

**Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council
December 4, 2013**

TO: Chair and Members of Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original signed

Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

DATE: November 24, 2014

SUBJECT: Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council 2014 Annual Report

ANNUAL REPORT

ORIGIN/LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 27(1) of the HRM Charter states:

A community council shall hold an annual public meeting in the community in each year to report to the public concerning its activities and to receive the views of the public respecting all matters within its mandate.

BACKGROUND

Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council was established on December 3, 2012 by Administrative Order 48 Respecting the Creation of Community Councils.

Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council includes the following districts:

- District 2 - Preston - Chezzetcook - Eastern Shore (Councillor David Hendsbee)
- District 3 - Dartmouth South - Eastern Passage (Councillor Bill Karsten)
- District 4 - Cole Harbour - Westphal (Deputy Mayor Lorelei Nicoll)
- District 5 - Dartmouth Centre (Councillor Gloria McCluskey)
- District 6 - Harbourview - Burnside - Dartmouth East (Councillor Darren Fisher)

DISCUSSION

Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council met fifteen (15) times between December 1, 2013 and November 30, 2014, including four (4) special meetings. The meetings were held at the following locations:

- 5 meetings at 90 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth
- 5 meetings at the Dartmouth Sportsplex, 110 Wyse Road, Dartmouth
- 2 meetings at City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax
- 1 meeting at O'Connell Drive Elementary School, 40 O'Connell Drive, Porters Lake (February 6/14)
- 1 meeting at Lake and Shore Community Recreation Centre, 40 Inspiration Drive, Porters Lake (April 3/14)
- 1 meeting at Cole Harbour Place, 51 Forest Hills Drive, Cole Harbour (October 2/14)

The following are the meeting dates covered in this report:

1. December 12, 2013
2. January 9, 2014
3. February 6, 2014
4. February 13, 2014 (special)
5. March 6, 2014
6. April 3, 2014
7. May 1, 2014
8. June 12, 2014
9. July 14, 2014 (special)
10. August 7, 2014
11. August 26, 2014 (special)
12. September 11, 2014
13. October 2, 2014
14. October 21, 2014 (special)
15. November 13, 2014

Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council business for the period of December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014 included the following:

- 10 staff reports
- 2 reports from Boards and Committees
- 10 public hearings
- 1 variance appeal hearing
- 2 requests for reports brought forward by members of Community Council (independent from matters before Community Council)
- 5 pieces of correspondence (independent from matters before Community Council)
- 2 petitions
- 2 presentations from community groups
- 15 speakers during public participation

The following will highlight Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council's business for the period of December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014.

STAFF REPORTS

February 13, 2014

Case 18978: Discharge Development Agreement for 301 and 303 Main Street, Dartmouth
Staff recommendation approved.

Case 18675: Telecommunication Tower – 26 Cherry Brook Road, Cherry Brook
Staff recommendation approved.

Case 18497: Telecommunication Tower – 341 Cherry Brook Road, Lake Loon
Staff recommendation approved.

June 12, 2014

Boundary Expansion – Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission
Staff recommendation approved.

August 7, 2014

Case 18849: Non-Substantive Amendment for 959 Cole Harbour Road, Cole Harbour
Staff recommendation approved.

August 26, 2014

Case 19241: Non-Substantive Development Agreement Amendments for King's Wharf, Dartmouth
Revised staff recommendation approved.

September 11, 2014

Case 18992: Rezoning and Development Agreement for Erindale Estates, Eastern Passage
Staff recommendation approved.

November 13, 2014

Case 18849: Non-Substantive Amendment for 959 Cole Harbour Road, Cole Harbour
Staff recommendation approved.

Case 19485: Non-Substantive Amendment to the Evergreen Drive Development Agreement, Cole Harbour
Staff recommendation approved, with an amendment to extend the date of commencement of development for ONE year beginning January 1, 2015

Case 19482: Non-substantive amendment to Portland Hills CDD Development Agreement (Commercial Site) Portland Hills Drive, Dartmouth
Staff recommendation approved.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

April 3, 2014

Regional Watersheds Advisory Board - Porters Lake Watershed Servicing Study Report
Board recommendations approved.

June 12, 2014

Regional Watersheds Advisory Board – Musquodoboit Harbour Watershed Studies
Board recommendations approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

January 9, 2014

Case 18755: Amending Development Agreement – 5 Horizon Court, Dartmouth
Public Hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

February 6, 2014

Case 17575: Open Space Design Development Agreement, Nature's Ridge, Lake Echo & Porters Lake
Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

February 13, 2014

Case 16674 – Rezoning of 58, 60, and 62 Jamieson Street, Dartmouth
Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

March 6, 2014

Case 17061: Classic Open Space Design Development Agreement, Bissett Road, Cole Harbour
Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

May 1, 2014

Case 18329: Development Agreement for Multiple Unit Dwellings on an extension of Richmond Street, Dartmouth
Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

Case 19011: Substantive Amendments to Seven Lakes Open Space Design Development Agreement, Porters Lake
Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

July 14, 2014

Case 18992: Rezoning a portion of Erindale Estates, Eastern Passage
Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

September 11, 2014

Case 18809: Development Agreement for Harbour Isle, Dartmouth
Public hearing held and closed. Amended staff recommendation approved.

October 2, 2014

Case 19092: Amendment to the C-4 (Highway Commercial) Zone of the Cole Harbour/ Westphal Land Use By-law
Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

Case 19115: Development Agreement for 1 Circassion Drive, Cole Harbour
Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

VARIANCE APPEAL HEARINGS

October 2, 2014

Case 19371: Appeal of Variance Refusal – 19 Graham Street, Dartmouth

Variance appeal hearing. Motion defeated to grant the appeal and overturn the decision to refuse the variance.

MOTIONS BY MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL (independent of matters before Community Council)

July 14, 2014

Request for Report – Splash Pad Eastern Region - Councillor McCluskey

Motion approved to request a staff report on the possibility of the installation of a splash pad for the Eastern Region.

August 7, 2014

Request for Report – Public Boat Launch – Councillor Karsten

Motion approved to request a staff report on the feasibility of a municipally owned public boat launch on the Dartmouth side of the Halifax Harbour.

CORRESPONDENCE (independent from matters before Community Council)

December 12, 2013

Correspondence from the Soil & Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax re: Phosphorus – Details on Lake Carrying Capacity/Threshold values of lakes, and comparison with artificially high values chosen by HRM

Motion approved to forward this correspondence to staff and the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board for their information.

February 13, 2014

Correspondence from the Soil & Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax dated January 16, 2014 re: Select Archives from 1994, Nova Scotia Environment Department Commitments

Motion approved that the correspondence be forwarded to staff and the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board for their information.

Correspondence from the Soil & Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax dated January 15, 2014 re: Lake Echo

Motion approved that the correspondence be forwarded to staff and the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board for their information.

March 6, 2014

Correspondence from the Soil & Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax dated February 23, 2014 re: Morris Lake, Dartmouth

Motion approved to forward correspondence to staff and the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board for their information.

September 11, 2014

Correspondence submitted from the Dartmouth Curling Club regarding their interest in acquiring the Bowles Arena when it becomes surplus property. Motion approved to forward the correspondence to staff for their information.

PETITIONS

August 7, 2014

Petition submitted by the Clerk from residents of Admiralty Place regarding concerns with proposed changes to the King's Wharf development. The petition was forwarded to staff.

September 11, 2014

Petition submitted by Councillor Karsten from residents of Dartmouth in support of repairs/upgrades to Cross Road and Dewhurst Drive, Dartmouth. The petition was forwarded to staff.

PRESENTATIONS

November 13, 2014

Daylighting Sawmill River in Dartmouth – *Ecology Action Centre & Sackville Rivers Association*

Presentation provided. Motion approved to waive the rules of order to request a report.

Motion approved that Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council request a staff report on the presentation, with commentary from Halifax Water, using full-cost accounting.

Shearwater Flyer Trail – *Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association*

Presentation provided. Motion approved to waive the rules of order to request a report.

Motion approved that Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council request a staff report with regard to the request from the Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association for HRM to take over the entire Shearwater Flyer Trail from Bissett Road to 12 Wing Shearwater and also the short section across DND property to Corsair Drive, including a cost analysis to HRM with ongoing maintenance costs.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

December 12, 2013

- Speaker commented on the importance of the Regional Plan review, noting the need to attract families to Downtown Dartmouth, including Wyse and Windmill Roads, and encouraged Community Council to become more active in pushing development in the urban core to attract more families to the area.
- Speaker requested that Council consider in the future requesting amendments to the Municipal Government Act to mandate holding public consultation meetings on any studies done by consultants, in order for the public to be able to ask questions of the consultants undertaking these studies.
- Speaker discussed a submission on lake carrying capacity, noting that it is important to know what phosphorus levels are before any development begins. He reviewed work done by the Soil & Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax with regard to phosphorus readings on 600 lakes in HRM, which HRM staff has.

- Speaker discussed the revitalization of the Dartmouth Sportsplex, and reminded Community Council about the importance of the project.

February 13, 2014

- Speaker updated Community Council on plans for the 2014 EPIC Dartmouth event on June 28 & 29, 2014.

April 3, 2014

- Speaker commented on the Porters Lake Watershed Servicing Study, making comparisons between the results of the Porters Lake and Lake Echo Watershed Servicing Study surveys.
- Speaker made several inquiries with regard to the extension of central water and sewer services to Porters Lake and how the costs of the extension of these services would be covered.
- Speaker inquired about monitoring of septic systems on properties adjacent to Porters Lake, and encouraged regular updating of the study for data tracking purposes.

June 12, 2014

- Speaker circulated a submission to Community Council with information from his archives on lake water quality.
- Speaker discussed the difference between community visioning and secondary planning, and encouraged moving forward with the community vision created through the Musquodoboit Harbour Visioning process. She brought to the attention of Community Council plans by an area MLA to move the retirement home, the high school and the rink/community centre from Musquodoboit Harbour to Chezzetcook, noting that this is of great concern to the community.

August 7, 2014

- Speaker commented on the lack of community signs on Highway #7, Highway #118, Windmill road, and Pleasant Street.

September 11, 2014

- Speaker discussed the Dartmouth Curling Club's interest in acquiring the Bowles Arena when it becomes surplus property.

October 2, 2014

- Speaker commented on the lack of visible minorities on police commissions.

November 13, 2014

- Speaker commented on the need for protection of the Porters Lake Canal, which was recently put up for sale by the Federal government.
- Speaker noted concerns with the daylighting of Sawmill River, which he would like to discuss with the staff person assigned with the writing of the report requested by Community Council.

INFORMATION REPORTS

February 6, 2014

Water Quality Monitoring Results for Russell Lake – November 2013 Sampling Event

November 13, 2014

Splash Pad Eastern Region (Information report dated August 5, 2014)

OTHER ITEMS

October 2, 2014

2015-16 Budget Consultation

Budget consultation presentation provided and public participation held.

2014 Municipal Boundary Review

Boundary Review hearing held and closed.

Appointment of a Community Council Representative to the Selection Committee for the Naming Contest for Two New Harbour Ferries

Councillor McCluskey was appointed as Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council representative to the Selection Committee for the Naming Contest for Two New Harbour Ferries.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Council meetings are open to the public, unless otherwise stated on the agenda. Each regular meeting includes a Public Participation portion at the end of each agenda, which provides an opportunity for citizens to pose questions or provide comments to Councillors, through the Chair. Minutes, agendas and reports are available on the HRM website and from the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/index.php> then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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