

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

August 11, 2011

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Outhit, Vice Chair  
Councillor Peter Lund  
Councillor Barry Dalrymple  
Councillor Brad Johns

REGRETS: Councillor Robert Harvey, Chair

STAFF: Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Outhit called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the BMO Centre Multi Purpose Room, 61 Gary Martin Drive, Bedford.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 23, 2011**

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Lund that the minutes of June 23, 2011 be approved, as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

12.1 Councillor Johns - Rain event of Tuesday, August 2, 2011 and the property at 327 Lakeview Avenue

12.2 Information Item 4 - Correspondence from Ms. Christine Penney, Regional Manager, Nova Scotia Environment, dated July 28, 2011 re: Paper Mill Lake Dam Update

**MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple 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**

A copy of the Status Sheet was before the Community Council.

**4.1.1 Bus Route Improvements – Hammonds Plains Road Corridor**

Awaiting report, item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.2 Petition – Speed Limit reduction along Pockwock Road from White Hills Run to Watershed (see Information Item 3)**

A staff information report dated July 5, 2011 entitled: Pockwock Road Speed Limits was submitted to the Community Council, as identified under Information Item 3. Councillor Lund requested the July 5<sup>th</sup> report be brought forward for discussion at the next meeting.

Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.3 Paper Mill Lake Update (see Information Items 1&4)**

Correspondence to and from Ms. Christine Penney, Regional Manager, Nova Scotia Environment, dated July 28, 2011 respecting Paper Mill Lake Dam Update, as identified under Information Items 1 and 4.

Information Item 4 brought forward under Item 12.2 during the approval of the Order of Business.

Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.4 HRM's Blasting By-law**

Awaiting staff report, item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.5 Petition – Councillor Johns re: Springfield Lake Wastewater Facility Report**

No update, item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.6 Case 01311 – Papermill Lake CCDD MPS Amendment, Bedford**

No update, Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.7 Yield to Transit Bus Law & Speed Zones along Hammonds Plains Road (see Information Item 2)**

Response received from the Honourable Bill Estabrooks, Minister, Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, dated July 5, 2011 respecting the North West Community Council's letter of June 6, 2011, as identified under Information Item 2.

Item removed from the Status Sheet.

**4.1.8 Extend Water Service Area to Fenerty Road, Springfield Lakes**

No update, item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.9 Highway 107 Bedford/Burnside Bypass**

Councillor Outhit requested a status update respecting Highway 107 Bedford/Burnside Bypass from the Transportation Standing Committee and HRM staff for the next meeting.

**4.1.10 Cushing Hill Comprehensive Development (CCDD)**

No update, item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.11 Area Rate for Implementing a Sidewalk within the Sunset Ridge and Twinbrooks Subdivisions**

No update, item to 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 AND DELEGATIONS**

**9.1 Correspondence**

**9.1.1 Letter from Gordon Given dated July 15, 2011 re: traffic & development concerns along Sackville Drive**

Councillor Johns indicated that he would follow up with Mr. Given respecting his concerns.

**9.1.2 Letters submitted by Ms. Christina Parker, Chairperson for the Greater Hammonds Plains Communities Association Transportation Committee dated August 9, 2011 re: Hammonds Plains Road – Petition for road safety improvements**

It was noted that the petition referenced in the August 9<sup>th</sup> letters was submitted by Councillor Lund to Regional Council during the August 9, 2011 session.

The Community Council agreed to forward the August 9<sup>th</sup> letters from the Greater Hammonds Plains Communities Association Transportation Committee to HRM staff for review.

**9.2 Petitions – None**

**9.3 Presentations – None**

**10. REPORTS**

**10.1 NORTH WEST PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**10.1.1 Case 16924 – Non-Substantive Amendment for Signage for General Commercial in Bedford South, Bedford**

A staff report dated July 6, 2011 was before the Community Council.

Ms. Jacqueline Belisle, Planner, Community Development, delivered a presentation respecting Case 16924 to the Community Council.

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

- 1. Approve the proposed Amending Agreement as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 15, 2011, to enable additional facial wall signage in the General Commercial area of Bedford South.**
- 2. Require the Amending 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.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.1.2 Case 17007: Telecommunication Tower – 9 Estates Road, Sackville**

A report dated August 3, 2011 was before the Community Council.

Ms. Jacqueline Belisle, Planner, Community Development, delivered a presentation respecting Case 17007 to the Community Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that North West Community Council forward a positive recommendation to Industry Canada supporting the proposal by EastLink for the construction of a new 60 metre (197 foot) self support telecommunication tower and associated equipment cabinet at 9 Estates Road (PID # 00635201), Sackville, as shown on Map 1 and Attachment B of the staff report dated June 21, 2011.**

Staff responded to questions of clarification respecting the site plan.

It was noted that no concerns have been raised this evening, nor during the public information meeting, respecting the proposed site location.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11. MOTIONS – NONE**

**12. ADDED ITEMS**

**12.1 Councillor Johns - Rain event of Tuesday, August 2, 2011 and the property at 327 Lakeview Avenue**

Councillor Johns provided an update respecting a concern raised during a recent power outage at the property of 327 Lakeview Avenue. It was noted that Springfield Lake is

serviced by an independent sewage treatment plan, which is fed by a variety of different pumping stations to the plant. During high weather events, in particular during power outages, sewage can backup into the basements of nearby homes. On Tuesday, August 2, 2011 there was a power outage around 8 p.m., and at approximately 11:30 p.m. sewage backed up into the basement at 327 Lakeview Avenue. Councillor Johns indicated that an investigation is being undertaken by Halifax Water. The property is presently being rented and the owner currently resides in Ontario. Councillor Johns asked what Halifax Water is doing to ensure that this issue does not reoccur and questioned whether there is any liability.

The Community Council **agreed to forward this matter to HRM staff for review and add it to the status sheet for future update.**

Councillor Outhit suggested the possibility of Halifax Water installing an Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) system at the pumping station.

**12.2 Information Item 4 - Correspondence from Ms. Christine Penney, Regional Manager, Nova Scotia Environment, dated July 28, 2011 re: Paper Mill Lake Dam Update**

A copy of Ms. Penney's July 28, 2011 correspondence was before the Community Council for review.

Councillor Outhit noted that he will continue to follow up with Ms. Penney and HRM staff. He has asked HRM staff to arrange an inspection of the dam and he will keep Kelly Regan, MLA Bedford-Birch Cove, informed as this is a Provincial matter.

It was noted that former Councillors Len Goucher and Gary Martin had made similar requests for updates on the Paper Mill Lake dam during Community Council meetings. The Community Council **requested the Clerk review past North West Community Council minutes and provide extracts of discussion on the Paper Mill Lake dam, for the Community Council's review.**

During the ensuing discussion, it was noted that Councillor Hum has also raised similar concerns pertaining to water levels and dams during a recent Council session.

Councillor Outhit further clarified that the two dams owned by Annapolis Group have been upgraded to meet Canadian Standards and Paper Mill Lake dam is awaiting modifications.

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Mr. Nick Antoft, Chair of the Waterstone Neighbourhood Association,** indicated that his initial concern was the various speed limits along Lucasville Road, Hammonds

Plains and Kearney Lake Road. He had suggested the legislation be amended to increase the bus yield limit to 70 km/h or reduce the speed limits along bus routes to make bus travel safer. Mr. Antoft strongly suggested that the speed limits along bus routes be re-examined for the area and HRM wide.

Following a brief discussion, it was **MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Johns that North West Community Council request that HRM staff meet with the executive of the Greater Hammonds Plains Communities Association Transportation Committee to address concerns raised respecting the yield to transit bus law and speed zones along the Hammonds Plains Road.**

**MOTION PUT AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

**Ms. Christina Parker, Chairperson for the Greater Hammonds Plains Communities Association Transportation Committee**, agreed with Mr. Antoft's concerns, commenting that it is HRM's mandate to provide safe and viable communities. She further requested that either the Community Council or Traffic Services write a letter to the RCMP requesting more enforcement along Pockwock Road. She commented that motorists are travelling at least 85 km/h or greater in a 70 km/h zone, making it difficult for residents to cross the street to get to the church. She suggested a black and white crosswalk sign be installed near the church on Pockwock Road.

The following points and suggestions were noted by the Community Council:

- It is difficult to enforce an area 24/7; there is a need to identify specific times during the day when traffic volumes are higher and speeds increase
- It was suggested that the Association contact their local RCMP detachment and request the mobile radar; the unit can be set up for the day to collect data on the times of the day when traffic is a concern
- There are new sensors that can be hung on a post which counts the number of cars and their speeds; Councillor Outhit purchased a sensor through his District funds and can make it available to monitor traffic in the area
- The Tantallon RCMP detachment has a mobile radar, which has been placed throughout the community

The Community Council noted that the Association could discuss these concerns during their meeting with staff.

**Ms. Joyce Evans, Pockwock Road**, and Ms. Parker further indicated that residents are disappointed that the speed limits were only reduced to White Hills Run. The petition presented to the Community Council in April 2010 asked that the 70 km/h speed limits be reduced to 60 km/h along the entire length of Pockwock Road, White Hills Run leading up to the watershed. It was noted that past White Hills Run leading up to the watershed is predominantly an African-Canadian community and many feel that racism is involved. Councillor Lund advised that he would follow up on this matter.

**Mr. Wayne MacPhee, Sackville**, expressed concern with the level of noise and safety risks associated with the construction trucks traveling along Frist Lake Drive during the

construction of the Sobeys at 70 First Lake Drive, Lower Sackville. Mr. MacPhee further expressed concern with the lack of notification/advertisement for the public information meetings and hearing, noting that only residents within 500 feet of the development received personal notification.

Councillor Johns noted that the public information meetings were well attended. HRM is required to send out notification to a specific area; however, the individual Councillor can request staff to expand the notification area. He suggested that the Community Council could write a letter to Sobeys Atlantic requesting that their construction trucks use Glendale as opposed to First Lake Drive.

During the discussion Mr. Mark McGonnell, Development Engineer, clarified that there are no legal means for HRM to put truck restrictions on local roads, other than weight restrictions. If weight restrictions were implemented on First Lake Drive, it would mean that no other trucks (ie. local deliveries, waste collection, moving trucks) could use the road. Mr. McGonnell indicated that staff has asked Sobeys' contractor to use First Lake, Metropolitan Drive and Glendale Drive during construction of the store and they have complied.

Mr. MacPhee asked if a copy of the letter could be forwarded to him, to which the Community Council agreed.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Lund that North West Community Council write a letter to Sobeys Atlantic and their contractor, Dexter Construction, encouraging that their trucks use Glendale Drive as opposed to First Lake Drive to access the site during construction, as well as for future deliveries to the store.**

In response to a question raised by Mr. MacPhee respecting guidelines for truck traffic, Councillor Outhit suggested that Mr. MacPhee speak with Councillor Harvey.

**MOTION PUT AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

**15. NEXT MEETING DATE – August 25<sup>th</sup> (if required) & September 22, 2011**

Following a brief discussion, it was **MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that North West Community Council cancel the August 25, 2011 meeting and hold their next regular meeting on September 22, 2011.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Krista Vining  
Legislative Assistant

### INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Correspondence to Ms. Christine Penney, Regional Manager, Nova Scotia Environment, dated June 28, 2011 re: Request for Paper Mill Lake Dam Update
2. Correspondence from Honourable Bill Estabrooks, Minister, Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, dated July 5, 2011 re: Response to North West Community Council's June 6, 2011 letter re: Yield to Transit Bus law and speed zones along Hammonds Plains Road
3. Information Report dated July 5, 2011 re: Pockwock Road Speed Limits
4. Correspondence from Ms. Christine Penney, Regional Manager, Nova Scotia Environment, dated July 28, 2011 re: Paper Mill Lake Dam Update