**

**14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Ms. Lisa Mullin, Chair of PROBE (Prospect Road Organization for a Better Environment)**

- Advised that a petition is being circulated in the community regarding the August 28, 2006 request by PROBE for a moratorium on development in the Goodwood

I-3 Zone area.

- She advised that in only 48 hours a total of 230 signatures had been obtained.

Councillor Rankin suggested that Ms. Mullin present the petition to him for submission at Regional Council once PROBE deems it appropriate.

**Mr. Wayne Rogers, Halifax**

- He inquired who owns Exhibition Park, HRM or the Province and whether or not he should be forwarding his concerns to the Province in regard to Exhibition Park issues.

Councillor Rankin responded that the province has mandated the Trade Centre operate the Exhibition Park facility.

- Mr. Rogers further inquired as to HRM's policy on written communication. He expressed frustration that when he sends an e-mail or a letter to Councillors he does not receive a written response in return but the item often appears on an agenda. He added that the Mayor informed him that responses are to be provided in a timely manner.
- He inquired whether HRM were actively trying to obtain the lands surrounding Drysdale Bog due to its ecological value. He added that the land should be preserved .
- He further inquired as to what HRM's plans were for Evergreen Place as there is a rock barrier across the road and he has noticed surveyor's stakes beyond that. He added that the property is in the Western Common and the road goes through some wetlands. With the current Regional Plan there may be some difficulties.

Mr. Bigelow responded to Mr. Roger's inquiries as follows:

- Staff are exploring a number of options in regard to the Drysdale Bog area. Land acquisition is one option. A report will be forwarded to Council/Community Council at a later date.
- The Evergreen Road area was slated for future development as part of the Ragged Lake Business Park and included recreational and residential lands. There is a planning process that needs to occur. Some fill was taken in as far as the lots were allocated at this point. HRM is compelled under municipal regulations to not leave any land locked parcels of land. There is potential to open up public and private lands.

**15. NEXT MEETING** - October 23, 2006

**16. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Chris Newson  
Legislative Assistant