

PENINSULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

February 7, 2011

PRESENT: Councillor Dawn Sloane, Chair
 Councillor Jennifer Watts, Vice Chair
 Councillor Sue Uteck
 Councillor Jerry Blumenthal

STAFF: Ms. Karen Brown, Senior Solicitor
 Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Sloane called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councillor Watts referred to page 4, second paragraph of the January 10, 2011 minutes and advised that the last line should be revised to indicate that it was *the promoter*, through Ticket Atlantic, that gave out complimentary tickets.

MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Uteck that the minutes of January 10, 2011, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Deletion:

8.2.2 Variance #16657 – 6177 Regina Terrace, Halifax

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

- 4.1 Business Arising: None
- 4.2 Status Sheet: No updates

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – Date

8. HEARINGS:

- 8.1 Public Hearings: None
- 8.2 Variance Appeal Hearings

8.2.1 Variance #16522 – 5643 Fenwick Street, Halifax

A staff report dated January 31, 2011 was submitted.

Ms. Stephanie Norman, Development Technician, provided the staff presentation outlining the Development Officer's decision to approve a variance of the Halifax Peninsula Land Use Bylaw for the conversion of a single-unit dwelling to a five-unit dwelling. Ms. Norman advised that the application proposed to add a four-unit addition to the rear of a single-unit dwelling and the variance was to allow the frontage

requirement of 40 feet to be reduced to 34.5 feet and a right side yard setback reduction from 6 feet to 5 feet, 7 inches. She noted that a neighbour appealed the Development Officer's decision.

Ms. Norman responded to questions from Community Council.

The Chair reviewed the rules of procedure and opened the variance hearing.

In response to a question by the Chair, Mr. Sean Audas, Development Officer advised that a notice of this appeal hearing was sent to the appellant.

Mr. George Ghosen, representing Fenwick Development Limited addressed Community Council and advised that the parking lot behind the property in question is currently uncontrolled and that there is usually 10 or 12 cars that park at their own discretion. He added this this proposal will reduce the amount of traffic going into that lot because the number of parking spots will be reduced and restricted to only the residents of the property.

The Chair called three times for anyone wishing to speak; there being none, it was **MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Uteck that the appeal hearing close. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that Peninsula Community Council uphold the Development Officer's decision to approve the variance.

In moving the motion Councillor Uteck noted that she has received no complaints against this property and that the proposal will alleviate the concerns about the parking situation that currently exists on this lot.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.2.2 Variance #16657 6177 Regina Terrace, Halifax

This matter was deleted during the approval of the order of business, as the appellant withdrew his variance request.

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence: None

9.2 Petitions - None

9.3 Presentations: None

10. REPORTS:

10.1 Staff: None

10.2 Committee Reports: None

10.3 Members of Peninsula Community Council:

10.3.1 Councillor Nomination to the Grants Committee

MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Uteck that Councillor Watts be nominated to the Grants Committee.

Councillor Watts accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations; and Councillor Watts was declared as Peninsula Community Council's nominee to the Grants Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 11. MOTIONS: None**
- 12. ADDED ITEMS: None**
- 13. NOTICES OF MOTION: None**
- 14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Graham Hicks, Halifax, addressed Community Council with a concern about HRM's communication of recycling information. Mr. Hicks advised that some of the literature on recycling of plastics state that only plastics No.'s 1 and 2 can go in the same bag, however he recalled recently hearing that all plastics can go in the same recycling bag. He noted that there is some discrepancy with regard to this matter and he had been advised that it would be clarified.

Councillor Sloane concurred that there has been different information circulating on this matter and that it was her understanding that any plastics with No.'s 1 to 6 are permitted to be placed in the same clear bag.

- 15. NEXT MEETING DATE - March 14, 2011**
- 16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant