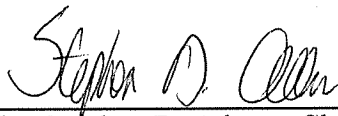


**Item No. 2.**  
**Western Region Community Council**  
**April 18, 2011**

**TO:** Western Region Community Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**



Councillor Stephen D. Adams, Chair, Western Region Community Council

**DATE:** March 31, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Western Region Community Council Annual Report

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

**ORIGIN**

Section 27(1) of the HRM Charter states:

A community council shall hold an annual public meeting in the community in each year to report to the public concerning its activities and to receive the views of the public respecting all matters within its mandate.

**BACKGROUND**

An annual public meeting in the community is required as per Section 27(1) of the HRM Charter.

**DISCUSSION**

The Western Region Community Council was established by Halifax Regional Council on February 20, 2001, as per Administrative Order 26 which came into effect on April 1, 2011. The Western Region Community Council covers the area of the Halifax Regional Municipality that on the 2nd day of November 2004 was included in polling district 22, Timberlea -Prospect, polling district 23, Hammonds Plains - St. Margarets WITH THE EXCEPTION OF that portion of polling district 23 that falls within the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy, and; that part of polling district 18, Spryfield - Herring Cove which was situated within the boundaries of the former Halifax County Municipality prior to April 1, 1996,

Community Councils are governed by the Municipal Government Act, HRM Charter, the Rules of Procedure for Halifax Regional Council as outlined in Administrative Order 1, and the Western Region Community Council Rules of Procedure.

Western Region Community Council met seven (7) times between April 2010 and March 31, 2011, including two special meetings.

The following will highlight Western Region Community Council's business for the fiscal year of 2010/2011.

Motions:

April 26, 2010

- No Meeting.

May 31, 2010

- **Case 01357: Telecommunications Tower at 7617 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Ingramport.**  
Motion passed that Industry Canada: a) Consider moving forward with the recommendations put forward by Mr. James Fryday in his report titled "Cell Tower Proposal Ingramport"; b) Recognize the need to have a study on migratory bird pathways with respect to guy wires; c) Organize the public meetings and public hearings with respect to issues such as communications towers.
- **Western Common Wilderness Common Master Plan**  
Recommendation approved in principle.
- **Rosalie Street, Pinedale Subdivision, Prospect**  
Motion passed requesting staff to investigate the request for speed bumps on Rosalie Street, Pinedale Subdivision, Prospect.

June 28, 2010

- Meeting Cancelled.

July 26, 2010

- **Case 01357: Telecommunications Tower at 7617 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Ingramport (Supplementary Report)**  
Motion passed to rescind the Western Region Community Council motion of May 31, 2010.

Motion passed to forward a positive recommendation to Industry Canada supporting the proposal by Rogers Communications Inc. for the construction of a new 90 metre guyed telecommunications tower and accessory building at 7617 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Ingramport.

- **Case 01280 Development Agreement Herring Cove Village**  
Notice of Motion was given and public hearing set for September 20, 2010.

- **Case 01312 Revised Amending Agreement Brunello Estates Subdivision (formerly Westgate Community), Timberlea**  
Motion passed by resolution, approving the revised non substantive amendment to the Brunello Estates Subdivision (formerly Westgate Community) development agreement for Phase 1.
- **Case 15910 Rezoning Moody Lake, Williamswood**  
First Reading given and public hearing set for September 20, 2010.
- **Case 16241 Rezoning Lovett Lake, Beechville**  
First Reading given and public hearing set for September 20, 2010.
- **Upper Tantallon at the Crossroads**  
Motion passed that Halifax Regional Council request staff to prepare a report to initiate the process to consider amending the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for Districts 1 and 3 (St. Margaret's Bay) to incorporate the recommendations of Community Forum III, "Vision to Reality", a concept plan for Upper Tantallon at the Crossroads.
- **Letter of Appreciation**  
Motion passed that a letter of appreciation and scroll be sent to Mr. John Leon in recognition of his, and the local citizens' efforts, in coordinating the third series of Community Forum Visioning exercise.

August 2010

- No meeting.

September 20, 2010

- **Case 16282: Discharge of a Development Agreement 5250 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Upper Tantallon**  
Motion passed, by resolution, approved the discharging agreement for lands located at 5250 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Upper Tantallon.
- **Request for Left Turn Indicator at Prospect Road and St. Margaret's Bay Road**  
Motion passed to write to the provincial Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting improvements to the intersection at the St. Margaret's Bay Road and Prospect Road such as a left turn indicator or traffic lights.
- **Request for Temporary School Bus Stop at the Prospect Road Community Centre**  
Motion passed to contact the Superintendent of the Halifax Regional School Board and the provincial Minister of Education requesting a temporary school bus stop at the Prospect Road Community Centre for students of the Prospect Road Elementary School who attend the Community Centre's afterschool program.

October 18, 2010

- **Case 01297: Development Agreement Time Extension 7990 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Ingramport**  
Staff recommendation approved.

November 2, 2010 (*Special*)

- **Appointments to Standing Committees of Council and Nominations for Members at Large**

Motion passed that the nominated representatives to the six Standing Committees be forwarded to Regional Council for ratification.

- **Election of Chair/Vice-Chair**  
Councillor Adams was elected Chair and Councillor Lund was elected Vice-Chair of the Western Region Community Council for 2011.
- **Proposed 2011 Meeting Schedule**  
Motion passed approving the 2011 meeting schedule.

November 22, 2010

- Meeting Cancelled.

December 2010

- No Meeting.

January 24, 2011

- Meeting Cancelled.

January 25, 2011 (*Special*)

- **Case 16445: Rezoning – 651 Ketch Harbour Road, Portuguese Cove**  
First reading was given and the public hearing set for February 28, 2011.
- **Councillor Appointment to the Grants Committee**  
Councillor Lund was appointed to the Grants Committee as the Western Region Community Council representative.
- **Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee**  
Motion passed forwarding recommendations from the Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee on the Herring Cove Breakwater, Herring Cove Community Centre, Herring Cove Fire Hall, Herring Cove Sewer and Water Service, and; any proposed amendments to the Herring Cove Area Settlement and Servicing Strategy be presented to the Committee for review/comment prior to approval, to staff for response.
- **Letter of Appreciation**  
Motion passed that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee in recognition of their work.

February 28, 2011

- **Case 16445: Rezoning – 651 Ketch Harbour Road, Portuguese Cove**  
Motion passed to approve the rezoning of 651 Ketch Harbour Road, Portuguese Cove.
- **Mr. Paul Berry, Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization (WRWEO)**  
Motion passed that HRM, during the upcoming capital budget discussions, take into account the value of volunteerism and leverage already achieved to date, and; that some funding be provided to community trails including the Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail.
- **Revision to Catchment Area for Hammonds Plains Common Area Rate**  
Motion passed that Halifax Regional Council: 1. Effective April 1, 2010, the catchment area for the Hammonds Plains Common Area Rate be changed to exclude all properties in District 19 with the exception of those properties in the neighbourhood of Kingswood North, and; 2. Credit back to the tax accounts of the owners of all properties to be

removed from the catchment area the amount of property taxes paid for this area rate in fiscal 2010-11.

- **Councillor Lund**

Motion passed that staff initiate the process to appropriately rezone properties within the Birch Bear Woods Subdivision generally bounded by St. Margaret's Bay Road, Lewis Lake, Birch Hill Lake and Holland Lake to reflect a low density residential development form.

- **Decision of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board re: Case 15910 - Rezoning - Moody Lake, Williamswood**

Motion passed, by order of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board dated February 18, 2011, the Western Region Community Council amend the Land Use By-Law for Planning District 5 (Chebucto Peninsula) by amending the Planning District 5 Zoning Map changing Lots PID 40071177, 00648493 and 00648501 from Protected Area to (R-2) Two-Unit Dwelling Zone.

March 28, 2011

- Meeting Cancelled.

Petitions:

- None.

Presentations:

February 28, 2011

- **Mr. Paul Berry, Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization (WRWEO)**

Public Hearings:

September 20, 2010

- **Case 15910 Rezoning Moody Lake, Williamswood**  
Motion passed to not approve the rezoning.
- **Case 16241 Rezoning Lovett Lake, Beechville**  
Motion passed approving the rezoning.

October 18, 2010

- **Case 01280 Development Agreement Herring Cove Village**  
Motion passed to refuse the proposed development agreement.

Public Participation (Items Brought Forward By Members of the Public):

May 31, 2011

- No Participants.

July 26, 2010

- No Participants.

September 20, 2010

- Comment that it is good to see democracy in action.

October 18, 2010

- Question on process in regard to presentations at Halifax Regional Council.
- Herring Cove Sewer/Water

November 2, 2010 (*Special*)

- No participants.

January 25, 2011 (*Special*)

- No participants.

February 28, 2011

- Community water supply for Three Brooks / Five Bridges area.

Status Sheet Items:

May 31, 2010

- **Speed Bumps – Rosalie Street, Pinedeale Subdivision, Prospect**  
Information Report dated June 1, 2010 received. Item removed from Status Sheet at July 26, 2010 meeting.

September 20, 2010

- **Request sent to Provincial DOT for left turn indicator for intersection at St. Margaret's Bay Road.**  
Councillor Rankin requested item removed from the status sheet at the October 18, 2010 meeting.
- **Request sent to Superintendent of HRSB for a temporary bus stop at Prospect Road Elementary School.**  
Councillor Rankin requested item removed from status sheet at the October 18, 2010 meeting.

January 25, 2011

- **Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee Recommendation: Herring Cove Breakwater, Herring Cove Fire Hall, Herring Cove Community Centre, Herring Cove Area Settlement and Servicing Strategy.**  
Information Report received on the Herring Cove Breakwater for the February 28, 2011 meeting. Item removed from the Status Sheet.

February 28, 2011

- **Staff report requested on initiating the process to rezone Birch Bear Woods Subdivision.**  
Item remains on status sheet.

Variance Appeal Hearings:

July 26, 2010

- **Appeal of the Development Officer's Decision to Refuse an Application for a Variance at Civic 968 Herring Cove Road, Halifax.**

Motion passed to overturn the Development Officer's decision and to approve the variance.

September 20, 2010

- **Variance Case No. 16283, 169 Ashdale Crescent, Timberlea**

Motion passed to overturn the decision of the Development Officer and to approve the variance.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

None associated with this report.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN**

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Western Region Community Council meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month at the Keshen Goodman Library. Meetings are open to the public and contain a Public Participation portion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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