

CHEBUCTO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

JANUARY 28, 2003

PRESENT: Councillor Linda Mosher, Chair
Councillor Diana Whalen, Vice-Chair
Councillor Russell Walker

ABSENT
WITH REGRETS: Councillor Stephen D. Adams

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Gary Porter, Planner II - Western
Mr. Jim Donovan, Manager, Planning Applications
Mr. Paul Dunphy, Director, Planning & Development Services
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm in the Trophy Room, City Hall.

2. REVIEW OF PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

Due to the public interest in the Governor's Brook, Mainland South proposed development, the following motion was made:

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Whalen that the location for the Chebucto Community Council meeting of February 3, 2003 be moved to the Halifax West High School to accommodate the anticipated large number of public attending the meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

During discussion of the upcoming Public Hearing scheduled for February 3, 2003 on the Governor's Brook, Mainland South application, the following points were raised:

- ! Sergeant at Arms could be asked to attend the meeting
- ! Police presence could be requested for the meeting to assist with crowd control. The Legislative Assistant will confirm with Police the possibility of having a Police presence at this meeting.
- ! The Chair should review the rules of order/guidelines for public participation at the beginning of the Public Hearing. The Legislative Assistant will prepare a Public Participation Guide to be copied and distributed at the meeting.
- ! The Public Speakers will have only one opportunity to speak and for only five minutes.

- ! The Chair could adjourn the meeting if the public do not adhere to the rules and regulations set out at the commencement of the meeting.
- ! Microphones will have to be rented as Halifax West High School does not supply those. The Legislative Assistant will confirm sound system/microphones available for the meeting.
- ! The meeting must end by 10:30 so that the school janitorial staff can complete their duties as they must vacate the building by 11:00 pm.
- ! A sign-up sheet should be supplied for any speakers in line to speak if time runs short.
- ! A second meeting date to continue the public hearing should be scheduled to allow for any speakers to present who were in line to speak at the first meeting. Chebucto Community Council decided that February 12, 2003 would be scheduled as the "run-over" date for the Public Hearing if required. The Legislative Assistant will book Halifax West High School for both dates, February 3 and 12, 2003.
- ! Only those speakers on the sign-up sheet will be permitted to speak at the continuation meeting and no substitutes will be permitted. The person who signed the sheet must attend in person and speak on their own behalf. Their written submission may be sent

- to the Legislative Assistant to be placed in the record.
- ! Once the public hearing is closed, no further information will be considered by Community Council on this issue.
- ! A stop watch or method of keeping track of the speakers time was requested for the February 3 & 12 meetings. Councillor Mosher, as Chair, will notify the speakers when there are 30 seconds remaining in their five minute time allotment.
- ! An Environmental assessment should come from the Province not HRM as HRM is only reviewing the policies for development.
- ! It was recommended that the Community Council not meet with any group/organization/individual on this matter as it may be perceived as a private meeting. The Community Council are to encourage the interested parties to attend the public hearing so that all information is in a public format.
- ! The decision on the rezoning/development agreement will be based on the facts presented.

Councillor Walker left the meeting at 2:00 pm.

- ! in regards to the draft agenda, all petitions and delegations regarding this subject are to be part of the public hearing and not heard separately. All information/presentations are to be given/heard/presented during the public hearing.
- ! Councillor Mosher advised that she had requested Peter Duncan, Manager, Development Engineering, give a brief update on blasting before the public speakers commenced.
- ! All items would be moved up on the agenda so that the Public Hearing would be last to be dealt with. The Legislative Assistant will contact Tina Thibeault regarding the budget presentation being moved ahead on the agenda.
- ! there will be no debate during the public hearing
- ! public speakers will be asked to state if they have any affiliation they may have with this development
- ! the public should be told that if they ask a question, staff's response will be counted as part of their five minute time allotment. It was suggested that everyone be given an opportunity to speak first and any questions be answered at the end of the public input.
- ! there is to be no direct questioning of staff.
- ! The Legislative Assistant is to ask Police to not allow any placards other than hand held, bristol board signs, into the meeting room.
- ! Councillor Mosher, as Chair, would ask another Councillor to take the Chair if she has a question to ask.
- ! it was suggested that the Chair review the fire exits, washroom location etc. at the beginning of the meeting.

Councillor Walker returned to meeting at 2:25 pm.

- ! It was suggested that the public be asked to use their time wisely as they would only

- ! have a one time, five minute opportunity to speak
- ! reminder that HRM Planning Department must consider the application under existing policies.
- ! there should be a sign on the door of the Keshen Goodman Library stating that the Chebucto Community Council Public Hearing would begin at approximately 7:15 at Halifax West High School with a map of how to get to the school from the library.
- ! it was requested that John O'Brien, Corporate Communication's Officer, issue a press release announcing the change in location

3. NEXT MEETING DATE - Monday, February 3, 2003

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Chris Newson
Legislative Assistant