

WESTERN REGION COMMUNITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2007

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

STAFF: Mr. Austin French, Manager, Planning Services, Community
Development
Ms. Kelly Denty, Supervisor, Planning Applications, Community
Development
Mr. Martin Ward, Solicitor
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the special meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

Added Item: 4.1.2 Case 01020: Rezoning of 1268 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Beechville - Councillor Rankin

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 27, 2007**

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Rankin, that the minutes of August 27, 2007, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

3.1 **Variance: File No. 13942, 1594 John Brackett Drive, Herring Cove**

Councillor Adams thanked Ms. Lindy Weilgart for bringing the matter of the watercourse setbacks to the Community Council's attention. He explained, with confirmation from Mr. Austin French, Manager, Planning Services, Community Development, that the error was due to the order in which amendments were put forward which caused a small portion in the village of Herring Cove to be negated in regard to watercourse setbacks and buffers. However, the oversight in the Regional Planning document does not have any bearing on the variance before Community Council as it is a separate issue.

Councillor Meade, upon receiving confirmation that the proposed building at 1594 John Brackett Drive would be 100' from the watercourse, placed the following motion: **MOVED BY Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Rankin that the Western Region Community Council deny the appeal and uphold the Development Officer's decision to approve the variance. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Adams advised that he will present the petition submitted by Ms. Lindy Weilgart in regard to the Herring Cove Services and Settlement Strategy at that evening's Regional Council session and will request the following amendment to the By-Laws:

Direct staff to pursue an appropriate amendment to the Chebucto Community Land Use By-Law to implement the Herring Cove Services and Settlement Strategy and Chebucto Peninsula Planning Strategy relative to watercourse properties and setbacks. He added that the amendment should take approximately two and a half weeks. He requested that Mr. Austin French, Manager, Planning Services, and Ms. Kelly Denty, Supervisor, Planning Applications, explain the process to amend the error to Ms. Weilgart upon adjournment of this meeting.

4. REPORTS

4.1 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

4.1.1 Kingswood Playground

MOVED BY Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Rankin that the Western Region Community Council approve the allocation of \$5,000 from the Hammonds Plains Common Area Rate for the Kingswood Playground. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4.1.2 Case 01020: Rezoning of 1268 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Beechville

MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Meade that the Western Region Community Council approve a change in the public hearing date for Case 0120: Rezoning of 1268 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Beechville from Monday, September 24, 2007 to Monday, October 22, 2007. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, September 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Keshen Goodman Library.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Chris Newson
Legislative Assistant