

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

NORTH WEST PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Revised

July 3, 2013

PRESENT: Ms. Ann Merritt
 Mr. Paul Russell
 Ms. Carrie Purcell
 Councillor Steve Craig

REGRETS: Mr. Michael Cogan

STAFF: Mr. Tyson Simms, Planner, Planning Services
 Ms. Sarah Pellerine, Legislative Assistant

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1.	CALL TO ORDER.....	3
2.	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – June 5, 2013 and January 7, 2013 Public Meeting.....	3
3.	APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS.....	3
4.	BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES	3
4.1	Update on Committee Appointments.....	3
5.	CONSIDERATION OF DEFERED BUSINESS – NONE	3
6.	REPORTS	3
6.1	Case 18491: Application by Halifax Regional Water Commission (Halifax Water) to construct a 50 meter telecommunications tower at the Pockwock Water Treatment Plant, 1749 Pockwock Road, Upper Hammonds Plains.	3
7.	STATUS UPDATES	5
7.1	Monthly Status Updates – None	5
7.2	Decisions of Council – None.....	5
8.	ADDED ITEMS	5
9.	NEXT MEETING DATE – August 7, 2013	5
10.	ADJOURNMENT	5

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Fenerty Room, Sackville Public Library, 636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – June 5, 2013 and January 7, 2013 Public Meeting

MOVED by Mr. Russell, seconded by Ms. Purcell that the minutes of June 5, 2013 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

It was noted the January 7, 2013 minutes were not included in the meeting package.

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

MOVED by Mr. Russell, seconded by Ms. Purcell that the Order of Business be approved as distributed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Update on Committee Appointments

It was noted that Councilor Outhit has been appointed to the Committee and a notice for additional committee members has been sent out. It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting to allow for staff to provide an update on this.

There was a brief discussion regarding the new Union Street Advisory Committee and if it will be seen as a Planning Advisory Committee, as it was noted that each Community Council is permitted to have no more than two PAC's. The committee will defer this item until the next meeting for staff to provide update.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERED BUSINESS – NONE

6. REPORTS

6.1 Case 18491: Application by Halifax Regional Water Commission (Halifax Water) to construct a 50 meter telecommunications tower at the Pockwock Water Treatment Plant, 1749 Pockwock Road, Upper Hammonds Plains.

A staff memorandum dated June 20, 2013 was before the Committee.

Mr. Tyson Simms, Planner, presented the report to the Committee and noted the report was provided to the committee as a memorandum instead of the report format the

committee is accustomed to seeing. Mr. Simms also noted that a notice regarding the tower was sent to the community and there was no response back from the community against the location of the tower

It was noted that Council cannot make the decision if the tower will or will not be built on this parcel of land, they can simply provide a recommendation to Industry Canada, as telecommunication towers are regulated by the federal government. Mr. Simms also noted that this is an application for an infrastructure communications tower rather than a telecommunication tower.

In response to a question as to whether or not additional trees will be removed during the construction of the tower, Mr. Simms noted that the tower is to be constructed in the fenced area, which is already cleared out.

The Committee expressed concern with the proximity of the tower and the building that is currently on site. The tower will be 50 meters and is currently shown to be located 25 meters from the building. This is a concern the committee would like to have addressed by Halifax Water Commission.

It was noted there appear to be a lot of open parcels of land around the proposed tower location. Mr. Simms responded to concerns by noting the majority of the vacant PID's around the tower site are owned by Halifax Water Commission and the closest parcel of land privately owned is between 100 and 150 meters away from the tower. If the tower were to fall, any land privately owned would not be affected.

In response to questions regarding the SCADA system, it was noted the SCADA network is used for communications by Halifax Water and is separate from a typical communications network, hence, needed approval from Industry Canada. At the current time there is no other use for the tower but Halifax Water noted that if a telecommunications provider needed to piggyback on the tower, rather than construction an additional tower, this would be looked at that time.

MOVED by Mr. Russell, seconded by Ms. Purcell that the North West Planning Advisory Committee recommends that North West Community Council:

- 1. Forward a positive recommendation to Industry Canada supporting the proposed telecommunication tower.**
- 2. Request that Halifax Water look into the risk associated with the towers proximity to the building located on the property and how it would affect the water supply should the tower fail.**
- 3. Request staff to determine if CRTC should be consulted regarding the tower.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7. STATUS UPDATES

7.1 Monthly Status Updates – None

7.2 Decisions of Council – None

8. ADDED ITEMS

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – August 7, 2013

The next meeting of the North West Planning Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board Room, BMO Centre, 61 Gary Martin Drive, Bedford, Nova Scotia.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Sarah Pellerine
Legislative Support