

MARINE DRIVE, VALLEY AND CANAL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 28, 2005

PRESENT: Councillor David Hendsbee, Chair
 Councillor Steve Streach
 Councillor Krista Snow

STAFF: Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Gaetz Brook Legion, #6644 Highway #7, Gaetz Brook.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Snow, that the minutes of November 16, 2004, January 11 and February 1, 2005 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Streach, that the Order of Business be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence - None

10. REPORTS

10.1 Financial Services - How is HRM Spending Your Tax Dollars (oral)

This item was addressed at a later point in the meeting (See page 6)

10.2 Appointment to the Councillors Executive Committee

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Snow, that Councillor Hendsbee be appointed to the Councillors Executive Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

11.1 Councillor Snow

11.1.1 Downey Property, Fall River Road - Purchase by HRM for Recreation Centre and Fire Hall

MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Streach that staff be requested to provide a report to Regional Council with regards to the purchase of the Downey Property in Fall River to be used as a Recreation Centre and Fire Hall. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.1.2 Name Change "A" Lake to St. Andrews Lake

Councillor Snow noted there is a new residential area called St. Andrews Village which encompasses what was formerly known as Lake "A". The community has petitioned to have the lake renamed to St. Andrews Lake and have submitted a petition requesting said name change.

MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Streach, that Lake "A" in Fall River be renamed to St. Andrews Lake. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2 Councillor Hendsbee

11.2.1 Request for Water Service District Expansion

Councillor Hendsbee stated that he was requesting HRM and Halifax Regional Water Commission examine the extension of the current water serviceable boundary. It is currently to the shoreline of the Little Salmon River and down Ross Road along the Cole Harbour/Lawrencetown Road back into Cole Harbour. There is an area of property that includes the lands of the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children, the Geldart property and other property holdings that are not currently included in the service boundary district. In order for any development to occur on these lands the service boundary would have to be extended to include them as they are currently on well and septic systems.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Snow, that Halifax Regional Municipality and Halifax Regional Water Commission be requested to look at the extension of the water serviceable boundary to infill the properties known as the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children and the Geldart property as well as other holdings in that immediate area. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2.2 Hurricane Juan Cleanup in Affected Areas

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Snow, that staff be requested to provide an update on the Hurricane Juan cleanup efforts in affected areas, including the quarantined beetle zone. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2.3 Update on Capital Transportation Authority and Provincial Road Transfer Discussions

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Snow, that staff be requested to provide an update on the discussions as well as any discussions relative to transfer of local subdivision streets and roads over to the municipality. Councillor Streach requested the report also include an indication of the proposed boundaries as to where or where not they are prepared to provide service into District 1. The report to provide a clear explanation of the current relationship as it relates to the service exchange between the province and the municipality as well as the kilometre dollar value on the maintenance of these roads.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. MOTIONS - NONE

13. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

14. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

10.1 Financial Services - How is HRM Spending your Tax Dollars

Mr. Bruce Fisher and Ms. Debbie McCaig, Financial Services, provided an overview of the 2005-2006 Budget and Business Plans noting:

Following the presentation, members of the public were provided an opportunity to

provide input with the following comments and concerns being expressed:

- C What is in the budget for the people living in the rural areas
- C Are there other sources of taxation rather than the current taxes being derived from property tax
- C A more comprehensive breakdown by District should be considered in future years including what is being raised versus what is being spent in each district.
- C How much is being spent on in the Lawrencetown area and how much of that is spent on recreation etc.
- C Concern was expressed with what is taking place with the expansion to the police services and how that will affect the rural areas.
- C There is an inequity in police services between the urban and rural areas and also concern was expressed with regards to how the bike officers will be assigned during winter months.
- C Concern was expressed that the residents are not getting the services covered by the rates on their tax bills.
- C What investments are being made in small businesses outside the urban core.
- C What formula will be used to determine fuel tax distribution throughout the municipality.
- C What is in the budget to address the issue of accessible transportation for the disabled who live outside the core area
- C There is no service on private roads and taxes should be raised so that services can be provided to the residents who live on those roads.

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This item was held in conjunction with the presentation on the budget.

16. NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant

