

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

CHEBUCTO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2003

PRESENT: Councillor Linda Mosher, Chair
Councillor Diana Whalen, Vice-Chair
Councillor Stephen D. Adams

ABSENT WITH
REGRETS: Councillor Russell Walker

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Rick Paynter, Director, Public Works & Transportation
Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Real Property Planning
Mr. Andrew Bone, Planner
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Keshen Goodman Library, 330 Lacewood Drive, Halifax. Councillor Mosher advised that Councillor Walker has sent his regrets as he is attending FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) in Winnipeg. Later in the meeting the Chair recognized Mary Ann McGrath, MLA Halifax/Bedford Basin.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting May 5, 2003

MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Whalen, that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 2003, be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

ADDITIONS:

- 12.1 Grand Lake Access, Williamswood - Councillor Adams
- 12.2 Trails Advisory Committee for District 16 - Councillor Whalen

MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Whalen that the Order of Business be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Status Sheet Items

4.1.1 Lacewood Drive/Bayer's Lake Business Park - Completion of Road Construction

Councillor Whalen advised that a detailed response has been received from the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation explaining the exact work involved for this project and confirming that construction would be done during summer and fall of 2003. Councillor Mosher requested that Mr. Hiram Tiller be sent a copy of the information outlining the work to be done by the Province. This item to be removed from the Status Sheet.

4.1.2 Right Turn on Red - Old Sambro Road/Herring Cove Road

! A Supplemental Staff Report, dated May 13, 2003 was before the Committee

Councillor Adams commented that it was disappointing a right turn on red was not recommended for this site. This item to be removed from the Status Sheet.

4.1.3 Clean-up of Construction Debris, Thomas Raddall Drive

Mr. Rick Paynter, Director of Public Works and Transportaion, commented that clean-up of the construction debris is underway and a boom truck would be at the site this week to remove the pieces of concrete pipe. Councillor Whalen thanked staff for addressing this issue. This item to be removed from the Status Sheet.

4.1.4 Parking Lot at Indoor Soccer Centre Thomas Raddall Drive

Councillor Whalen advised that the reused asphalt has been removed. This item to be removed from the Status Sheet.

4.1.5 HRM Clearing/Flooding Lakes for Skating

Deferred to Fall 2003.

4.1.6 Dedicated Dog Park - Glenbourne Park

! An Information Report, dated May 27, 2003, was before the Committee.

Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Real Property Planning, presented the Information Report. He explained that the unfinished tennis court in Glenbourne Park is a suitable facility for a local dedicated dog park. Mr. Bigelow added that to finish the area of approximately .8 of an acre would cost \$49,000.00 (\$14,000 for fencing, \$20,000 resurfacing, \$5,000.00 for lighting, \$7,000.00 for proper access path, .054% HST) . He explained that since the area has to be finished the cost would not actually be an extra cost but a redirection of its use.

Councillor Whalen commented that the sledding hill (formerly a practice field for soccer/ballfield) is an open play space and is currently used as an unofficial dog park. She asked if it could be used as an off-leash dog area in the summer since it is already 3/4 fenced. Mr. Bigelow responded that this option had been considered but not recommended due to the sledding hill being used as an unofficial mountain bike area and it is not advisable to combine off-leash dogs and bicycles in the same area.

Councillor Whalen requested a supplemental report on the possibility of having two non intersecting loops designed in the trail system for the Mainland Commons; one to be for dog walkers and the other for general park users.

MOVED BY Councillor Whalen, seconded by Councillor Adams that the Off-leash dog park for the Glenbourne Field area be included in the 2004/05 Capital Budget. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Mosher raised the concern of bicyclers using bikes in/on trails and parks without bells or signals as they pass/approach other park users. Mr. Bigelow responded that Provincial Statute requires bicycles used on public lands or street right-of-way to have a front and rear light as well as a bell or small horn as a signalling device to be used when passing a vehicle or pedestrian. He confirmed that enforcement of this legislation is the responsibility of the Halifax Regional Police. Mr. Bigelow added that this information is on the HRM Bike MasterPlan website and on all HRM trails information as well.

4.1.7 Off-leash at Frog Pond/Sir Sandford Fleming Park

A Staff Report dated April 5, 2003 was before the Committee.

Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Real Property Planning, presented the staff report. He advised that the Frog Pond area is too heavily used by a variety of users to be an Off-leash area. He explained that upon further consideration, the Loop Road area in Sir Sandford Fleming Park is recommended to remain status quo. Mr. Bigelow added that the reasons for the status quo recommendation are that parts of the Loop Road area are fairly remote, the terrain is very steep in some places and also that there is no winter maintenance on the Loop Road.

MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Whalen that an Off-Leash area not be developed in Sir Sandford Fleming Park and existing regulations stay in place. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Whalen that HRM Staff identify an Off-leash area for District 17 and one for District 18. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.1.8 Speed Limits Bayview Road/Flamingo Drive

Councillor Whalen advised that a letter has been sent to Minister Michael Baker along with a previous report that was sent to the Minister's office last year. She further advised that a response from the joint Committee (Provincial/Municipal) is expected. This item to remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.9 Funding Options Insurance/Bus Service Sambro Loop/Fire Service Report

MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Whalen that the information received be forwarded to the Western Region Community Council with a copy to the Ketch Harbour Area Rate Payers Association. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Councillor Adams thanked staff for their assistance.

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - None

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - None

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

7.1 Variance Application 03720 - Old Lot 1 Purcell's Cove Road, Halifax

Councillor Adams advised that a meeting was held with the interested parties and the matter is now with the lawyers.

MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Whalen that this item be deferred for one month or, if a resolution is reached prior to that time, a special Chebucto Community Council meeting be held to give resolution to this matter. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence

9.1.1 Letter from Mr. William Phillips, dated April 13, 2003.

Councillor Adams presented, on Councillor Mosher's behalf, a letter from Mr. Phillips addressed to Councillor Mosher as Chair of the Chebucto Community Council. He commented that Mr. Barry Allen has offered a response to Mr. Phillips letter as follows:

"the approval of development agreements is a matter which has been delegated by Regional Council to Community Council therefore Mr. Phillips letter will be referred to the Chebucto Community Council."

Councillor Adams further advised that Legal Services has indicated that if anyone requests information on the Governor's Brook public hearing of February 3, 12 and March 3, 2003 they should be referred to Ms. Karen Brown, Prosecutor, Legal Services, 5252 Duke Street, 3rd Floor, Halifax, NS B3J 3A5, telephone number 490-4226, fax number 490-4232.

Councillor Adams advised that Mr. Phillips' letter, would be forwarded to Ms. Karen Brown, Legal Services. He also commented, on Councillor Mosher's behalf, that in the capacity as Chair it is inappropriate to participate in debate.

10. REPORTS

10.1 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT 16 - PAC

10.1.1 Terms of Reference - District 16 - Planning Advisory Committee

! A report dated May 16, 2003 was before the Committee.

MOVED BY Councillor Whalen, seconded by Councillor Adams that the Terms of Reference for District 16 - PAC be revised to reflect that the regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month rather than the last Monday. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Councillor Whalen advised that the District 16 - PAC monthly meetings are open to the public.

10.1.2 CASE 00534: Royale Hemlocks Amendments to the Stage I and II Development Agreement

! A report dated May 16, 2003 was before the Committee.

Councillor Whalen indicated that Mr. Andrew Bone, Planner, was in attendance at this meeting to answer any questions.

(i) Supplemental Report

! A supplemental staff report dated May 26, 2003 was before the Committee.

MOVED BY Councillor Whalen, seconded by Councillor Adams that Chebucto Community Council give notice of motion to consider an application by Pinnacle Developments Limited to amend the Stage I development agreement for Royale Hemlocks, and schedule the public hearing for July 7, 2003. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2 STAFF REPORTS

10.2.1 Case 00565: Development Agreement for Operations Centre and Administrative Offices for the HRWC, Cowie Hill, Halifax

! A staff report dated May 22, 2003 was before the Committee.

MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Whalen that Chebucto Community Council move notice of motion for the proposed development agreement, attached as Attachment "A", for the Western Region Operations Centre and Administrative Offices for the HRWC, Cowie Hill, Halifax and to schedule a public hearing for July 7, 2003. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Whalen advised that there would also be a public hearing regarding an amendment to the Royale Hemlocks Subdivision for July 7, 2003. She added that there is a special meeting of the District 16 - PAC scheduled for June 5th on this issue. She further advised that the application comes from the Friends of Hemlock Ravine who are recommending that Kimberley-Lloyd change the plan at the top of the subdivision to allow an additional six acres of land be deeded to HRM for Hemlock Ravine Park parkland. Councillor Whalen advised that the public information meeting has been held, next the application will be reviewed by the District 16 - PAC then Chebucto Community Council.

11. MOTIONS - None

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Grand Lake Access, Williamswood

Councillor Adams advised that he had received a phone call from a resident of this area who recently attended a fishing tournament at Grand Lake. Councillor Adams explained that the resident stated unless you had a truck and a winch you were unable to get your boat in or out of the lake.

MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Whalen that the Department of Environment be contacted directly for permission to enter upon the property at Grand Lake, Williamswood in order to conduct necessary repairs/improvements to the boat access area. Further, that the cost of the repairs/improvements be covered by HRM's District Capital Fund. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Adams requested this information be forwarded to Western Region Community Council.

12.2 Trails Advisory Committee for District 16

Councillor Whalen advised that anyone interested in assisting with the design/creation of trails

in this part of the city, through a possible Trails Advisory Committee, should attend the public meeting scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2003 in the Keshen Goodman Library. She further commented that there are 22 Trails Advisory Committees throughout HRM who help to leverage money from other funds in order to improve the trails in their area or build new trails. Councillor Whalen added that walking was indicated as one of the main demands in the recreation survey done for this area.

MOVED BY Councillor Whalen, seconded by Councillor Adams that a notice be placed on the Chebucto Community Council webpage indicating a public information meeting will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003 at 7:00 pm in the Thomas Raddall Room, Keshen Goodman Library, 330 Lacewood Drive regarding the work done by existing Trails Groups across HRM and the possible formation of a Trails Advisory Committee for District 16. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION - None

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Earl Wagner, 20 Randal Street

Mr. Wagner expressed concern with bikers not signaling their approach while using a public trail/path, specifically in the Frog Pond area in Jollimore, and suggested walkways be restricted to pedestrians only with signs to indicate this restriction.

He further commented that litter along Purcell's Cove Road in the area of Sir Sandford Fleming Park is unsightly and unnecessary.

Ms. Anne Patrick, 19 Towerview Drive

Ms. Patrick requested that Chebucto Community Council reconsider their decision not to have dedicated off-leash/designated off-leash times in Sir Sandford Fleming Park/Frog Pond area. She further commented that the petition she signed in favour of this was not referred to in the staff report.

Ms. Judith Tulloch, 15 Albion Road

Ms. Tulloch requested that Chebucto Community Council reconsider their decision regarding an off-leash dog area in Sir Sandford Fleming Park. She added that dog walking is a human recreation activity and different from a dedicated dog park where the dogs run and the humans stand around.

Councillor Mosher commented that when the petition was submitted in early spring, the majority of people did not want the Loop Road area as off-leash but did want the Frog Pond

area. Ms. Tulloch responded that the Loop Road option is best for off-leash by time as the Frog Pond area is more heavily used. Councillor Mosher commented that this has been an ongoing issue and perhaps a community meeting could be arranged at a later time with HRM staff to discuss options.

Mr. Bill Phillips, 9 Crestview Drive

- ! garbage along Purcell's Cove Road to Williams Lake Road is unsightly. Same garbage sitting there for over a year.
- ! portion of Loop Road is privately owned and this should be considered when talk of a dedicated off-leash section in this area is discussed
- ! number of plastic bags of dog feces left on rock near the gate at Sir Sandford Fleming Park and along the path is appalling. No winter maintenance in the parks and we need it, there is no garbage can in Sir Sandford Fleming Park in winter.
- ! roadway maintenance is going downhill in this area of HRM (Purcell's Cove Road, Quinpool Road, Oxford Street, Jubilee Road, Chebucto Road). There is only one patching crew for this area and they do all the way to Timberlea. Already June and the street sweeper has not been around Crestview Drive or area yet.

Mr. David Perkins, 69C Main Avenue

- ! no space to drop off children in front of Duc D'Anville School. Limited place for approximately 10 cars. School will not allow parents to pull into the teacher's parking lot to drop children off.
- ! tickets are issued if you stop/park along the street (Clayton Park Drive) while dropping off children.
- ! has not received a satisfactory solution from the Principal. PTA reports indicate that the lack of adequate space to drop off/pick up of children is a problem.
- ! could there be a pick-up and drop-off time allowed, ten to fifteen minutes, along the street so children could be dropped off and watched safely into the school ground?

Councillor Adams requested that the PTA information Mr. Perkin's referred to be submitted for the record.

MOVED BY Councillor Whalen, seconded by Councillor Adams that the PTA information and concerns raised be forwarded to the Traffic Department for a staff report for July 7, 2003. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Whalen commented that it may be more appropriate to replace the NO STOPPING signs with NO PARKING signs which would allow you to stop and let your child out but not to park. Councillor Whalen also suggested that the Burton Ettinger School be contacted to see how they are handling the drop-off/pick-up issue. Councillor Mosher suggested that the Community Police Officer also be contacted for his input.

Mr. Arthur Kidston, 52 Rockingstone Road

Mr. Kidston presented an update on a community initiative by the Spryfield Residents Association. This initiative is in regards to the Kidston Lake Waterway Natural and Cultural Heritage Trailways Project which includes 18 cultural/heritage sites of interest originating at the Captain William Spry Center and looping along the waterway to Kidston Lake to Long Lake Provincial Park. Mr. Kidston indicated he would like to present this initiative in more detail to the Chebucto Community Council at a future date.

Ms. Mary Ann McGrath, MLA Bedford/Bedford Basin

MLA McGrath requested a copy of the letter that was sent to Minister Baker concerning reducing speed limits on residential streets in order to follow-up on that request. *(Following the meeting, Ms. McGrath was provided with a copy of the letter.)*

Mr. Bob Zinck, Doull Avenue

- ! pleased with the new library hours at Keshen
- ! pleased with hazardous waste depot being open every weekend.

Having no further speakers, the public participation was closed.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE - Monday, July 7, 2003

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Chris Newson
Legislative Assistant