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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Sackville Heights Community Centre Silver and Gold Room, 45 Connolly Road, Lower Sackville.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 9, 2012 (*Joint Public Hearing with Chebucto Community Council*) & January 30, 2012**

**MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Harvey that the January 9, 2012 joint public hearing with Chebucto Community Council minutes and the January 30, 2012 minutes be approved, as presented.**

Councillor Lund provided clarification on the updates he and other Councillors receive from the RCMP. He noted that Councillors do receive daily updates from the RCMP; however, the information is not necessarily always pertaining to traffic accidents.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Addition:

- 12.1 Councillor Lund re: Request for Report from Halifax Water on the status of flooding at the intersection of Hammonds Plains Road and Blue Water Road

Information Item

1. Information Report dated February 16, 2012 re: Lighting Request - Hammonds Plains Road

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

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

**4.1 STATUS SHEET REVIEW**

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

**4.1.1 Petition - Request for playground in park area near Legacy Court**

Awaiting written response from staff, item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.2 Rain Event of August 2, 2011 and the property at 327 Lakeview Avenue, Sackville**

No update, item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.3 Bedford Waterfront Design Study**

No update, item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.4 Case 17227: Time Extension to Development Agreement for Sackville Manor Development, Walker Avenue, Sackville (Item 8.1.1)**

Matter addressed under Item 8.1.1 and later removed from the Status Sheet.

**4.1.5 Case 17291: Mill Cove Plaza Façade Improvements Amending Agreement, Bedford (Item 8.1.2)**

Matter addressed under Item 8.1.2 and later removed from the Status Sheet.

**4.1.6 Funding for Hammonds Plains Common Area Rate**

Councillor Lund advised that the report is forthcoming. An application has been submitted to the Province for one-third (1/3) funding. Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.7 Request for Update re: Traffic Lights at Intersection of Hammonds Plains Road and Glen Arbour**

Staff update provided via email dated February 23, 2012; report projected for March 2012. Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.8 Request for Update – Pine Hill Brook**

Staff update provided via email dated February 14, 2012. It was noted that this update would be provided to Walter Regan, as requested, for his information. Item removed from the Status Sheet.

**4.1.9 Request for Street Light Installation – Hammonds Plains Road**

Matter addressed under Information Item 1 and later added to the agenda under Item 12.2 for clarification. Item to remain on the Status Sheet to allow for further follow up with staff.

**4.1.10 Request for Update on Soil and Grading By-law**

No update, item to remain on the Status Sheet.

#### **4.1.11 Case 01311: Paper Mill Lake CCDD MPS Amendment, Bedford**

It was noted that a report was before the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee February 9, 2012 entitled: Mainland Halifax North Bedford Corridor Transportation and Waste Water; recommendation being forwarded to Regional Council February 28, 2012.

Councillor Outhit requested this matter remain on the Status Sheet pending the decision of Regional Council.

#### **4.1.12 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/BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

#### **8. HEARINGS**

##### **8.1 Public Hearings**

##### **8.1.1 Case 17227: Time Extension to Development Agreement for Sackville Manor Development, Walker Avenue, Sackville**

A report from the North West Planning Advisory Committee dated December 7, 2011 was before the Community Council for consideration.

Mr. Andrew Bone, Senior Planner delivered a presentation on Case 17227, to extend the date for completion of construction of development on Walker Avenue, Sackville for an additional five years. Mr. Bone noted an amendment to the second recommendation to require the agreement be signed *by the property owner* within 120 days.

Councillor Outhit reviewed the public hearing procedures and opened the public hearing, calling three times for any speakers for or against Case 17227 to come forward at this time; there being no speakers, it was **MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that the public hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

1. **Approve the proposed amending agreement as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated November 9, 2011 to extend the date for the completion of construction of development on Walker Avenue, Sackville for an additional five years; and**
2. **Require the agreement be signed by the property owner within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the applicant, 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.**

**8.1.2 Case 17291: Mill Cove Plaza Façade Improvements Amending Agreement, Bedford**

A report from the North West Planning Advisory Committee dated January 4, 2012 was before the Community Council for consideration.

Ms. Jacqueline Bélisle, Planner delivered a presentation on Case 17291, application by Sobey's Developments to amend the existing development agreement for Mill Cove Plaza at 961 Bedford Highway, Bedford to enable façade improvements.

Ms. Bélisle responded to a question of clarification on the type of external finish (Folly Lake Aggregate).

Councillor Outhit reviewed the public hearing procedures and opened the public hearing, calling three times for any speakers for or against Case 17291 to come forward at this time; there being no speakers, it was **MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that the public hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

1. **Approve the proposed Amending Agreement, set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated December 10, 2011, for the Mill Cove Plaza at 961 Bedford Highway as being consistent with the intent of the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy; and**
2. **Request 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.**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

**9.1 Correspondence**

**9.1.1 Christina Parker dated February 23, 2012 re: Item 9.3.2 – Presentation by Nick Antoft, GHPCATC – Hammonds Plains, Kearney Lake and Lucasville Road Truck Traffic**

Ms. Parker's February 23, 2012 correspondence was accepted for the record.

**9.2 Petitions - None**

**9.3 Presentations**

**9.3.1 Walter Regan, Sackville Rivers Association re: Sackville Greenway Multi-year Plan**

A copy of the Sackville Greenway multi-year plan presentation was submitted for the record.

Mr. Walter Regan, Sackville Rivers Association delivered a presentation on the Sackville Greenway multi-year plan to the Community Council, asking for their support subject to funding.

Mr. Regan responded to questions raised by the Community Council respecting the development of the Sackville Greenway and funding needed.

**MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Johns that the North West Community Council support, in principle, the concept of the Sackville Greenway Multi-year Plan as presented, subject to the appropriate agreements being reached with Halifax Water, HRM and the Province.**

Councillor Dalrymple suggested Mr. Regan may want to make a request for presentation to the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee and/or the Transportation Standing Committee on the Sackville Greenway multi-year plan presented this evening.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

It was noted that the motion would be forwarded to Halifax Water for their information.

**9.3.2 Nick Antoft, Greater Hammonds Plains Communities Association  
Transportation Committee re: Hammonds Plains, Kearney Lake and  
Lucasville Road Truck Traffic**

A copy of the Hammonds Plains, Kearney Lake and Lucasville Road Truck Traffic presentation was submitted for the record.

The Community Council recognized the following individuals in attendance:

- MLA Mat Whynott
- Mr. Alan Taylor, Transportation Planner, HRM Transportation and Public Works
- Mr. David Ross, Vehicle Compliance
- Staff Sergeant Scott Warnica, RCMP
- Mr. Jim Slaunwhite, Provincial Commercial Compliance

Mr. Nick Antoft, resident of Waterstone and member of the Greater Hammonds Plains Communities Association (GHPCA)/Transportation and Traffic Committee provided an overview of the Association and the Committee and delivered a presentation on the truck traffic in the greater Hammonds Plains Road in relation to Truck By-Law T-400. During the presentation, Mr. Antoft showed 192 photographs of trucks in the greater Hammonds Plains area (Hammonds Plains at Lucasville, Glen Arbour and Stillwater Bridge) taken on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 between the hours of approximately 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. He advised that the Association/Committee is asking for a possible review of By-Law T-400, improvements and correction to signage, and to provide education and enforcement. He further noted that the Committee looks forward to HRM's plan to provide upgrades to the roads in the Greater Hammonds Plains area.

Appreciation was expressed towards the Committee's efforts in relation to the information provided.

Following a lengthy discussion and questions of clarification respecting truck traffic along the greater Hammonds Plains Road in relation to By-Law T-400 and enforcement, the Community Council suggested that Mr. Antoft meet with the area Councillor, HRM staff and local RCMP in a roundtable discussion to develop an action plan on how best to proceed.

**9.3.3 Martin Laviolette re: TreeGo Park Proposal**

Mr. Martin Laviolette delivered a verbal presentation on a proposed TreeGo park for the HRM lands near the Sackville Sports Stadium, and showed a three minute video of a TreeGo park. Highlights were as follows:

- TreeGo parks are not just for zip lining; there is an average of seventeen (17) different activities in a park
- trees are protected with quarter-rounds and platforms are secure
- a TreeGo park has four different levels that are colour coded (Green, Blue, Red and Black); each level has a ladder up and a ladder down; participants progress through the levels

- participants are given a training/information session, sign a waver and run through a demo course prior to participating in the park
- trees are not cut down, roots are protected and trails are built to decrease the impact on the environment
- reference was made to the success of the TreeGo parks in Quebec, Moncton and Mactaquac
- the proposed site would utilize the land in front of the Sackville Sport Stadium, with one line in front of the building that would run to a new proposed TreeGo building

Mr. Laviolette responded to questions raised by the Community Council regarding the use and users of the TreeGo parks and the various locations, as well as the direction being sought in relation to HRM's involvement.

Ms. Thea Langille, Supervisor of Planning Applications - Central Region, Community and Recreation Services, indicated that Development Services staff is in consultation with Mr. Laviolette respecting the TreeGo proposal to determine whether it is a permitted use under the zone.

Councillor Dalrymple advised that the Waverley Sports Park Board heard Mr. Laviolette's TreeGo presentation two years ago. A process was undertaken with a well attended public information meeting that generated a tremendous amount of positive feedback and support. The Board unanimously agreed to the proposal for the Waverley area, but unfortunately the Waverley Sports Park lands were leased by the Province and the proposal was turned down. Since then, Mr. Laviolette has been reviewing other possible locations within HRM and the Province for a proposed TreeGo park.

Following a brief discussion, it was **MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that North West Community Council supports the concept of the TreeGo proposal and requests that the Sackville Sports Stadium staff and HRM staff pursue the TreeGo proposal, subject to the necessary agreements and contracts.**

Mr. Bob Taylor, Chairman, Friend of First Lake Society, indicated that he believed the Friends of First Lake Society has a licence which includes the lands of the First Lake trail and asked to be included in the consultation process, to which the Community Council agreed.

The motion now reads:

**MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that North West Community Council supports the concept of the TreeGo proposal and requests that the Sackville Sports Stadium staff and HRM staff pursue the TreeGo proposal, subject to the necessary agreements, contracts and consultation with the Friends of First Lake organization.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10. REPORTS – NONE**

**11. MOTIONS – NONE**

**12. ADDED ITEMS**

Councillor Johns exited the meeting 8:40 p.m.

**12.1 Councillor Lund re: Request for Report from Halifax Water on the status of flooding at the intersection of Hammonds Plains Road and Blue Water Road**

**MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Outhit that North West Community Council request Halifax Water to:**

- 1. Provide a status update on how they are addressing the chronic situation of flooding during high rain fall events at the intersection of Hammonds Plains Road and Blue Water Road; and**
- 2. Identify whether there are plans to make any modifications to the intersection of Hammonds Plains Road and Blue Water Road to alleviate flooding.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Lund requested that Information Item 1 – Information Report dated February 16, 2012 re: Lighting Request - Hammonds Plains Road be added to the agenda for clarification, to which the Community Council agreed.

**12.2 Information Item 1- Information Report dated February 16, 2012 re: Lighting Request - Hammonds Plains Road**

In response to concern raised on the intent of the Community Council's original motion in relation to the information provided in the February 16<sup>th</sup> staff report, it was suggested that Councillor Lund follow up with staff and report back to the Community Council.

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Walter Regan, Sackville Rivers Association, requested status updates on the following:

- Upgrades to the Bedford dams
- Restoration of Brads Brook

Councillor Outhit advised that he received notification from the Province and Annapolis Group that the Papermill Lake dam will be upgraded in the summer of 2012. In conjunction with the dam upgrades, HRM will be making upgrades to the park. Councillor Outhit was unable to confirm if these updates will include fish upgrades.

No update could be provided on the restoration of Brads Brook.

Mr. Regan further invited Councillors and the community to attend the Sackville Heights Community Centre fundraiser on February 25th.

Mr. Bob Taylor, Chairman of the Friends of First Lake Society and member of the Second Lake Regional Park Board, expressed the Society's and Board's excitement for the Sackville Greenway multiyear plan and the TreeGo park proposal.

Mr. Jeff Ackenhead, Sackville, commented that he is new to Sackville and expressed concerns regarding the lack of accessibility for bicyclists to travel from Sackville to the downtown core.

Councillor Outhit touched briefly on the development and funding of the Burnside/Sackville Expressway.

Mr. Regan commented that future development of what will be known as the Halifax trail and development of the Sackville Greenway would assist with accessibility; however, these trails are several years from being constructed.

The Community Council agreed with the need for more bicycle lanes throughout HRM.

Mr. Alan Alder, Sackville spoke in support of the Sackville Greenway multi-year plan.

Ms. Joyce Evans, Pockwock noted the importance and need for lights on every second pole along the Hammonds Plains Road.

**15. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 22, 2012**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Krista Vining  
Legislative Assistant

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Information Report dated February 16, 2012 re: Lighting Request - Hammonds Plains Road