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1. **INVOCATION**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with an Invocation at 2750 Dutch Village Road, Halifax.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Councillors Walker and Adams to approve the Minutes of meeting held on September 13, 1999 as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Added Items: First Reading and Setting of Public Hearing Date for Case 00174 - Billboards - Additional Interim Amendments to the Land Use By-laws for the Former Cities of Dartmouth and Halifax

Councillor Adams: 911 Protocol
Traffic Signals - Prospect Road

MOVED by Councillors Read and Walker to approve the Order of Business as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

4.1 **Status Sheet Items**

4.1.1 Snow Removal from Sidewalks - No additional information.

4.1.2 RCMP/Halifax Regional Police Responsibility

Councillor Adams stated that this is now in the hands of Regional Council and the Police Commission and he requested that it be deleted from the Status Sheet. Community Council members agreed.

4.1.3 Extension of Water to Herring Cove - No additional information.

4.1.4 Feasibility of Community Transit - Sambro/Harrietsfield Area

Councillor Adams requested again a report from staff with regard to the implementation of an area rate to cover the cost of service for the Herring Cove to Sambro to Harrietsfield loop for the year 2000/01. The report is to include the area rate over that area, over District 18 and over the Chebucto Community Council catchment area. As well, the report to include the process that must be followed to implement the area rate and the service.

4.1.5 Dumping - Harrietsfield and Williamswood and Gate

Councillor Adams advised this was specific to Club Road and he requested that a letter be written to Paul O'Brien, Department of Transportation asking for information on the procedure necessary to put a gate on that particular road, with a copy of the letter to the area MLA.

4.1.6 Feasibility of a PAC Specifically for Herring Cove

Since Councillor Read was not in attendance at the last meeting, he asked for clarification on this request and if there was a report coming. In response, Councillor Adams advised that a report had been requested and he provided further information. He further provided information from Brian Dempsey, President of the Herring Cove Ratepayers Association regarding PACs and the Municipal Government Act which he requested be passed on to staff preparing the report.

4.1.7 Rotary - Emergency Vehicles

Mr. David McCusker, Manager, Traffic and Transportation Services advised that Fire Services had been contacted to determine if there were specific constraints where emergency vehicles could not pass through successfully with sirens and lights on. Fire Services advised they did not have a particular problem and found it cleared properly when emergency vehicles approached with sirens on. Discussion did take place on possibilities of making modifications to the design or operation to ease passage but Fire Services did not feel there was anything necessary to be done. There was a study that will begin later this year looking at functional alternatives to the Rotary. At that time, emergency vehicles will be considered. At this time, staff did not feel any short term action was necessary.

4.1.8 Protection of Parks in Community Council Area by Way of MPS Amendments

No information available.

4.1.9 Hamshaw Drive Concerns - June, 1999 - No additional information available.

4.1.10 Traffic and Safety Issues - Kearney Lake Road Area

Mr. McCusker advised that with regard to traffic signals at two of the intersections along Kearney Lake Road, traffic signal warrant calculations were last calculated three years ago. Staff will endeavour to update those counts this fall and reassess the warrants. At the time they were done, they were quite low and it was unlikely that the new volumes will warrant signalization at this point. With regard to the acceleration lane in place now connecting one section of Kearney Lake Road to the other where you make a right turn coming up from the Bedford Highway, staff will be taking temporary steps to close the acceleration lane in an effort to ensure that motorists heed the crosswalk at the next intersection.

Councillor Stone asked if the yield sign were changed to a stop sign at the acceleration lane, would it solve the problem. In response, Mr. McCusker said he did not think so, it was too easy to take the turn and no reason to stop if you can see there are no vehicles coming. He thought there would be a lack of compliance, particularly if the acceleration lane stayed in place.

With regard to pedestrian overpasses, which was addressed in the Pedestrian Safety Report to Regional Council several months ago, Mr. McCusker said it was felt that there were very limited applications for overhead pedways because of the high cost and forcing pedestrians to use them, by climbing to the top. This would have to be done by fencing or some other type of closure to make it the only alternative. Also, in residential neighbourhoods, you need to achieve grade separation and keep it accessible to wheelchairs. It would also be a visual obstruction.

With regard to "crosswalk ahead" signs to make motorists aware, particularly coming inbound on Kearney Lake Road, Mr. McCusker advised that staff was considering this along with extending the 50 kph speed limit past the interchange area so that drivers would be more likely to slow down as they approach the crosswalk section.

Councillor Stone asked if the speed limit could be reduced any further than 50 kph. In response, Mr. McCusker advised that provincial legislation does not permit speeds any less than 50 kph. Staff was reviewing a number of posted speeds in certain areas and would be reporting back at a later date.

Councillor Stone asked if consideration was being given to a flashing intersection light at Hamshaw Drive. In response, Mr. McCusker advised this would be assessed.

With regard to visibility problems at the off ramp on Kearney Lake Road from the BiHi, Mr. McCusker advised there have been a number of violations and inappropriate maneuvers to avoid congestion. It was the province's responsibility for the operation of the ramps and

intersection area. They are aware of the problem and have done some preliminary planning to address the concerns.

Councillor Stone asked if there was anything that could make crosswalks more visible. In response, Mr. McCusker advised that visibility issues had been addressed in the report to Regional Council. There are some opportunities to improve visibility such as increasing the number of beacons, painted stop bars in advance of the crosswalk, raised crosswalks and curb extensions to eliminate the issue of parking close to the crosswalk. Based on the concerns raised, he felt that the area might be considered for a pilot project.

Councillor Stone referred to the two crosswalks in the area and asked if one was more dangerous than the other. In response, Mr. McCusker advised that by reviewing accident history, both locations had a fair record in terms of reported collisions. He admitted it was a busy road and one on which vehicles tended to travel quickly.

5. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION** - None

6. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION** - None

7. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

7.1 **Appointment to Halifax County/Halifax Mainland Watershed Advisory Board**

Councillor Read advised that he was going to make a motion for appointment; however, in discussion with Councillor Stone prior to the meeting, it appeared there was some confusion re the appointment of organizations. He did not have the Terms of Reference to refer to.

MOVED by Councillors Read and Walker that the Williams Lake Conservation Company be recognized as a community based organization and appointed to the Halifax County/Halifax Mainland Watershed Advisory Board.

Councillor Stone asked, therefore, how many representatives the Williams Lake Conservation Company would have on the Board. In response, Councillor Read advised they would have one.

Councillor Stone asked if Community Council members were comfortable with the motion. Councillor Read advised this would not replace the District 17 appointment, which was vacant at this time. Community based organizations, under the Terms of Reference, were entitled to representation.

Councillor Adams suggested that the motion should be amended to include "**and qualify for one representative to sit on the Halifax County/Halifax Mainland Watershed Advisory Board**".

The mover and seconder agreed to amend the motion provided it follows the procedure in the Terms of Reference.

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED.

The amended motion reads:

MOVED by Councillors Read and Walker that the Williams Lake Conservation Company be recognized as a community based organization and appointed to the Halifax County/Halifax Mainland Watershed Advisory Board and qualifies for one representative to sit on that Board. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Clerk agreed to provide a copy of the Terms of Reference for information for the next meeting.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None

9. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS** - None

10. **REPORTS**

10.1 **Case 00169 - Ashburn Golf Course - Stage II Development Agreement**

A Staff Report dated October 4, 1999 was before Community Council. Paul Dunphy, Acting General Manager, Development Services provided an overview of the report. Staff was recommending approval of the Development Agreement.

With regard to the impact on future expansion of the BiHi exit ramp, Mr. Dunphy advised that the alignment favoured by municipal staff does not require any additional land from Ashburn. The alignment favoured by the province does; however, in the agreement it had been indicated that in addition to setbacks for property lines, there would also be a street line. There was no intention on behalf of the golf course to construct structures in that general area in any event.

Councillor Read asked if there was any expiry on the Stage I agreement. In response, Mr. Dunphy advised there was a one-year time limit on construction of the original maintenance building, which had been complied with. There was no other expiry in the agreement.

Councillor Read stated that the Public Hearing for Stage I had been about 15 years ago and now for Stage II there was no need for another Development Agreement although what applied then might not apply today. He was not worried about this particular agreement but asked if there were other Stage I agreements out there that have not been acted upon for which the Public Hearing was 10-15 years ago. In response, Mr. Dunphy advised this was an unusual case and normally Schedule K Development Agreements applied to large pieces of land. All of those that he was aware of have gone to Stage II.

Councillor Stone asked for clarification re the maximum of three stories for the building. In response, Mr. Dunphy advised there was a sloping grade, and a portion of the building was on the downhill side, for a one and a half story building. If the developer wanted to convert the attic space to usable floor area, it was permitted in the Development Agreement. The roof area would be useful space if required. It would still be the same building size, with the height of the building in terms of stories rather than measured height, given it was a sloping site.

Councillor Stone asked the public if there was anyone who wished to speak on this matter. No one came forward.

MOVED by Councillors Read and Walker to approve the Stage II Schedule K Development Agreement with the Halifax Golf and Country Club as attached to the Staff Report dated October 4, 1999 as Appendix "D". MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. **MOTIONS** - None

12. **ADDED ITEMS**

12.1 **First Reading and Setting of a Public Hearing Date for Case 00174 - Billboards**

A Staff Report dated September 30, 1999 was before Community Council.

MOVED by Councillors Read and Walker to give First Reading and set a Public Hearing date for October 26, 1999 to consider amendments to the City of Halifax Mainland Area Land Use Bylaw, as set forth in Attachment I of the Staff Report dated September 30, 1999, said hearing to be held jointly with Harbour East Community Council and Halifax Regional Council, where similar amendments will be considered for the bylaws under their respective jurisdiction. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.2 **911 Protocol**

Councillor Adams outlined concerns he had with the 911 Call Centre and the Non-Emergency Call Centre - the process being followed by the 911 Operators and the 5020 Operators.

Councillor Stone asked if Councillor Adams wanted a report from the 911 Manager, to which Councillor Adams emphatically replied that he wanted the Chief of Police to deal with this directly.

MOVED by Councillors Adams and Walker to request a report from the Chief of Police. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 Traffic Signals on Prospect Road

Councillor Adams advised he attended a meeting last week with regard to the compost facility off Prospect Road on Evergreen Place at the Irving Station. The trucks leaving with compost are having a hard time turning left onto Prospect Road and at times the compost can have quite an aroma when they sit for five to ten minutes. There was to be no nuisance odours from the plant and sometimes there was a problem. He requested a report from Mr. McCusker to find if indeed there was something outside of the warrants that could be applied to this intersection as these were extenuating circumstances with the amount of heavy traffic going in and out and this being an Industrial Park.

It was agreed to forward this request to Traffic Authority.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION - None

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Debra Hum, 169 Cresthaven Drive raised the following points:

- There would be a crosswalk safety awareness demonstration tomorrow morning at Kearney Lake Road intersection, weather permitting. The foremost concern was for pedestrian safety. She was pleased with cooperation being received from HRM and Mr. McCusker's comments earlier in the meeting. She expressed concern for the safety of children in the area.
- With regard to the billboard Public Hearing, she did not see anything regarding the concerns she expressed at the Council Public Hearing regarding school zones and crosswalks in close proximity to billboards. Mayor Fitzgerald had indicated there would be a Staff Report and she asked if this would be included at this time. In response, Councillor Stone explained that this was a follow up from the original interim measures to deal with billboards. It came about because of troubles in Dartmouth and

the proliferation of billboards in Halifax. Council wanted to have setbacks for residential at 250' instead of 100'. Advertising had already been placed for 100' so it was necessary to readvertise. The Billboard Bylaw would come back at another time with a more detailed bylaw.

- With regard to clear cutting of Hemlock Park, trucks were carrying soil away from the site this week and there was soil erosion taking place already. She encouraged a report to be completed re clearcutting and what can be done to prevent soil erosion, reforestation of the bottom part and working with the developer. There was blasting going on as well. In response, Councillor Stone advised he had asked Mr. Stephen King, Parks and Natural Services what could be done to solve the problem of clearcutting. Mr. King was going to bring back suggestions but he did not know if there would be a formal report.

Mr. Bill Phillips, 9 Crestview Drive raised the following points:

- He commented on the generous package approved by Council for the CAO and asked who was designated to carry out a performance evaluation for this position which would result in the change in salary and other benefits. In response, ~~Councilor~~ Councillor Stone advised that there was a CAO Review Committee made up of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and a number of Councillors to make a recommendation to Council, once they do an evaluation.
- He provided information on trespass lighting with which, in his opinion, should be considered proactively particularly for billboards. It was time for HRM to look at this. There was a lot of information available. He offered to find the information and make it available to HRM staff.

Mr. Hiram Tiller, 4 Thackeray Close asked for a progress report on Highway 102 and Lacewood.

Mr. McCusker advised that with regard to Highway 102 and Lacewood, he met with Department of Transportation today. HRM has some timely work in the area with a sidewalk to be constructed through the interchange area as well as redevelopment of the area along Lacewood Drive to the east. Department of Transportation indicated it did not want to do any stage work or temporary steps, they wanted to build the final plan. The indication was that they were still hoping to temporarily install signals at the southbound ramp but there was no approved budget for this year and they could not commit at this time. In terms of the actual physical work underneath the structure, DOT indicated that nothing would be done for at least the next five years, probably closer to ten, which was disturbing to hear and gave quite a bit of concern. Staff would try to address the issue of temporary signalization as it was important to have it in before the Christmas Season. In terms of the physical work underneath the

structure, staff would approach them again with hopes of patchwork or temporary construction until actual funding was in place.

Councillor Stone advised he was not happy with Mr. McCusker's comments. He thought there was an understanding that things would be started this year and HRM had money in its budget to do its part. Maybe Mr. Tiller, with his organization, and the Councillor for the area could talk to the MLA for the area to see what she can do to push the project along. This problem has been there for years and can only get worse.

15. **NEXT MEETING** - Monday, November 1, 1999.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion from Councillor Adams, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Sandra M. Shute
Assistant Municipal Clerk