

HARBOUR EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

August 9, 2012

PRESENT: Councillor Jackie Barkhouse, Chair
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Gloria McCluskey
Councillor Darren Fisher, Vice Chair
Deputy Mayor Bill Karsten
Councillor Jim Smith

STAFF: Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with the Invocation led by Deputy Mayor Karsten.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 5 & 10, 2012

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Fisher, that the Harbour East Community Council minutes of July 5 and July 10, 2012 be approved (as circulated). MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Karsten, that the order of business be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/STATUS SHEET

4.1 Status Sheet

4.1.1 Sculpture Park - Dartmouth Waterfront

No update provided. Item to remain on the status sheet.

4.1.2 Project 1286: Dartmouth Main Street Plan Review

The Dartmouth LUB Housekeeping Amendments are targeted for the Sept. 13/12 HECC meeting, and the Dartmouth Main Street Plan Review is targeted for the Oct. 4/12 HECC meeting. An update was requested as to whether the Dartmouth Main Street Plan Review will be dealt with before the end of term for the current Council.

4.1.3 Dartmouth MPS Water Policy Review – DLAB report on policy alternative for water quality preservation

Project to be completed before end of 2012. Item to remain on status sheet.

4.1.4 Dartmouth MPS Water Policy Review – Staff report on immediate remediation of Russell Lake

A presentation by Clayton Developments is scheduled for the Sept. 13/12 HECC meeting on this matter.

4.1.5 Petition – Councillor Nicoll – Heavy Truck Traffic Route – Clayton Developments Colby South Phase II

An information report is anticipated for the Sept. 13/12 HECC meeting.

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. HEARINGS

8.1 Public Hearings - NONE

8.2 Variance Appeal Hearings - NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence - NONE

9.2 Petitions - NONE

9.3 Presentations

9.3.1 Shubenacadie Canal Commission – Dartmouth Canal Greenway Project

Correspondence from the Shubenacadie Canal Commission dated August 9, 2012, with attached plan for the Shubenacadie Canal Powerhouse Project interpretation of turbine and sluiceway was circulated to Community Council.

Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Real Property Planning, presented an overview of the Dartmouth Canal Greenway project to Community Council. He reviewed the project elements, noting that the plan sets the concepts, but not the details, which are now being worked out. There are many elements to the project, including storm water control, heritage value, traffic, design and construction, active transportation, fish passage, and recreation needs for the neighbourhood. There are a number of other factors to be considered including the Dartmouth Cove planning underway, consulting with the Halifax Water Commission regarding the pipe under Portland Street, and private development in several locations in the area.

Mr. Bigelow reviewed the budget for the project, noting that \$200,000 was allocated in the budget in 2012, and another \$800,000 in the 2013 budget. Funds will be drawing from a number of cost centres.

Mr. Terry Gallagher, Manager, Facility Development, clarified that staff have been working to put together a delivery team for the construction of the project through Design and Construction Services. The project is moving from master plan to detailed

plan, which will be developed over the winter and tendered in the spring for construction.

Mr. Bigelow responded to questions from members of Community Council, noting that improvements to Lake Banook, which is also a part of the Greenway Project, were prioritized because of the World Canoe and Kayak Championships held there in 2009.

Dr. Jake O'Connor, Shubenacadie Canal Commission, thanked Community Council for their time. He reviewed the timeline of the project over the past ten years. He commented that there is no definite project schedule or plans and the project hasn't seen much action over the past nine months. The Commission has participated in and added to numerous studies and initiatives involved in this project. A member of the Commission, in cooperation with Nova Scotia Community College students, put in over 1600 hours of volunteer work to research plans and build scale models for the project. Dr. O'Connor read a portion of the Ekistics/CRM report of September 2002, which concludes that "the project deserves to be a showcase of HRM's highest standards." He noted concern that the budget is insufficient, that there is no project schedule set, and a dedicated project manager is needed.

Responding to questions from Community Council, Mr. Bigelow noted that the proposed schedule will be presented to Council with the upcoming budget. Pending approval of the budget by Regional Council, staff hope to be able to move forward with construction in the spring.

Mr. Gallagher noted that staff would like to consolidate the budget funds identified in various cost centres.

The Chair thanked staff and the Canal Commission for attending.

10. REPORTS

10.1 Staff Reports - NONE

10.2 Boards & Committees - NONE

11. MOTIONS - NONE

12. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

13. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Cameron Ells, Chairman, Shubenacadie Canal Commission, thanked Harbour East Community Council and staff for their ongoing support. He spoke optimistically that with the years of experience between Councillors, staff and volunteers, and with the ongoing

support of everyone involved, the area will be a “beehive of activity” in the near future. He encouraged everyone to work cooperatively, and noted that this project is a small portion of a greater vision for the Shubenacadie Canal system.

Mr. Charlie Burnet, Erskine Street, Dartmouth, indicated that he has an interest in local politics and the rejuvenation of the downtown area. He commented that he has had active correspondence with Mr. Bigelow regarding the need for a playground park at the Starr Manufacturing site. He noted that there is only one playground park south of Ochterloney Street at Alderney Landing and it is poorly maintained. With the development of the Kings Wharf site there will be a greater need for recreation facilities in the area. The site is a very large property and there is currently sufficient free space for a playground park. He encouraged that action be taken on this now.

Mr. Bigelow clarified at the request of Community Council that there is a playground in the concept plans for the site.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE – September 13, 2012

The next Harbour East Community Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chamber at 90 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant

INFORMATION ITEMS

None