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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Building, 90 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 5, 2009

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that the minutes of March 5, 2009, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: 12.1 Project 01031 - Wright's Cove Secondary Planning Strategy
12.1.1 E-mail dated March 31, 2009 from Mr. Gary Hill in regard to Case 01031.
12.2 Sound Barrier Fence Woodland Avenue - Councillor Smith
12.3 Amendment to Land Use By-Law for Downtown Dartmouth - Councillor McCluskey

Information Item - Wind Turbines by Site Plan Approval

Move: Item 10.4 Case 01222: Rezoning - Dartmouth Crossing, to be dealt with prior to item 9.3.1.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Barkhouse, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

As agreed during the approval of the agenda, Item 10.4 was dealt with at this time.

10.4 Case 01222: Rezoning - Dartmouth Crossing

- A report dated March 13, 2009 was before Community Council.
MOVED BY Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the Harbour East Community Council:

1. **Give first reading and set a public hearing date for Monday, May 11, 2009.**
2. **Direct staff to expand the notification area for the public hearing to include residents in the area of Woodland Avenue, Victoria Road to School Street and the Albro Lake Road area.**
3. **Request staff provide an Information Report prior to the public hearing on how the rezoning would affect the proposed Functional Plan for the area.**
4. **Request that staff provide a copy of the Traffic Study referenced in the report to members of Community Council prior to the public hearing.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence - None

9.2 Petitions - None

9.3 Delegations

9.3.1 Dartmouth Sportsplex Community Association

Mr. Brad Smith, Chair, Dartmouth Sportsplex Community Association, presented. Mr. Bob Quigley, General Manager, Dartmouth Sportsplex was also in attendance.

Mr. Smith noted that the Dartmouth Sportsplex, built in 1982, has reached its mid-life refit period. The Dartmouth Sportsplex, managed by a volunteer Board of Directors, has been very fiscally responsible with a return of 100% in operating dollars and 50% contributed toward capital costs. It has become increasingly more difficult to squeeze dollars out of the aging facility which has led to growing concerns with the ability to activate future programs. Expansion of youth and senior programming has become limited due to capacity issues. A strategic plan, encompassing wide community consultation that covered topics ranging from parking to programs, was done seven years ago; all goals were successfully implemented and a return on investment seen within 18 months. The only

matter that remains outstanding is the construction of a fieldhouse.

A proposed 47,000 square foot fieldhouse would provide space for multiple programs and permit significant additions to current programming. The fieldhouse would be part of a new Revitalization Plan that would provide convention/trade show abilities on the east side of HRM. The Dartmouth Sportsplex volunteer Board of Directors cannot finance the project on its own within the existing revenue. The Dartmouth Sportsplex is one of the highest priorities listed in the HRM Indoor Community Facility Master Plan. The Board is currently working with the Dartmouth Common Master Plan Steering Committee in regard to: an integrated parking area; assistance in meeting the needs of local schools, businesses, parks; and, new bus terminal.

The Dartmouth Sportsplex Board of Directors is seeking the support of Harbour East Community Council in the form of a positive recommendation to Regional Council for approval in the 2009/10 budget for \$100,000 in funding to carry out a feasibility and conceptual facility development study.

Councillor Younger, Chair, thanked Mr. Smith and Mr. Quigley for their presentation.

MOVED BY Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the Harbour East Community Council request that Halifax Regional Council approve \$100,000 from the 2009/10 budget to carry out a feasibility study and conceptual facility development study for the Dartmouth Sportsplex as per Recommendation #23 of the Community Facilities Master Plan (page 51).

In response to Councillor Karsten, Mr. Smith explained that the capital project would be the construction of an \$8 to \$10 million fieldhouse which would function as a multi-purpose facility for a variety of user groups and house basketball/badminton courts as well as meeting/program space.

Mr. Doug Rafuse, Manager, Service Delivery, Community Development, noted that the Dartmouth Sportsplex was one of the top priorities in the Community Facilities Master Plan.

Councillor Karsten commented that sending a report to Regional Council was a little pre-mature and that public engagement should be held first to determine what the public want/need at that site. Mr. Smith expressed concern with the future of the Dartmouth Sportsplex if the 2009/10 budget cycle were missed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. REPORTS

10.1 Case 01224: Amendments to Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law, Eastern Passage

- A report dated March 12, 2009 was before Community Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Barkhouse, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the Harbour East Community Council recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Give first reading to the proposed amendments to the Eastern Passage / Cow Bay Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law as shown in Attachment "A" and "B" of the report dated March 12, 2009 and; schedule a public hearing; and**
- 2. Approve the proposed amendment to the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law as shown in Attachment "A" and "B".**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 Case 01220: Amending Agreement - 1038 Cole Harbour Road, Cole Harbour

- A report dated March 12, 2009 was before Community Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the Harbour East Community Council Move Notice of Motion to consider a proposed amending agreement as provided in Attachment "A" of the report dated March 12, 2009 and schedule a public hearing for Monday, May 11, 2009. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 Case 01237: Eastern Passage/Cow Bay LUB - Housekeeping Amendments

- A report dated March 12, 2009 was before Community Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Barkhouse, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that Harbour East Community Council give First Reading to consider various housekeeping amendments to the Land Use By-Law for Eastern Passage / Cow Bay, as shown in Attachment "A" of the report dated March 12, 2009, and schedule a public hearing for Monday, May 11, 2009. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.4 Case 01222: Rezoning - Dartmouth Crossing

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 4.

10.5 Case 00798: Time Extension to Sign Development Agreement

- A Supplementary Report dated March 10, 2009 was before Community Council.

MOVED BY Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Smith that the Harbour East Community Council require the development agreement for the former Dartmouth Marine Slips property, Alderney Drive, Dartmouth, be signed within 180 days of the date of this granted extension, or any additional extension thereof granted by Council on request of the Applicant; otherwise this approval shall be void and any obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.6 Case 01053: Dartmouth MPS/LUB Amendments - Waverley Road

- A Supplementary Report dated March 19, 2009 was before Community Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that the Harbour East Community Council defer this item to May 11, 2009. MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

11. MOTIONS - NONE

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Project 01031 - Wright's Cove Secondary Planning Strategy

- A Supplementary Report dated March 17, 2009 was before Community Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the Harbour East Community Council recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Give first reading to the Wright's Cove Secondary Planning Strategy and proposed amendments to the Dartmouth Land Use By-Law as presented in Attachment "A" of the Supplementary Report dated March 17, 2009, and schedule a public hearing; and**
- 2. Approve the Wright's Cove Secondary Planning Strategy and proposed**

amendments to the Dartmouth Land Use By-Law presented as Attachment "A" of the Supplementary Report dated March 17, 2009.

3. Amend Policy WC-4 (b) (page 10 of Supplementary Staff Report) to read "No building shall exceed 16 storeys in height."

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.1 E-mail dated March 31, 2009 from Mr. Gary Hill in regard to Case 01031.

An e-mail dated March 31, 2009 from Mr. Gary Hill, Bedford, was submitted in regard to Project 01031. No further action required.

12.2 Sound Barrier Fence Woodland Avenue

MOVED BY Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Barkhouse that Harbour East Community Council request a staff report on the possibility of building a sound barrier fence along the north side of Woodland Avenue consistent with the existing one, located on the south side, in length and construction materials. The report is to include information on: financing obtained/provided for the south side fence and when it was built; permission requested from the Province to build on their right of way or property lines; suggestions for financing the new sound barrier fence. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 Councillor Nicoll

Councillor Nicoll, on behalf of Councillor McCluskey, read the following Notice of Motion into the record:

"Take notice that at the next regular meeting of the Harbour East Community Council, I propose to direct staff to initiate the amendment process for the Land Use By-Law for Downtown Dartmouth, the purpose being to address sign requirements on the upper stories of existing office buildings."

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No speakers came forward.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2009.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Chris Newson
Legislative Assistant

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Wind Turbines by Site Plan Approval.