

PENINSULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

May 9, 2011

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

STAFF: Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Watts that the minutes of April 11, 2011 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 12.1 Appointments to Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee
- 12.2 Annual General Meeting – Agenda (Councillor Watts)
- 12.3 Bayers Road Widening Update (Councillor Watts)

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

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/STATUS SHEET

- 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: None

8. HEARINGS:

- 8.1 Public Hearings:** None
- 8.2 Variance Appeal Hearings:** None

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

- 9.1 Correspondence:** None
- 9.2 Petitions:** None
- 9.3 Presentations:**
 - 9.3.1 Halifax Urban Greenway Association- Update on Activities**

Mr. Mark Poirier, representing the Halifax Urban Greenway Association provided an update on the Association's activities, focusing in particular on the progress to date of Phase One of the multi-use trail along Beaufort Avenue, between South Street and

Marlborough Woods/Roxton Road, and the work to be undertaken with Phase Two. He noted that the challenge they have encountered involves the acquisition of CN lands. In concluding his remarks, Mr. Poirier advised that the Association would appreciate Community Council's support of their efforts to expedite land acquisition negotiations with CN and, also, recommend that the Halifax Urban Greenway be discussed in the 'Big Ideas' report.

A brief discussion ensued, and Councillor Uteck expressed concern that the trail was not mentioned in the "Big Ideas" report, and suggested that staff be requested to provide an information report.

MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that Peninsula Community Council:

- 1. Recognize and supports the Halifax Urban Greenway as important infrastructure for Peninsular Halifax, and recommends that it be discussed in the "Big Ideas" report; and that Community Council supports expediting the land acquisition negotiations with CN.**
- 2. Staff to provide an information report for Community Council's June 13, 2011 meeting addressing the following issues:**
 - clarify why the Urban Greenway was not included in the Big Ideas report;**
 - provide an update on the status of the land negotiations with CN;**
 - provide an update on when work will start on the land behind Memorial Avenue**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.3.2 Business Improvement District – Agricola/Gottingen/Hydrostone

Mr. Bernard Smith, Purcell's Cove provided a presentation on an initiative to create a business improvement district for the Agricola/Gottingen/Hydrostone area.

In his remarks, Mr. Smith advised that there was a general feeling among the North End businesses that a Business Improvement District would be useful. He explained that a vote was carried out and closed this past Friday, but that he did not know the outcome as of yet. He added that he was hopeful it would move forward and, if so, he would like to come back to Community Council to present their objectives and introduce the Board.

10. REPORTS:

10.1 Staff Reports: None

10.2 Committee Reports: None

10.3 Members of Peninsula Community Council: None

11. MOTIONS: None

12. ADDED ITEMS:

12.1 Appointments to Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee

This matter was discussed at an In Camera meeting held earlier on this date and was before Community Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Watts that Allison Presse and Duncan Moran be appointed to the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee with terms to expire November 2012. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 Annual General Meeting – Agenda

A brief discussion ensued with regard to the agenda for the Annual General Meeting, to be held in conjunction with the next regular Community Council meeting of June 13, 2011.

It was agreed that staff would be requested to provide presentations on Active Transportation Plans for the Peninsula; Plans for the South Common; and Plans for Victoria Park extension.

12.3 Bayers Road Widening Update

For information, Councillor Watts provided a brief verbal update on the issue of the widening of Bayers Road.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION: None

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one came forward to address Community Council during public participation.

15. NEXT MEETING: June 13, 2011

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.