HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

CHEBUCTO COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 7, 2011

PRESENT: Councillor Russell Walker, Chair

Councillor Debbie Hum, Vice Chair

Councillor Mary Wile Councillor Steve Adams

REGRETS: Councillor Linda Mosher

STAFF:

Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Keshen Goodman Library, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 6, 2010

MOVED by Councillor Wile, seconded by Councillor Hum that the minutes of December 6, 2010 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 12.1 Case 01205: Approval of Revised Development Agreement for 50 Bedford Highway, Halifax
- 12.2 Correspondence re: Communications Tower, Purcell's Cove Road, Halifax
- 12.3 Sherbrooke Drive Paving Councillor Hum
- 12.4 Bedros Lane HRM Takeover of the Private Lane /Street Councillor Hum
- 12.5 Case 16558: Lot Modification Development Agreement, Sylvia Ave., Halifax
- 12.6 Coyotes Councillor Adams

It was requested that item 12.5 be moved to the top of the agenda. Community Council agreed.

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

12.5 Case 16558: Lot Modification Development Agreement, Sylvia Ave., Halifax

A report dated January 24, 2011 was submitted.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Wile that Chebucto Community Council move Notice of Motion to consider an application by Habitat for Humanity to enter into a development agreement for property at 10 Sylvia Avenue, Halifax and schedule a public hearing for March 7, 2011. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Status Sheet

4.1.1 J.L. IIsley High School – Campus Opportunity

On Councillor Mosher's behalf, Councillor Adams requested that this item remain on the Status Sheet.

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4.1.2 Keefe Drive – Emergency Concerns Due to Road Construction and Lack of Seawall

On Councillor Mosher's behalf, Councillor Adams requested that this item remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.3 Plow Damage

Councillor Adams requested an update on this long standing issue.

This item is to remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.4 Resident Traffic and Safety Concerns – Fairmount Subdivision

As a report was forthcoming, this item is to remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.5 Solid Waste Removal Changes

An information report dated November 4, 2010 was before Community Council.

Councillor Adams moved the following motion on Councillor Mosher's behalf:

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Hum that Chebucto Community Council forward the information report dated November 4, 2010 to the Halifax County Condominium Corporation Number Ten (HCCC #10). MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4.1.6 By-law A-300 – Continuous Dog Barking

Councillor Wile requested that this item remain on the Status Sheet.

- 5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION NONE
- 6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION NONE
- 7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS NONE
- 8. HEARINGS NONE
- 9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

- 9.1 Correspondence None
- 9.2 Petitions None
- 9.3 Presentation
- 9.3.1 Halifax North West Trails Association Mr. Bob McDonald, Chair

A document titled Halifax North West Trails Association – 2011 Update – CCC Feb. 7/2011 was submitted.

A copy of the HRM booklet, Get Out...Check it Out. was submitted.

Mr. Bob McDonald, Chair of the Halifax North West Trails Association, provided the presentation and update on the work of the Halifax North West Trails Association. He indicated that the 2011/12 Halifax Regional Trails Association Capital Funding proposal involved an extension of the Linear Trail to link up with the Chain of Lakes Trail via a phased three to four year approach. Mr. McDonald requested Community Council's support of the Trail's line item in the 2011/12 proposal. In closing, he advised that the Halifax North West Trails Association would be holding their annual general meeting on April 3, 2011 at the Keshen Goodman Library.

- 10. REPORTS
- 10.1 Staff None
- 10.2 Councillor
- 10.2.1 Whimsical Lake Crescent Councillor Adams On Behalf of Councillor Mosher

Correspondence dated January 30, 2011 from Mr. Osmundo Betancourt was before Community Council.

Photos of Whimsical Lake Crescent were submitted.

On Councillor Mosher's behalf, Councillor Adams presented the correspondence from Mr. Betancourt dated January 30, 2011. Councillor Adams advised that Mr. Betancourt was concerned that salt was not being used on his street in order to protect Whimsical Lake; however, other streets in the area were salted and also drained into the Lake.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Chebucto Community Council request that staff investigate a solution regarding the request, as outlined in the correspondence dated January 30, 2011, to use salt on Whimsical Lake Crescent rather than gravel. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 11. MOTIONS NONE
- 12. ADDED ITEMS
- 12.1 Case 01205: Approval of Revised Development Agreement for 50 Bedford Highway, Halifax

A report dated January 31, 2011 was before Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Adams that Chebucto Community Council:

- 1. Approve the development agreement contained in Attachment A of the report dated January 31, 2011 to allow for a mixed-use building;
- 2. Require the agreement be signed by the developer within 60 days otherwise this approval shall be void and any obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

Councillor Hum noted that the amendment was simply to include the correct name of the property owner in the Development Agreement for legal purposes.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 Correspondence re: Communications Tower, Purcell's Cove Road, Halifax

Correspondence was submitted to Community Council for information.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Wile that Chebucto Community Council receive and table the submitted correspondence as information. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 Sherbrooke Drive Paving - Councillor Hum

Councillor Hum indicated that she received correspondence from Sherbrooke Drive residents regarding this long standing matter of deteriorating conditions and stormwater issues on the street; noting that the matter was still on the Design & Construction Services Capital Projects list. She requested that staff respond to the residents' concerns for the Community Council record.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Adams, that Chebucto Community Council request that staff respond to the recently submitted resident concerns regarding issues on Sherbrooke Drive.MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 Bedros Lane - HRM Takeover of the Private Lane /Street - Councillor Hum

Correspondence from Mr. Bernard Derible dated December 14, 2010 and January 17 & 24, 2011 was submitted.

Councillor Hum indicated that Mr. Bernard Derible, a condominium owner on Bedros Lane, had provided correspondence to herself, staff and Mayor Kelly regarding his concerns over Bedros Lane being a private road.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Wile that Chebucto Community Council request a staff report regarding HRM's position on taking responsibility of Bedros Lane which is currently a private road. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.5 Case 16558: Lot Modification Development Agreement, Sylvia Ave., Halifax

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 3.

12.6 Coyotes – Councillor Adams

Councillor Adams advised that coyote sightings had occurred in his District as well as Districts 16 and 17.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Hum, that Chebucto Community Council correspond with the Department of Natural Resources to request an update and further information regarding the recent coyote sightings in HRM, particularly Districts 16, 17 and 18 and to request a local number that residents can call to report sightings. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Wendy McDonald, Warwick Lane, provided the following comments and requests:

- An update regarding 50 Bedford Highway as a perfect area for the non driving resident
- Encouragement for having Active Transportations as part of all presentations
- A community sign for the Chebucto Community Council region as an appropriate shared expense from each Councillor's District Capital funds
- That the 2011 five year review of the Regional Plan include issues in the area such as the urban forest, the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Regional Park and transit as users have yet to be asked what their needs are

- An opportunity for a community visioning process
- A community engagement event as a way in which to turn the current Washmill Lake overpass issue into a positive structure in the community
- The new transit terminal could be put in Washmill Lake
- The potential for community dialogue on protocols and follow up by staff when residents make suggestions as they rarely hear feedback
- An update on the pending staff report regarding the Trails Checklist

Mr. Lee Hawkes, Westridge Drive, noted that he often walked his dog through the pathways in the area and had never seen a coyote and it occurred to him that perhaps the recent sightings in District 16 were actually 'junk yard dogs' rather than coyotes.

Councillor Adams requested that this point be included in the correspondence to the Department of Natural Resources

Mr. Hawkes requested a copy of the correspondence under item 12.2. Regarding the proposed Willet Street transit terminal, he asked Councillor Wile if it was possible for her to introduce a notice of reconsideration at Community Council. Mr. Hawkes advised that the community had organized an action committee regarding the issue; noting that it was confusing that in the two staff reports regarding the proposed terminal, one provided an estimated cost of \$2,750,000 and the other \$3,150,000.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 7, 2011

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory Legislative Assistant

INFORMATION ITEM

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- 1. 2010 Kearney Lake & Paper Mill Lake Water Quality Monitoring Reports
 - August 5, 2010 (i)
 - (ii)
 - October 18, 2010 December 9, 2010 (iii)