

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES December 4, 2001

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter J. Kelly
Deputy Mayor Robert P. Harvey (1:45 p.m.)
Councillors: Steve Streach
Gary Hines
Keith Colwell
Ron Cooper
Harry McInroy
Brian Warshick
Condo Sarto
Bruce Hetherington
Jim Smith (1:50 p.m.)
John Cunningham (1:55 p.m.)
Dawn Sloane
Sue Uteck
Sheila Fougere
Russell Walker
Diana Whalen
Linda Mosher
Stephen Adams (3:10 p.m.)
Brad Johns
Len Goucher
Gary Meade

ABSENT:

Councillors: Jerry Blumenthal (regrets)
Reg Rankin

STAFF:

Mr. George McLellan, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

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

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hines, that the Order of Business be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. **CELLULAR INSTALLATIONS - HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES - MR. BOB BRADLEY**

Mr. Bob Bradley, Director, Consumer and Clinical Radiation Protection, Health Canada, provided an overview of Health Canada's involvement in matters of radiation protection noting:

- His department deals with issues specific to areas not covered by other regulations;
- they do not deal with the telecommunication industry;
- they do not deal with medical devices but provide advice specific to medical x-ray equipment;
- they are responsible for the safety of Federal employees and, under the Canada Labour Code, for employees in Federally regulated work places;
- they provide services for inspection and approval of instrumentation used in these areas at the request of the local health and safety officials of various government departments;
- there are approximately twenty four guidelines at the present time and the one relative to the topic being discussed is Safety Code 6;
- baggage x-ray inspection equipment is one of the areas they deal with as well as Coast Guard radar installations;

Councillor Uteck noted one of the concerns expressed by residents was the rapid growth of cell towers and how close those are to one another. In response, Mr. Bradley advised the site, regardless of where it is or how many antennas are at that site, has to comply with standards in Safety Code 6.

In response to Councillor Sarto, Mr. Bradley advised they have no involvement in the installation of towers as that is strictly Industry Canada through their licensing and site approval process.

In response to Councillor Sloane as to what regulatory testings are used and the frequency of same when towers are installed, Mr. Bradley stated these systems are designed from the

beginning not to exceed the limits. He noted the cellular systems are so far down the scope, as far as exceeding safety codes, that it is not an issue.

Councillor Hines suggested that information be provided from Health Canada, outlining in layman terms, information that can be taken to the public to alleviate concerns.

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. Bradley for his presentation.

4. COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

- A report from Allan Waye, General Manager, Community Projects, dated November 14, 2001, on the above noted, was before Council.

Mr. Allan Waye, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, overviewed community projects and by-law enforcement outlining the following:

- Community Projects
 - Recycling
 - Special Projects
 - Asset Revitalization
 - Enviro Depots
 - Green Carts
 - Fire Board-ups
- Community Standards
 - By-Law Enforcement
 - Taxi/Limousine
 - Pesticide Enforcement
 - Animal Control
 - Policy
 - Reports

Mr. McLellan advised one of the broader issues being examined is that some of the by-laws are repetitive. He advised a review will be undertaken to address this issue.

Councillor Sloane questioned whether By-law officers can be “on call” after hours and on weekends. Mr. Waye advised the after hours and weekend enforcement is being examined and a report would be coming to Council at a future date.

In response to Councillor Cooper regarding enforcement of noise complaints, Mr. Waye advised By-law Enforcement addresses complaints during working hours and the police address any after hour complaints. He noted this is one of the issues being addressed at this time.

Mr. McLellan noted the issue of police involvement could be brought forward to Program and Service Review if necessary.

In response to Councillor McInroy, Mr. Waye advised that when By-law merged with Community Projects there was suggestion that they centralize, noting this has never been adequately addressed. He advised there is a working arrangement with the Corporate Call Centre and there is a By-law Enforcement Officer assigned to the Call Centre to access calls.

Councillor Goucher expressed concern that there would be a lack availability of staff personnel to address issues of land use compliance.

Councillor Walker stated that when this issue comes back to Council he would like to have information on the budget showing revenues from sidewalk, snow and ice, from environmental recycling depot recycling, from unsightly (how much money is in the budget and where it goes). He noted three zones were suggested and he would like to see a breakdown of how many officers for each zone as well as the number of complaints from each zone.

Councillor Warshick requested information on the misdirected community projects, where are they being misdirected from and what is being done to correct this. What is the average response time for the By-law Officers. What current plans are underway to increase dialogue between individual Councillors and By-law Officers for the area. What are the total dollars from recycling and where do these dollars go, the number of staff at each of the three locations that was outlined for community projects, and the number of youth at each one of these.

Councillor Smith requested information be provided on the pay levels for the Youth Live members.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Sarto, seconded by Councillor Hines, that the meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vi Carmichael
Municipal Clerk