## HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

October 4, 2011

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Kelly

Deputy Mayor Jim Smith Councillors: Steve Streatch

Barry Dalrymple David Hendsbee Lorelei Nicoll Gloria McCluskey Darren Fisher Bill Karsten

Jackie Barkhouse

Mary Wile

Jerry Blumenthal
Dawn Sloane
Sue Uteck
Jennifer Watts
Russell Walker
Debbie Hum
Linda Mosher
Brad Johns
Robert Harvey
Tim Outhit
Peter Lund

REGRETS: Councillors: Stephen Adams

Reg Rankin

STAFF: Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer

Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Acting Municipal Clerk

Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk

Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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## 1. INVOCATION

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Deputy Mayor Smith.

### 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors noted a variety of community announcements/events/acknowledgements.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that the minutes of September 13, 2011, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

## 4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

### Additions:

- 13.1 Motion Councillor Hendsbee Concerning Project 00953: Wind Energy Facilities in HRM
- 13.2 Property Matter Sale of Land Burnside
- 13.3 Regional Plan Review Scope and Workplan

At the request of Councillor Streatch, Council agreed to move up item 11.5.1 on the agenda to be dealt with as the first order of business.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Sloane that item11.4.1 be deferred to the next Regional Council meeting. MOTION DEFEATED.

Councillor Watts indicated that the report associated with item 11.4.1 was circulated to Council late, therefore, she was requesting that this matter be dealt with at this evening's session of Regional Council rather than this afternoon, in order to give Council members an opportunity to review the report more thoroughly.

The Mayor advised that at the end of this afternoon's session he would ask Council how Council wished to deal with item 11.4.1.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Fisher that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.5.1 - Councillor Streatch – Request for Staff Report Regarding Transfer of Responsibility for Oyster Pond Park from the Community to HRM

MOVED by Councillor Streatch, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Regional Council request a staff report examining the means and implications of the Halifax Regional Municipality taking over the responsibility for provision of

Oyster Pond Park from the community and assume the responsibility outlined in the agreement with the land owner, the Province of Nova Scotia. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES
- 6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION August 2, 2011
- 6.1 Councillor Uteck

An extract of the August 2, 2011 Regional Council minutes was before Council.

Councillor Uteck advised that she wanted to reinstate this section as part of Council's Rules of Order because it essentially provides default rules for Council. She noted that she consulted Legal Services staff and they have indicated that it is prudent to have this type of default in Administrative Order One.

The Mayor noted that two-third's majority support is required to deal with this issue.

MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Council rescind the motion of August 2, 2011 to delete Section 3.3 of Administrative Order One.

### Section 3.3 reads:

"The rules of the Nova Scotia Legislature shall be followed in all cases not provided for in this Administrative Order."

A brief discussion ensued and concern was expressed that, previously, legal staff had reviewed and recommended removal of the section; also, that Regional Council is not fully informed of the Province's Rules, and whether they are right for Regional Council.

Without a vote being taken on the motion it was MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Uteck that this matter be referred to the Executive Standing Committee for research on whether this is the most appropriate course for the Administrative Order. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION: NONE
- 8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS: NONE
- 9. PUBLIC HEARINGS
- 9.1 Case 16687 Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law Amendments and Development Agreement Portland Street, Dartmouth

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting. See page 11.

9.2 Proposed By-Law S-433 – An amendment to By-Law S-400, Respecting Local Improvement Charges – New Paving Projects Outside the Core Area 2010 – Joan Elizabeth Way, Sandy Point Road, Mannette Court

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting. See page 11.

- 10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS
- 10.1 Correspondence: NONE
- 10.2 Petitions:
- 10.2.1 Councillor Hum

Councillor Hum submitted a petition containing 206 signatures relating to the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes (BMBCL) Regional Park and the sale of HRM owned lands and commercial development in the Bayers Lake Business Park. The petition requests HRM to continue to work with the Department of the Environment and BANC developments and interested community groups to ensure:

- 1. Creation of a safe public access and amenities site for active recreation in BMBCL Regional Park and Wilderness Area.
- 2. Preservation of the wetlands on the south side of the Wilderness Area which form a part of the overall watershed containing Susie's and other Birch Cove Lakes, some of the healthiest lakes in HRM.
- 3. Preservation of sight lines from the Birch Cove Lakes
- 4. Preservation of the granite plateau that forms the edge of the watershed west of Kent Building Supply.

Further, that HRM staff withdraw the HRM lands from the development that were included in the 2006 Regional Park concept proposal (Map 13) south of the Wilderness Area and to designate these lands as part of the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Regional Park.

Councillor Hum requested the petition be submitted to staff for a report.

#### 11. REPORTS

#### 11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

## 11.1.1 Tender 11-243 – Rural Express Park and Ride – Fall River Service Road HFX 118-01 – Central Region

A staff report dated September 12, 2011 was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that Regional Council award Tender No. 11-243, Rural Express Park and Ride Fall River – Central Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$676,563.77 (net HST

included) with funding from Project Account No. CMX01104 – Rural Community Transit, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of the September 12, 2011 report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

11.1.2 Encroachment Agreement – Halkirk Properties – the Historic Brewery Property

A staff report dated September 16, 2011 was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Regional Council approve the Encroachment Agreement attached to the September 16, 2011 staff report to allow Halkirk Properties Ltd. to install five window wells within the sidewalk area of Lower Water Street. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

- 11.2 AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE
- 11.2.1 HRM Discretionary Funding to Business Improvement Districts Proposed Business Improvement Districts Contributions Policy

The following was before Council:

- (i) Audit and Finance Standing Committee report dated June 30, 2011.
- (ii) Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee report dated September 19, 2011.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Walker that Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the HRM Business Improvement District Contributions Policy as detailed in Attachment 1 and the proposed amendments of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee as described in the Background section of the July 17, 2011 staff report;
- 2. Implement the proposed HRM Business Improvement District Contributions Policy effective April 1, 2012; and,
- 3. Allow for greater transparency, the HRM Business Improvement District Contributions Program be identified as a separate line item under Fiscal Services in future HRM budgets.

Ms. Peta Jane Temple, Team Lead, Grants and Contributions responded to questions.

### MOTION PUT AND PASSED

11.3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

## 11.3.1 2011-12 Discretionary Funding for Business Improvement Districts

A report dated September 19, 2011 was before Council.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Wile that Regional Council approve the disbursement of Business Improvement District Discretionary contributions as listed in Table 2 of the July 14, 2011 staff report; and that the BIDS included in the Federal "Grant in Lieu of Taxes" would be over and above the current HRM grant allocation, i.e. excluded from the proportional allocation of HRM funding, pending a staff report outlining financial implications. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 11.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- 11.4.1 Case H00356: Substantial Alteration of the Macara-Barnstead Building Located at 1798-1800 Granville Street, Halifax, a Registered Municipal Heritage Property

This matter was dealt with later in the meeting. See page 9.

- 11.5 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
- 11.5.1 Councillor Streatch Request for Staff Report Regarding Transfer of Responsibility for Oyster Pond Park from the Community to HRM

This item was deal with previously. See page 4.

- 12. MOTIONS: NONE
- 13. ADDED ITEMS
- 13.1 Motion Councillor Hendsbee Concerning Project 00953: Wind Energy Facilities in HRM

Moved by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Streatch that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Rescind the 5<sup>th</sup> resolution as adopted on August 16, 2011: "That the amendments provide for the siting of wind turbines in the urban reserve and the urban settlement areas, especially where a power line corridor runs through those lands."
- 2. That Regional Council authorize staff to prepare a staff report on the Planning process to amend the RMPs and relevant LUB's to permit the siting of wind turbines on lands designated Urban Reserve that contain a power corridor in HRM.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

## 13.2 Property Matter – Sale of Land – Burnside

This matter was dealt with at an In Camera session held earlier on this date and was before Regional Council for ratification.

## MOVED by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that:

- 1. Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Cherubini Group of Companies for the subject land, as per the terms and conditions outlined in Table 1 of the September 19, 2011 Private and Confidential report; and,
- 2. The September 19, 2011 Private and Confidential report not be released to the public until the transaction has closed.

## MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

## 13.3 Regional Plan Review Scope and Workplan

This matter was dealt with at a Committee of the Whole session held earlier on this date and was before Regional Council for ratification.

## MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Sloane that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Formally initiate the process for the five year review of the *Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (RMPS)* in accordance with RMPS Policy IM-9
- 2. Approve the scope and schedule for the *Regional Plan* 5 *Year Review* as outlined in the July 27, 2011 staff report.
- 3. Approve the scope and schedule for the *HRMbyDesign Centre Plan* project as outlined in the July 27, 2011 staff report.
- 4. Restructure the Urban Design Task Force and Regional Plan Advisory Committee into a single Committee to be known as the Community Design Advisory Committee encompassing the mandates for both the Regional Plan Advisory Committee and the Urban Design Task Force; and the disbanding of the existing Regional Plan Advisory Committee and the Urban Design Task Force.

With the amendment that the composition of the Community Design Advisory Committee be amended to fourteen (14) members and to include three (3) Regional Councillors whose districts lie within the Regional Centre and one (1) additional citizens-at-large.

- 5. Establish the Community Design Advisory Committee as the primary advisory committee to CP&ED and Regional Council for the RP+5 and Centre Plan Project.
- 6. As recommended by the CP& ED Standing Committee, Councillor Uteck be one of the Councillors appointed to the new Community Design Advisory as a Council member whose district is in the Regional Centre.
- 7. That Councillor Sloane be appointed as one of the Councillors whose district is in the Regional Centre.

#### MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

### **14. NOTICES OF MOTION**: None

At this time the Mayor advised Council that Councillor Watts had requested deferral of item 11.4.1 to this evening's session. He asked Council if they wished to deal with the item now or later on.

**It was agreed** that Council would recess for one half hour, and return to deal with item 11.4.1 at that time.

Council recessed at 3:26 p.m.

Council reconvened at 4:24 p.m. with the following Councillors not in attendance: Streatch, Blumenthal, Adams and Rankin.

## 11.4 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Fisher declared a conflict of interest in regard to Item 11.4.1 as he has been a tenant in the building for many years. He then excused himself from the Council chamber.

11.4.1 Case H00356: Substantial Alteration of the Macara-Barnstead Building Located at 1798-1800 Granville Street, Halifax, a Registered Municipal Heritage Property

The following documentation was before Council:

- September 21, 2011 Heritage Advisory Committee report
- August 16, 2011 staff report

Mr. Bill Plaskett, Heritage Planner, presented the report.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the substantial alteration of the Macara-Barnstead Building, a registered heritage property, located at 1798-1800 Granville Street, as outlined in the August 16, 2011 staff report;
- 2. Approve that the restoration of the remaining facade extend to all elements including mansard roof, storefront and windows, with every reasonable effort for repair over replacement;
- 3. Request the record documentation of the existing building upon issuance of the development permit.

Councillor Sloane expressed concern with whether or not the proposed expansion of the tower was in compliance with Section 257 of the HRM Charter.

Without a vote being taken on the motion on the floor, it was MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Watts that Regional Council move In Camera at this time for discussion on a Legal Matter. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council reconvened its regular session at 4:34 p.m.

Upon request of Mayor Kelly, Ms. Karen Brown, Solicitor, provided clarification that the application before Council at this time was for approval/refusal of substantial alterations to the Macara-Barnstead Building which is a registered Heritage Building; an application under the Heritage Property Act.

Discussion ensued on the motion with Mr. Plaskett responding to questions of clarification from Members of Council.

#### MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council recessed at 5:24 p.m.

Council reconvened at 6:02 p.m. with the following Councillors not in attendance: Streatch, Deputy Mayor Smith, Blumenthal, Uteck, Adams, Harvey and Rankin.

- 9. PUBLIC HEARINGS
- 9.1 Case 16687 Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law Amendments and Development Agreement Portland Street, Dartmouth

The following documents were before Council:

An extract of the August 9, 2011 Regional Council minutes

- July 12, 2011 Harbour East Community Council report
- June 22, 2011 staff report
- A copy of the October 4, 2011 presentation.

Mr. Darrell Joudrey, Planner, presented the report in regard to the joint public hearing with Harbour East Community Council for Case 16687. He then responded to questions of clarification from Members of Council.

Mayor Kelly opened the public hearing calling for any speakers for or against the proposal. He then gave the third call for speakers, hearing none; it was **MOVED by Councillor McCluskey**, seconded by Councillor Johns that the public hearing be closed. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED**.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Fisher that Regional Council approve the proposed amendments as highlighted on Maps 1 and 2 of the June 22, 2011 staff report, to the Downtown Dartmouth Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law, as set out in Attachments "A" and "B" of the June 22, 2011 staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 Proposed By-Law S-433 – An amendment to By-Law S-400,
Respecting Local Improvement Charges – New Paving Projects
Outside the Core Area 2010 – Joan Elizabeth Way, Sandy Point Road,
Mannette Court

The following documents were before Council:

- An extract of the September 13, 2011 Regional Council minutes
- September 21, 2011 Heritage Advisory Committee report
- August 16, 2011 staff report

Written submissions from the following persons were before Council: David Horne, Teresa McGrath, Patrick McGrath, Pamela Sanford, Bill Sanford, Deborah Kasperson and Paul Kasperson.

Mr. Ken Reashor, Director, Transportation and Public Works, presented the report. He then responded to questions of clarification from Members of Council.

Mayor Kelly opened the public hearing calling for any speakers for or against the proposal. He then explained the public hearing process.

Robert Wild, Porters Lake, expressed opposition to the proposal, as presented in Appendix B of the August 16, 2011 staff report. The stretch of Sandy Point Road in front of his property is owned and maintained by the Province of Nova Scotia and was a previously paved portion. The cost of resurfacing this particular section of Sandy Point Road was not a local improvement; it was required maintenance and 100% covered by the province with no cost impact to HRM or any of the properties in the surrounding area. At the outset to this project, some residents on the paved section were told they

would be exempt from any cost as it was the responsibility of the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure which is documented in a memo dated August 3, 2010. Mr. Wild noted that he had no communication from HRM on this matter until July 14, 2011 when he received notification for a public information meeting to be held on July 19th which he did attend. The proposed amendment was raised by the area Councillor after the paving project was completed, however; it should have been raised at the beginning with involvement of all concerned. He was excluded from the process from the beginning and is therefore unable to make comment on the initial meetings. His understanding is that a vote was taken at the information meeting held in Porter's Lake in July 2011 but he is unclear as to what the vote was for or what difference the vote of those excluded lot property owners would have made. The notice for the meeting explained that the meeting was for information and discussion yet he does not feel there was much of either. The area Councillor advised that he would make the final decision as he had the power to do so. Mr. Wild expressed concern with being told that he must now pay \$3,784.12 for something he did not receive. If Council were to adopt the By-Law as presented, HRM would be charging a lot charge to property owners who already had existing paving which would be a charge for no new services rendered. HRM would have denied him the right to due process as he was not involved from the beginning.

Teresa McGrath, Sandy Point Road, expressed opposition to the proposal before Council to adopt By-Law S-433 regarding a local improvement charge to be equally assessed among the forty-eight (48) property owners. She noted that her concerns were outlined in a memo sent to Council dated September 9th. Ms. McGrath explained that at the initial meeting held in 2009 in regard to the project, residents were advised that Sandy Point Road differed from the other roads in the subdivision as it contained a section that was already paved and part of the old highway under the responsibility of the Province of Nova Scotia. When guestioned at that time about the local improvement charges and how they would be handled, the area Councillor responded that he would have to look into that issue as he was unsure. Owners of the properties abutting the paved section sought an official position from HRM and asked what their financial responsibility would be if the project were to proceed; the property owners were advised that they would be exempt from all costs associated with the project as their properties fronted on the provincially owned and maintained section of Sandy Point Road which was a previously paved section. Ms. McGrath explained that she was advised that at no time were their properties considered part of the project nor was that section included in the computations to determine the Local Improvement Charge. The four property owners whose properties abut the previously paved section of Sandy Point Road were not included in any ongoing discussion/correspondence that took place between HRM and the other forty-three (43) property owners nor on how the LIC would be assessed. The paved section of Sandy Point Road had been excluded by specific markers from the area survey; paving; culvert cutting and shoulder clearing. The cost for repaving the previously paved section of Sandy Point Road was 100% covered by the province. The proposal as suggested by Councillor Hendsbee is unjust and undemocratic and goes against his own statement and written opinion provided by HRM. She requested that Council reject the proposal as set out in Appendix B, Map Plan 6.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Karsten, Ms. McGrath advised that she did not have copies of the letter she received from HRM although a copy should be in the file.

Patrick McGrath, Sandy Point Road, explained that he had been notified in 2009 that he would not be responsible for any charges for the local upgrading project on Sandy Point Road as his property abutted the previously paved section. A meeting was called in July 2011 in regard to equal lot charges for each property owner including those who had been advised previously that they would be exempt from all costs in regard to the project. The area Councillor apologized for the flawed process and some financial miscalculations but advised that he had the power to advance what he had decided. By Council adopting the proposal before them they would be giving retroactive credence to a plan that had no existence until the project was completed and was not the plan under which the project was carried forward. The change should have been introduced prior to introducing the project; by not doing so some property owners have been denied their democratic right to participate and were lulled into a false sense of financial security. The proposal circumvents fairness and conformity with the law by introducing a new law to be applied retrospectively. He requested that Council withhold their support for the proposed By-Law and support the recommendation provided by HRM staff in Appendix A, Plan A.

**Lee Wilde, Sandy Point Road**, provided a copy of the plot plan map; Plan A, showing that their properties, fronting the existing pavement located on the old portion of Highway #7, were to be exempt.

Mayor Kelly gave the third call for any further speakers; hearing none, it was MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Barkhouse that the public hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that Regional Council approve By-Law S-433, an amendment to By-Law S-400 as outlined in Appendix "B" of the August 4, 2011 staff report, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements, relating to new paving of Subdivision Streets Outside the Core Area – 2010 for Joan Elizabeth Way, Mannette Court and Sandy Point Road.

Councillor Hendsbee provided a brief background of the paving project and process from 2008 to the present. He clarified that the properties abutting the old highway portion of Sandy Point Road were not assessed for the Local Improvement Charge (LIC). Sharing the cost of paving equally among all residents is fair as they have use of the road. He apologized to those who feel he is not being fair. Comments from other residents note that perhaps a commercial entity on Mannette Court should pay more due to the business on that property and trucks using the road, however; that cannot be done as the costs are assessed on lot frontage.

In response to a question by Councillor Karsten in regard to correspondence from HRM being a binding document, the Municipal Solicitor advised that she did not have a copy of the document in front of her and therefore was not able to provide comment.

Mr. Reashor confirmed that the four lots were exempt from the original proposal and would not be part of the LIC's and that this information had been sent by e-mail to the residents. Paving was only costed out for the area that was previously gravelled.

Councillor Johns commented that he had significant concerns in regard to a precedent being set to levy Local Improvement Charges to property owners for services they already have or have paid for. If a resident has a service and it is upgraded they should not be charged as it would be done through the general tax rate; the charges should only be for new services. He advised that he could not support the motion as presented.

Mr. Reashor clarified that the \$47,000 for repaving the previously paved section of Sandy Point Road, in front of the four properties in question, was covered by the province and was not included in the calculation of the Local Improvement Charges.

In response to a question by Councillor Johns on whether this would be precedent setting, Ms. Brown advised that this was Council's decision. Mr. Reashor noted that this situation was not the norm but there have been other examples.

Councillor Hum expressed concern that the property owners were left out of the process. She questioned whether there would be any legal implications.

Mayor Kelly advised that it was Council's decision whether or not to go forward.

In response to a question by Councillor Barkhouse, Mr. Reashor advised that the residents had been notified in regard to both proposed By-Laws, however; notification was not given in advance of the project in regard to the current proposal.

In response to a question by Councillor Karsten in regard to By-Law S-432 taking precedence over this matter if the motion were to be defeated, Mr. Reashor and Mayor Kelly clarified that By-Law S-432 does not exist as it was pulled.

Discussion ensued with various Members of Council expressing concern in regard to the notification issue and therefore their difficulty with supporting the motion.

Mayor Kelly clarified that if the proposal before Council does not move forward, the costs would be re-aligned to the forty-four property owners. If the motion is defeated, another public hearing would be required.

Councillor Hendsbee explained the situation in regard to the previously paved portion of Sandy Point Road and the new paving project. He noted that no LIC had ever been charged for the previously paved portion, therefore; there is no charge for a pre-existing service. His intent is to share the paving project costs among all forty-eight (48) property

owners based on lot frontage. This is not a second charge; it is a first time charge for all and is suggested to ensure fairness and equity for all residents. The cost per lot if all forty-eight (48) property owners were included would be approximately \$3,700; the cost per lot if paid by only forty-four (44) property owners would be approximately \$4,582.

A vote was then taken on the motion as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that Regional Council approve By-Law S-433, an amendment to By-Law S-400 as outlined in Appendix "B" of the August 4, 2011 staff report, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements, relating to new paving of Subdivision Streets Outside the Core Area – 2010 for Joan Elizabeth Way, Mannette Court and Sandy Point Road. MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

Mayor Kelly noted that the next step would be to host another public hearing to be advertised accordingly.

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett Municipal Clerk

# INFORMATION ITEMS October 4, 2011

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- 1. Proclamation Canada Youth Week October 17-23, 2011
- 2. Memorandum from Chair, Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee dated September 19, 2011 re: HRM as an "Entertainment Centre" – and Update on HRM's Events Strategy & Other Corporate Initiatives
- 3. Memorandum from Chief, Halifax Regional Police dated September 19, 2011 re: Petition Morningside Drive
- 4. Memorandum from the Municipal Clerk dated September 23, 2011 re: Requests for Presentation to Council None