

CHEBUCTO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

PRESENT: Councillor Linda Mosher, Chair
Councillor Russell Walker, Vice-Chair
Councillor Debbie Hum
Councillor Mary Wile

**ABSENT WITH
REGRETS:** Councillor Stephen D. Adams

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Jim Donovan, Manager, Planning of Planning Applications
Mr. Angus Schaffenburg, Planner
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm in the Thomas Raddall Room of the Keshen Goodman Library, 330 Lacewood Drive, Clayton Park.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Special Meeting of September 6, 2005

MOVED BY Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Walker that the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 6, 2005 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Addition: 12.1 Reclaim Parkland at Parkland Drive/Langbrae Drive in District 10 in Honour of Veterans - Councillor Wile

MOVED BY Councillor Walker seconded by Councillor Hum that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Status Sheet Items

4.1.1 Jack Lake Lands

No update provided. Item to remain on the status sheet.

4.1.2 Proposed Sign - Shoppers Drug Mart, Herring Cove Road

No update provided. Item is to remain on the status sheet.

4.1.3 Re-Zone Ralston Avenue and Pearson Avenue from R2 General Residential to R1 Single Family Dwelling Designation

Councillor Walker advised that staff are continuing to work on this matter. Item is to remain on the status sheet.

4.1.4 Non-Truck Routes - Mumford Road

Councillor Walker advised that this issue may have been resolved, he is awaiting a response from HRP (Halifax Regional Police). Item is to remain on the status sheet.

4.1.5 Designation of Property to Parkland/Conservation - Keyworth Lane area.

- A report dated July 28, 2005 was before Community Council.

Mr. Angus Schaffenburg presented the report.

MOVED BY Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hum that Chebucto Community Council take no action at this time as these lands have adequate protection from development. The future zoning of these lands would be reviewed as part of a community plan review. MOTION PUT AND PASSED. This item to be removed from the status sheet.

4.1.6 Update on Melvin Road (Purcell's Cove area).

No update provided. Item is to remain on the status sheet.

4.1.7 20 Forest Hill Drive, District 16

Councillor Hum advised that a report regarding the Mainland - Land Use By-Laws is being prepared. Item to remain on the status sheet for one more month.

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - None

6. MOTIONS OF RECISSION - None

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - None

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Variance Appeal

8.1.1 Case N 12045 - Variance at Civic No. 8, 10, 12 Twin Oaks Road, Halifax.

- A report dated September 12, 2005 was before the Community Council.

Mr. Steven Higgins, Coordinator, Planning and Development Services, presented the report.

Councillor Wile inquired if the Appellant's concerns regarding the water problems have been addressed. Mr. Higgins responded that the water issue was not a condition of the variance therefore was not explored in detail. He added the water issue is a civil matter of drainage between the properties but perhaps HRM Engineers could explore the concern.

Mr. Higgins advised Councillor Hum that the height of the current apartment buildings is less than the 35' maximum.

Councillor Mosher opened the variance hearing at this time calling for any speakers within 30m of the subject property to come forward at this time.

Speakers:

1. Louisa Durnford, representing her mother Mary Durnford who is a resident of Circle Drive.

- A four storey apartment building will affect the quality and enjoyment of their property. Other apartment buildings in the area are only three storeys.
- The four storey building will cover a large area and is a tall building which will overshadow all properties in the area, specifically 31 Circle Drive.
- The building will shut out sunlight for a large portion of the day.
- The local zoning By-law is probably not the best it could be for that area. It is a residential area that her parents have resided in for 49 years. The By-law does afford some protection by limiting the footprint on the property. If you take that away, you are taking away the only grounds for appeal in that By-law.
- Request that Chebucto Community Council take this into account when they consider whether this variance should go ahead or not. Consider what is fair and right for the neighbours in the area.

2. Chris Ingram, 22 Circle Drive

- His property is located next door to the building and expressed concern that his property value may be affected as the building will tower over his property.
- He expressed concern with the retaining wall along the side of the house.

3. Doriano Sablone, Representing Client.

- He indicated there was a misprint in the application process and the building will only be three (3) storeys. He added the adjacent building is slightly taller than what is being proposed on this property.
- He indicated the retaining wall would be reconstructed as per the agreement between the adjacent property owner.

Mr. Higgins responded to Councillor Mosher that if Chebucto Community Council upholds the variance, there would be no means for staff to ensure the retaining wall is reconstructed.

Councillor Mosher gave the third and final call for speakers. Having no further speakers, it was **MOVED BY Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Wile that the variance appeal hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED BY Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hum that Chebucto Community Council uphold the Development Officer's decision to approve this variance as the proposed variance does not violate the intent of the By-Law to an extent that requires refusal Further, HRM staff are to confirm the water issue, drainage between properties, is a private issue and not a public issue.

Mr. Higgins responded to Councillor Hum that Ms. Durnford's property is across the street from the proposed building and it is estimated that the building itself would have little or no impact on the sunlight to her property. He confirmed that, with a substantial redesign, the apartment building could be built as-of-right.

Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor advised, in regards to the water drainage issue, that HRM is not permitted to expend HRM funds on private property.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence - None

9.2 Petitions

9.2.1 Berkshire Resident's Petition - Re: Pathway Closure on Berkshire Close

Councillor Wile submitted a petition, dated September 8, 2005, on behalf of the residents of Berkshire Close **"in regards to the closure of the pathway on Berkshire Close."**

Fourteen (14) residents were named on the petition and all fourteen (14) were in favour of the pathway remaining closed.

Councillor Wile also submitted a previous petition, undated, that had been signed by eleven (11) residents. All eleven (11) signatures were opposed to the proposed walkway on Berkshire Close.

The petitions are to be forwarded to appropriate staff.

9.3 Delegations

9.3.1 Cultural Plan - Holly Richardson & Rachel Harrison

No staff were present for this presentation.

9.3.2 Capital Health - Dr. Ed Kinley

Dr. Kinley was not in attendance for this presentation.

10. REPORTS

10.1 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10.1.1 Rock Pile - 182 Milsom Street - Councillor Walker

- Pictures of the property were before Community Council.

Councillor Mosher excused herself from the meeting at this time as she is a resident of Milsom Street. Councillor Walker assumed the Chair.

MOVED BY Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hum that Chebucto Community Council request a staff report regarding returning the Water Commission lands behind Milsom Street to their natural state by removing the rock pile and replacing trees. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Mosher returned to the meeting at this time and resumed the Chair.

10.1.2 Berkshire Close - Public Pathway - Councillor Wile

Councillor Mosher advised that numerous e-mails have been received and forwarded to staff regarding this matter and are also on file as part of the public record.

Councillor Wile advised that she has been approached by several residents regarding the path on Berkshire Close. She indicated the residents have had serious problems with vandalism therefore, the majority of area residents would like to have the path closed. She added there are some residents who would like the path to remain open.

The following staff were in attendance to speak to the issue of the closure of the public walkway/pathway on Berkshire Close and to respond to questions of Community Council: Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Parks and Recreation, Mr. Gary Martin, Community Response, Constable Darla Perry and Staff Sergeant Greg Mosher, HRP. At this time, each staff person provided a brief update on the issue.

Mr. Gary Martin, Manager, HRM Community Response Team

- In March of 2005 he was asked to look at the safety aspect of the Berkshire Close pathway.
- Following a history of the area from Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Real Property Planning, and Halifax Regional Police, Community Response did a CPTED audit (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) for the pathway. CPTED is new entity for HRM and if HRM had had CPTED in place previously, the pathway never would have happened. There are now internal classes for CPTED and the Berkshire Close pathway is used as a test study and found to be quite dangerous as a CPTED site.
- He added the area is called a pathway but the asphalt ends at the woods and goes no further.
- The history of the area included calls to police regarding vandalism, drinking, disturbances and concerns from several residents of the area. As a result, and due to no site lines (lighting), Constable Perry performed a CPTED safety audit and confirmed that it would be in the best interest to shut the path down. Mr. Bigelow, RPAM, was called and requested to close the path.
- Due to criminal activity in the area, a neighbourhood watch was started. A number of pamphlets were dropped off but only one person attended the neighbourhood watch meeting.
- The reasoning behind shutting down the pathway were: due diligence, criminal activity and the fact that it was not an established path.
- As a result of the shutdown, Community Response has heard from several members of the community that they find it is a burden to have the path closed and they want it re-opened.

Councillor Hum commented that previous to March 2005 she represented that area and the issue was brought to her attention. HRP (Halifax Regional Police) and Mr. Bigelow were involved at that time as well. It appeared that there were incidents of vandalism reported by residents but not as many being reported to police. She added that based

on the correspondence received from residents, it appears that the vandalism has escalated.

Mr. Martin responded to Councillor Hum that vandalism in the area has increased and that unfortunately it is the norm for such occurrences to be associated with a pathway. He added this is why the CPTED principles are now applied to retrofit HRM parkland.

Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Real Property Planning, RPAM

- HRM is trying to retrofit areas and this is one of the worst seen to date as the pathway stops in the middle of nowhere at the edge of the woods. There are children in the area and an elementary school. There is the possibility of predators in the wooded area.
- He added that he became involved with Berkshire Close pathway in 1994 when a development application was submitted before Lacewood Drive was extended. At that time, staff walked the properties and looked at various locations where there was to be parkland. There was to be a school in the vicinity. During the course of the development agreement, the School board changed its tact and decided not to put a school there. The parkland was reconfigured. Afterwards, the P3 program was born and Scotia Learning approached Clayton Development requesting the lands be made available for sale to them which left HRM with an irregular parkland piece.
- At the time, Berkshire Close was to connect to another street. Once Berkshire Close was built and the school was built, staff were asked to look at the pathways and it was determined that the pathway could be made available to give students access to the schools.
- Residents were concerned that the paths would be leading to a school resulting in an increase of traffic coming up the cul-de-sacs to drop off children. Concern was also expressed regarding the possibility of increased vandalism.
- He added that the path was not going to be closed but left as a goat path.
- Calls were received from community members indicating their property had been vandalised. The calls became more frequent.
- He and Councillor Hum counted the number of people using the path.
- Due to the increasing incidents on area residents, the situation became untenable and Gary Martin's Community Response group was asked to review the situation. The recommendation from Community Response was to close the pathway.
- The Berkshire Close pathway would not meet the current new path designs in subdivisions. He added the Berkshire Close pathway was an exception at the time as well. Now that Langbrae Drive has been extended the number of people dropping off children is less of a concern.

Staff Sergeant Greg Mosher, HRP (Halifax Regional Police) deferred comments to Constable Darla Perry as Const. Perry has been more involved with the safety audits and

has completed extensive walk throughs of the area.

Const. Darla Perry, HRP, Community Response Officer for the Berkshire Close area.

- As a result of the CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) program, a safety audit was done on the Berkshire Close Pathway. Approximately, ten to twelve people participated in the safety audit. Const. Perry submitted the information to the Community Response group. The recommendation was to close the path. The school was informed of the results of the safety audit.
- At night, youth do use the path and cause property damage at the school (graffiti).
- Her first walk through of the path took place in March 2005. The safety audit involved monitoring of the area every day for three (3) months.
- The pathway is a piece of pavement that goes nowhere and has a fence on either side. Once children enter the woods they are no longer visible and someone could be hiding in the woods.
- Some people decided to go to Kingsley instead of Berkshire. Kingsley needs to be widened and the trees limbed but it is safer than Berkshire.

The Municipal Solicitor in attendance, Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, upon request of Councillor Mosher, advised that one of the questions posed regarding this matter was whether proper process was engaged prior to the fencing being placed across Berkshire Close to prohibit access. A member of the public commented (in a letter received by the Municipality) that Berkshire Close is a public pathway and is expected to be used by the public. If the pathway is to be closed, there is a process as to how to close it and part of it is Regional Council considering the matter through a public process. She added that when staff chose to install the chain link fence, they were looking at the pathway as one of a number of access ways to the park.

Ms. Donovan advised that, in regards to the issue of the public right of the user to use the pathway, this matter would be best dealt with through a public process (public hearing) if Council chooses to close the Berkshire Close pathway.

Ms. Donovan responded to Councillor Hum, regarding possible amendments to the development agreement regarding green space, that it is her understanding that the square footage of the pathway was not included in the parkland. Mr. Peter Bigelow added that RPAM would rather maintain ownership of that property and it is only through investment that HRM would open up amendment to the development agreement.

Councillor Walker explained that a motion is required to start the process to close the Berkshire Close walkway. The matter will go to Regional Council. There will be a first reading and then a public hearing. Regional Council will then decide to close the pathway or not. He added that he has walked the pathway and has seen the property and

both paths. He commented that the walkway is a concern for the neighbourhood and no one likes to feel threatened.

MOVED BY Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Wile that Chebucto Community Council request a staff report to begin the process to close the pathway at Berkshire Close. The report is to be forwarded to Regional Council recommending a public hearing on the closure of the pathway on Berkshire Close. Further, any public comments and concerns, including correspondences and petitions received to date, are to be forwarded to staff for review. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Chebucto Community Council advised that the public hearing information will be advertised in a Saturday edition of the Chronicle- Herald. Councillor Walker requested that the public notification area be large enough to reach everyone.

Councillor Mosher thanked all staff who were in attendance this evening regarding this matter.

10.2 STAFF REPORTS

10.2.1 Case 00821: Amendment to the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-Law Respecting the definition of "Dwelling" and "Rooming House".

- A staff report dated August 2, 2005 was before Community Council.
- Amendments to the August 2, 2005 staff report, dated September 12, 2005, were circulated at this time.

Mr. Jim Donovan, Manager, Planning and Development, presented the report.

MOVED BY Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Walker that Chebucto Community Council give notice of motion to consider the proposed amendments to the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-Law (Attachment A of the report dated August 2, 2005), and schedule a joint public hearing of the Peninsula Community Council and Chebucto Community Council for Monday, October 3, 2005 to be held in Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street. Further, that the amendments to the staff report presented this evening be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Hum advised that a separate report, applicable to the Mainland Land Use By-Laws for Districts 15 and 16, is being prepared.

It is intended that immediately following the joint public hearing on Monday, October 3,

2005, that Chebucto Community Council will continue with their regularly scheduled Community Council meeting in Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

Subsequent to this meeting the location for the continuation of the Chebucto Community Council meeting, upon adjournment of the public hearing, was changed to the Media Room, 1st Floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street.

10.3 HALIFAX WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

10.3.1 Halifax Watershed Advisory Board - Amendment to Terms of Reference

- A report from the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board, dated August 8, 2005, was before Community Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Wile that Chebucto Community Council approve the revised Terms of Reference of the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board as outlined in Attachment "A" to the report dated August 8, 2005. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. MOTIONS - None

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Reclaim Parkland at Parkland Drive/Langbrae Drive in District 10 in Honour of Veterans

Councillor Wile submitted a letter dated September 12, 2005 from MLA Diana Whalen regarding the renaming of the reclaimed parkland at the corner of Parkland Drive and Langbrae Drive.

MOVED BY Councillor Wile, seconded by Councillor Walker that Chebucto Community Council request a staff report on the naming of the reclaimed parkland on the corner of Parkland Drive and Langbrae Drive in honour of the Year of the Veteran. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

It was requested that this information be forwarded to Mr. Peter Bigelow.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION - None

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Various members of the public raised the following comments - concerns:

1. Ms. Kelly Greenwood, Berkshire Close

- Submitted a petition from area residents and read the petition into the record.
- The area around the pathway at Berkshire Close was deeded parkland and was open for use prior to 1997. The Developer had to install it as part of their street process.
- There was no proper notice of the closure. Access to parkland is important for healthy living. Mr. Peter Bigelow said the original plan was for Berkshire to connect to another street but there was already public parkland behind Berkshire, it is now a soccer field. Parcel U1 was conveyed to the city afterward. There was not enough area to have another street there. Parcel U1 parkland was to be added to the soccer field parkland.
- She lives two doors away from the Berkshire walkway and had no notice that this (closure) would happen.
- She added that no one came to her door to mention the community safety meeting.
- She expressed concern with property rights being taken away from residents without proper notice. The pathway is fenced off at both ends and her five-year old now has to cross the street and also cross Lancaster twice to get to a crosswalk. That involves two busy crossings and Lancaster is not very safe at school hours.
- She added she recognizes and appreciates the public safety aspect and does not want vandalism. Vandalism is discouraged by increasing use of area not decreasing the use. This starts with a neighbourhood watch program. She indicated that she was not aware of such a program in the area.

2. Mr. Roger Barnable, Berkshire Close

- He indicated that he lives next to the pathway and was victimized, vandalised. He has walked the pathway at night.
- He thanked HRM Police for responding to his issues.
- The pathway was closed due to what was happening there. The residents are aware of what has been happening and eleven out of twelve residents signed a petition at the time that they did not want the extension. Plans indicated that it would go to Kingsley Close, not a pathway to nowhere.
- The current petition came from residents of Berkshire Close and ten out of twelve citizens want the pathway closed. It is for protection only.
- He added the police are who he wants to listen to. There is a pathway right next door that can be used. Residents who did not sign (the petition) last time wanted to sign this time.
- The majority have to be recognized. There are residents from other areas here,

but we are the residents.

- He measured curb to curb and the measurement is 55' for someone who lives north of Kingsley Close and from a health and wellness point of view, an extra 55' is not a problem. They would have an extra three to five minutes walk. The path was a dead end until 2000 when the pathway was cut through the trees. People have to cross streets everywhere.
- The school principal said she is not getting any complaints. Other pathways have been closed due to complaints.
- HRM had a petition in 2000 that showed residents did not want the pathway.
- Subdivision planning model shows that this pathway is not working.

3. Mel Hackett, Berkshire Close

- He submitted maps of the area.
- He commented that this path has been studied for the last six years. A trial pathway was placed and residents opposed it. He met with Mr. Bigelow prior to the school being built.
- The pathway is the most direct route to Bayers Lake, to the school and beyond. It was agreed to put in a meandering path. Residents reluctantly went along with staff's suggestion. Many residents endured damage to their properties. Police responded initiated by calls of crimes in the area.
- He wondered how anyone could vote against the recommendation of the police.
- He added that the path should not have happened, it is now closed and should stay closed. If this was the only path to the school they would not have closed it but there are other options.
- He contacted Scotia Learning, the owners of the schools, who said that they have built thirteen schools through the P3 program and there is more vandalism and damage at this school than the other twelve combined. He added it costs them \$200-\$400 dollars per window and they need replacing at least one per week. Scotia Learning is in favour of limiting access and would like to have better controlled paths and cut down on vandalism.
- He added that there are a number of children going to Park West School who travel on the street and have no issue with walking a little further.

4. Shelly Cahill, Barkton Lane

- She indicated she was on the school steering team with Mr. Peter Bigelow and walked the paths in 2000.
- Mr. Bigelow put the goat path idea together to accommodate the Berkshire Close residents.
- She recommends those pathways be upgraded to standards they need to be.

- She indicated she had two people call her and one was for the pathway and one was against. She has tried to gather information from around the community and took pictures to see what the pathway looked like since it was closed. She circulated a picture of the pathway. She added she just found out the pathway was closed.
- In an effort to make everyone happy, she suggested that perhaps the gate could be opened during the day and closed at night. Put a gate at the front/back of the path.
- She added that the comments by police made sense but when she walks the path, she does not see how the fence will stop vandalism. Vandalism is going on Barkton Lane too. Her family have had their car vandalised.
- She told her neighbour about the neighbourhood watch meeting and her neighbour was the only one who went to meeting. It was held on graduation night and she was unable to attend but will be the #1 person to start a neighbourhood watch in her area. She spoke to another Councillor who began a neighbourhood watch in her area that started with five people and it grew. The problems stopped once a neighbourhood watch was implemented.
- She encouraged residents to talk to their neighbours.

Councillor Walker commented that locked gates do not work.

5. A resident of Berkshire Close

- He indicated that he lives beside the pathway and there have been lots of problems with the pathway.
- His car was broken into and the water tap on his house was left open and running for two days while he was away.
- He added he calls the path a night time pathway as he can hear people walking there at night more than at daytime.
- He commented that he can see the kids coming from the school and saw the people coming from the woods. The kids fell down, it is not a safe pathway. In winter, there is a question of snow removal, no one looks after that pathway. Trees/garbage from hurricane is still there.
- He indicated that he wished the people who want the pathway open lived in his home as they would then say the same as him.
- If the pathway was safe and no vandalism it would not be a problem, but it is not a safe pathway.

6. Mr. Joe Greenwood, Parkland Drive

He indicated that this issue is not only a Berkshire Close problem but a community

problem. HRM should make needed improvements that all would benefit from as a 4' fence does not fix the problem.

7. Dr. Delores McKeen, Berkshire Close

- She indicated she is a major stakeholder in the closure of this pathway as the result of the council decision will impact her directly.
- She advised that she has been terrorized in her own home (alarms going off as someone broke into her car in her garage). This matter has to be taken seriously as it impacts her frequently, at least once per month, and it is not minor vandalism. She emphasized she will not be terrorized in her own home.
- She advised that she has tried lighting and fencing her property etc.
- She indicated she is familiar with CPTED. She added there are national and international bodies of evidence to show areas for vandalism are near secondary schools and parking. It is a major problem. Pedestrian traffic relates to crimes/vandalism. In regards to controlling access, a pathway at the end of a cul de sac contravenes the CPTED principles. Undefined areas attract youth.
- She commented that according to Stats Canada, Nova Scotia has the highest crime rates, mostly youths. This is major crime not just minor vandalism and has escalated over the past year and STOPPED after pathway was closed.
- She added that she is not unreasonable and is not looking to expand her property.
- The extra walking distance is a minor issue. Parents of children in surrounding streets also have to cross the road.

8. A resident of Berkshire Close

- He commented that he thought he lived in one of the safest areas in HRM with no problems. His cars are in front of his house and he has never had a problem. He added that although some residents have had a problem with vandalism it would not be greater vandalism than any other street in Halifax. He added that he feels the street is very safe but agreed they have to do something about vandalism. He added that closing the pathway is not the solution. He suggested that everyone really think and find a different solution. He is for re-opening the gate.

9. Ali Rashid, Kingsley Close

- He indicated that the path ends at his property line.
- He has noticed that since the pathway closed, the neighbourhood has been safer.
- Access to the parkland is not being denied by closing the pathway as there are other accesses. It will be safer for some neighbours to have the pathway closed although some will have to walk a little further.

10. Melanie Rappaport, Woodsmere Close

- She expressed concern with closing the gate as it sets a precedent for having other pathways closed. She added if this pathway closes, the problems move down to Woodsmere and Kingsley. If the school is closed, the police cannot access the area to monitor the school.
- Her main concern is community. All the pathways lead to the school and all pathways were to be connected.
- She would like to see some improvements to Lancaster as it curves and it is difficult for the people to cross. She suggested curves and stop signs would be good on Lancaster.
- Vandalism will happen whether there is a closed pathway or not.
- She attended a neighbourhood watch meeting and asked them to come to a PTA meeting and explain how to get a neighbourhood watch started.

11. Brad Davies, Resident of Lancaster and Berkshire (corner)

- He indicated that Lancaster is a fast street. He added that stop signs are needed as it is thoroughfare from Radcliffe to Parkland. It is a hard street to cross. The stop sign would affect him as his property is at the corner but safety is the bigger concern.
- He added that using the pathway more often is not the point as there is noise now and he does not want it any louder.
- There is an empty lot at 16 Berkshire Close that has been vacant for seven years. He suggested the owner sell the property or erect a dwelling on it and close it off permanently.

Councillor Mosher explained that all comments will be sent to the applicable staff persons. If members of the public are unable to attend the public hearing, written submissions may be sent to the Municipal Clerks Office, PO Box 1749, Halifax, NS B3J 3A5, or faxed to 490-4208. She added that all of HRM will be able to speak at the public hearing.

Councillor Wile advised that there will be a town hall meeting on Sept. 19th with Halifax Regional Police for this area. Policing concerns could be brought to that meeting.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE - October 3, 2005

16 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Chris Newson
Legislative Assistant