

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

November 25, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Robert Harvey, Chair  
Councillor Tim Outhit, Vice Chair  
Councillor Brad Johns  
Councillor Peter Lund

REGRETS: Councillor Barry Dalrymple

STAFF: Ms. Katherine Salsman, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Krista Tidgwell, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Basinview Drive Community School Cafeteria, 273 Basinview Drive, Bedford.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – November 16, 2010 special meeting**

**MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Johns, that the November 16, 2010 special meeting minutes 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 16026 Crossfield Subdivision, Sackville (*deferred November 4, 2010*)
- 12.2 Councillor Lund - Metro X Bus Service

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that the Order of Business be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**4.1 STATUS SHEET REVIEW**

**4.1.1 Case 16026: Development and Agreement Discharging Agreement – Crossfield Subdivision, Sackville (*deferred from November 4, 2010*)**

This matter was addressed under Item 12.1 - Case 16026 Crossfield Subdivision, Sackville, see page 8. Item removed from the Status Sheet.

**4.1.2 Hammonds Plains Common Rate**

A staff report is being prepared for the January 2010 meeting. Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.3 Highway 107 Bedford/Burnside Bypass**

No update, item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.4 Naming Range Park Football Field**

This matter was addressed under Item 10.1.1 - Naming of Football Field – Range Park in Bedford, see page 6. Item removed from the Status Sheet.

#### **4.1.5 Area Rate for Implementing a Sidewalk within Sunset Ridge and Twinbrooks Subdivision**

No Update, item to remain on the Status Sheet.

#### **4.1.6 Extend Water Service Area to Fenerty Road, Springfield Lakes**

Councillor Johns indicated that the water quality in the Springfield Estates Mobile Home Park has decreased and residents are on a boil water order.

The Community Council requested the Clerk forward this concern to the Halifax Water Commission and request an update on the long term plan.

Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

### **5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**

### **6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**

### **7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

#### **7.1 Correspondence**

##### **7.1.1 Christina Parker, Chairperson, Highland Park Ratepayers Association (Deferred November 4, 2010)**

The following was before the Community Council for review:

- A letter from Christina Parker, Chairperson, Highland Park Ratepayers Association dated September 20, 2010 Re: Response to Traffic Authority Information Report dated June 2010 re: Street Lighting.
- A letter from Christina Parker, Chairperson, Highland Park Ratepayers Association dated September 28, 2010 re: Speed Limit – Uncontrolled Access Portion – Hammonds Plains Road

**MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Johns, that North West Community Council request that staff reconsider improving street lighting along the Hammonds Plains Road. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

##### **7.1.2 David and Kathy Haverstock (Deferred November 4, 2010)**

A letter from David and Kathy Haverstock dated November 4, 2010 was before the Community Council review.

**MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Johns, that North West Community Council recommend that the speed limits between Glen Arbour Subdivision and Pockwock Road be reduced to 50 km, 60 km between Glen Arbour Subdivision and Crestfield Drive and 50 km between Crestfield Drive to Kearney Lake Road.**

Ms. Christina Parker, Chairperson, Highland Park Ratepayers Association, provided an overview of the present speed limits along the Hammonds Plains Road.

Mr. David Haverstock, Hammonds Plains Road, read from his November 4<sup>th</sup> letter, requesting the following:

- improve the lighting along the Hammonds Plains Road so that every telephone pole has a street light
- consider reducing the 70 km/h speed limit along the Hammonds Plains Road:
  - o English Corner to Glen Arbour - 50 km/h
  - o Glen Arbour to Uplands Park - 60 km/h
  - o Uplands Park to the Karney Lake Road intersection - 50 km/h
- increase and continual enforcement of the speed limits along the entire length of the Hammonds Plains Road

Councillor Lund requested that the Community Council further write a letter to the RCMP Tantallon Detachment respecting enforcement of the speed limits along the Hammonds Plains Road.

The motion before the Community Council now reads:

**MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Johns, that North West Community Council recommend that:**

1. **The speed limits between Glen Arbour and Pockwock Road be reduced to 50 km per hour, 60 km between Glen Arbour and Crestfield and 50 km from Crestfield to Kearney Lake Road; and**
2. **Write a letter to the RCMP Tantallon Detachment respecting enforcement of the speed limits along the Hammonds Plains Road.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Later in the meeting, Councillor Lund requested that a copy of Christina Parker's September 28, 2010 correspondence be forwarded to staff for their review and requested a report be provided for the next meeting, to which the Community Council agreed.

## **8. HEARINGS**

### **8.1 PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **8.1.1 Case 16196: Bedford LUB Amendment – Cat Boarding in Association with Veterinary Clinics**

The following was before the Community Council:

- A report from the North West Planning Advisory Committee dated November 4, 2010.
- Correspondence from Gerry L. Giovannetti, AutoRail Forwarders, dated November 16, 2010.

Councillor Harvey reviewed the public hearing procedures and opened the public hearing, calling three times for any speakers for or against the matter to come forward at this time.

Councillor Harvey gave the third and final call for speakers; there being no speakers, it was **MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that the public hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Lund, that North West Community Council approve the proposed amendments to the Land Use By-law for Bedford, as identified in Attachment A and B of the staff report dated September 20, 2010. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – NONE**

**10. REPORTS**

**10.1 STAFF REPORT**

**10.1.1 Naming of Football Field – Range Park in Bedford**

A staff report dated November 24, 2010 was circulated to the Community Council.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Outhit regarding procedure, Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Real Property Planning, Infrastructure and Asset Management, advised that the Community Council could choose not to accept staff's recommendation and put forth their own recommendation. He provided a brief overview of the November 24<sup>th</sup> staff report's background section, noting that an announcement could be made prior to the final ratification.

Councillor Outhit noted that he would like to recognize Mr. Bremner's efforts with football over the past forty years without him having to be deceased.

Mr. Bigelow further indicated that the process of naming of the football field was initiation prior to Regional Council's approval of the new naming policy.

**MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Johns, that North West Community Council:**

- 1. Approve the naming of the sports field at Range Park in Bedford as "Bud Bremner Field"; and**
- 2. Forward the naming to Halifax Regional Council as an Information Report.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **10.2 NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **10.2.1 Proposed Halifax Harbour Bridge Toll Increase**

A report from the North West Transit Advisory Committee dated November 11, 2010 was before the Community Council.

Mr. John Merrick, Chair of the North West Transit Advisory Committee, provided an overview of the Committee's November 11, 2010 report.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that North West Community Council recommend that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Request that Halifax Harbour Bridges exempt HRM's Metro Transit buses from paying bridge tolls.**
- 2. Endorse that North West Community Council, with input from the North West Transit Advisory Committee, also write to Halifax Harbour Bridges requesting that they exempt Metro Transit buses from paying bridge tolls.**
- 3. Further, that North West Community Council forward a copy of the Community Council's recommendation report to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for review and consideration during the public hearing.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was later noted that the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board's public hearing was held on November 22, 2010; however, the Community Council still requested that a copy of their recommendation report to Regional Council be provided to the Board for their information.

### **10.2.2 Request for Street Lighting – Hammonds Plains Road**

A report from the North West Transit Advisory Committee dated October 28, 2010 was before the Community Council.

Mr. John Merrick, Chair of the North West Transit Advisory Committee, provided an overview of the Committee's October 28, 2010 report.

The Community Council agreed to split the recommendation.

**MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Johns, that North West Community Council request that the HRM Department of Transportation and Public Works install streetlights along the Hammonds Plains Road near Metro Transit bus stops located in the areas of Yankeetown Road, Pine Tree Road and Northwood Road due to safety concerns for pedestrians and motorists.**

Councillor Johns expressed concern with respecting the general lighting along the Hammonds Plains Road.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that North West Community Council alter Route 33 Tantallon Express so that it would commence at the Hubley Centre, turn into Flat Lake Drive, onto Windsor to Nottingham back to the Hammonds Plains Road, right turn onto Rockcliffe and along Pine Tree Road to Hammonds Plains Road at Northwood then onto Yankeetown West and exit at Yankeetown East then continue along its present route. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.2.3 Request for Roadway Upgrades**

A report from the North West Transit Advisory Committee dated October 28, 2010 was before the Community Council.

Mr. John Merrick, Chair of North West Transit Advisory Committee, provided an overview of the Committee's October 28, 2010 report.

Following a brief discussion it was, **MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that North West Community Council write to the Provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting improvements to the roadway for the Sackville Metro Link Terminal area and the Cobequid Metro Transit Terminal area located in Lower Sackville.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The Committee Council further requested that a copy of Minister Bill Estabrooks' letter dated October 18, 2010, as discussed during their November 4, 2010 meeting, be forwarded to the North West Transit Advisory Committee for their information.

**11. NEW BUSINESS – NONE**

**12. ADDED ITEMS**

**12.1 Case 16026 Crossfield Subdivision, Sackville (deferred November 4, 2010)**

The following was circulated to the Community Council:

- A staff supplementary report dated November 19, 2010.
- An email from staff dated November 11, 2010 re: response from Mr. Cesar Saleh, W. M. Fares Group.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that North West Community Council:**

- 1. Approve the proposed development agreement which enables a mix of residential units at the north corner of Sackville and Melham Drive with amendments to identify the eight units have been removed from the proposed multi-unit residential dwelling as provided in Attachment A of the November 19, 2010 staff supplementary report.**
- 2. Require the agreement be signed by the property owner within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.**
- 3. Discharge, by resolution of Council, the discharging agreement, as set out in Attachment B of the November 19, 2010 staff supplementary report following registration of the new development agreement.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **12.2 Councillor Lund – Metro X Bus Service**

**MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Johns, that North West Community Council request that Metro Transit undertake a service review of the Metro X bus service in Tantallon.**

Councillor Lund expressed concern with significant delays and high volumes of vehicles in the parking lot and suggested the option of an additional Park and Ride.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **13. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

#### **14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Christina Parker, Chairperson, Highland Park Ratepayers Association, commented that in speaking with Hammonds Plains residents, many are not aware of the North West Community Council's existence.

Councillor Johns noted various meeting locations along the Hammonds Plains Road.

Mr. Walter Regan, Sackville Rivers Association, expressed the concern with siltation run from construction sites at Sunset Ridge, Margeson Drive and Millwood Drive during the last heavy rain fall. He requested that Regional Council apply pressure to staff to prevent siltation runoff from getting into the Sackville River.

Mr. Regan further requested a status update on the Top Soil By-law.

It was noted that staff is in contact with the Province respecting siltation issues and various areas of HRM have experienced siltation issues due to climate change and heavy rain falls.

Mr. Nick Antoff, Chair, Waterstone Neighbourhood Association, expressed the following concerns:

- siltation runoff into Webber Lake
- previous damage to the road during plowing

Mr. Antoff further indicated that the Hammonds Plains Steering Committee wrote to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and other MLAs requesting that the Province maintain the assessment cap and could provide a copy of the letter to the Community Council if interested.

**Mr. Ross Evan, Pockwock Road**, expressed the following concerns regarding the intersection of Pockwock Road and Hammonds Plains Road:

- water has been collecting in the pothole at the edge of the pavement; lack of ability to clear away the water; hazardous in the winter; HRM had placed a traffic cone in the hole
- spent three and a half hours clearing gravel from intersection
- there is a piece of metal sticking out of the bank near the pothole (possibility the remains of a stop sign)

The Community Council requested that Mr. Evan's concerns be forward to staff for review.

In response to a comments made by members of the public respecting the design of the Pockwock Road and Hammonds Plains Road Intersection, Councillor Lund advised that he would follow up on this matter.

## **15. NEXT MEETING DATE – January 27, 2011**

### **15.1 Proposed 2011 Meeting Schedule**

A Proposed 2011 Meeting Schedule was before the Community Council for review.

It was noted that the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting falls within the Canada Games time frame. The Community Council agreed to discuss this meeting date during their January 2011 meeting.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that North West Community Council approve in principle the Proposed 2011 Meeting Schedule as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Krista Tidgwell  
Legislative Assistant

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INFORAMTION ITEMS – NONE