

MARINE DRIVE, VALLEY AND CANAL  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 24, 1997

Porter's Lake Community Centre

PRESENT: Councillor David Hendsbee, Chair  
Councillor Bill Dooks  
Councillor Gordon R. Snow

STAFF: Julia Horncastle, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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**1. INVOCATION**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with an invocation.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the minutes of the August 27, 1997 meeting be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions

1. Rental of HRM Buildings - Councillor Snow
2. School Bus Depot - Musquodoboit Harbour - Councillor Dooks
3. School Sub System Building - Head of Jeddore - Councillor Dooks
4. Oyster Pond Walk - Councillor Dooks
5. Blue Water Business Centre - Councillor Dooks

**MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**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, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

**10. REPORTS**

**10.1 Councillor Snow**

**10.1.1 Sidewalks - Holland Road - Brook Street**

**MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that Marine Drive Valley and Canal request that Mr. McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, provide an update on the feasibility of putting the sidewalks - Holland Road - Brook Street as priority #2 on the Capital Projects list. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **11. MOTIONS**

Councillor Hendsbee, with the aid of a colour coded map, indicated proposed plan amendments for the Lake Major, Cherrybrook, Lake Loon, North Preston, East Preston Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Laws. He requested these proposed amendments be forwarded to Community Services.

**MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council request Community Services initiate amendments to the Lake Major, North Preston, East Preston, Cherrybrook and Lake Loon Municipal Planning Strategy for allowance of industrial zoned lands in the communities of North Preston and East Preston for the rezoning of lands for residential purposes from recreation resource areas. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **12. ADDED ITEMS**

### **12.1 Rental of HRM Buildings - Councillor Snow**

Councillor Snow stated it has come to his attention that some non profit organizations in his community, who have used local recreation centres, are now being told that in the future they will have to pay a substantial increase in fees. He requested the Recreation Department provide a report indicating why this sudden change as it is creating a hardship. He noted the organizations do not have a problem paying for what heat and lights they use but they do not feel they have to pay for rental of a building that is being maintained by the payment of taxes.

**MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that Community Services be requested to provide a staff report regarding the increase in fees for recreation facilities. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **12.2 School Bus Depot - Musquodoboit Harbour - Councillor Dooks**

**MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that Simpson McLeod, Real Estate and Facilities, be requested a report as to when the School Bus Depot in Musquodoboit Harbour will be turned over to the community. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.3 Sub System Office - Head of Jeddore - Councillor Dooks**

**MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that Simpson McLeod, Real Estate and Facilities, be requested to provide a staff report regarding the turning of the property to the community. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.4 Oyster Pond Walk - Councillor Dooks**

Councillor Dooks advised he has been working on this for approximately eighteen months but the project has been held up in the planning and design stage. He stated there has been money allocated from Capital Projects but the community has not received the planning and design part of the park. He asked that a request go forward to the Recreation Department urging them to address this issue as expeditiously as possible.

**MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that Community Services (Recreation Division) be requested to give priority to the Oyster Pond Walk. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.5 Blue Water Business Centre - Councillor Dooks**

Councillor Dooks stated it has been brought to his attention that there is a possibility that the Blue Water Building in Sheet Harbour could be placed on the real estate market. He stated it was his understanding that the deed specifies that the Municipality has the right of first option to buy back the building. He requested Mr. Simpson McLeod investigate this and advise.

**MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that a request be forwarded to Regional Operations ( Real Estate and Facilities ) requesting information with regards to the Blue Water Building in Sheet Harbour and whether there was provision made for first right of refusal to the Municipality at the time of sale. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.6 Clarification of Capital Projects - Councillor Dooks**

**MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that clarification be sought as to what the funds allocated to Community Council for Capital Projects can be used for - projects the Councillors choose, can it be turned over to community groups or does it have to go through HRM departments for approval and release through procurement procedures.**

Councillor Dooks said if these monies have to go through the procurement process the funds

will be quickly depleted. He stated he feels the Community Council should have the ability to direct funds directly to community groups and the Councillor can be responsible and allow the community group to do the tendering of projects. He said he would encourage community employment and any contracts be through the process of three bids. He expressed concern that if it has to go through design, tender, etc. the money would not be well spent.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.7 Capital Projects - Councillor Hendsbee**

Councillor Hendsbee submitted a list of District 3 Capital Projects for 1998/99 and requested they be forwarded for inclusion in the 1998/99 Capital Budget.

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**

**14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Paul Pettipas, Chair, LWF Ratepayers, referenced information item #3 regarding the Cobequid Road Interchange at Highway 102 and questioned how it could be projected that an interchange would not be needed for the next ten years. He said there is no incentive for the Department of Transportation to build these roads because the roads that are being destroyed are HRM owned. He stated the Cobequid is in a mess and the Windsor Junction Road is being destroyed because people are driving through the secondary roads. He referenced the Sackville Transportation Study stating that that study found that this was the most cost effective of all the alternatives to help divert traffic in the Cobequid Road area. He said the Department of Transportation have no incentive to build this because their roads are not being destroyed. The effect is on HRM roads. He questioned whether the interchange would be an extension of the Cobequid Road or is it an addition to the Bicentennial. He stated he feels more has to be done as the people will be the ones to pay for this. He said he would like to know who is responsible.

Councillor Hendsbee stated it is his understanding that any ramps off 100 series highways and connection of roads within the urban core would be HRM properties and HRM responsibilities. The Councillor suggested a letter go forward to Mr. Kenny Silver stating that this interchange is more of a municipal responsibility and should be given higher priority by HRM planning staff.

**MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that a request be forwarded to Regional**

**Operation stating that the interchange should be given higher priority by HRM.  
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Mr. Pettipas referenced paving fees and expressed concern with the high amounts to be charged per foot for paving.

**15. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Councillor Snow requested a report be provided on the Jefferson Property, District 2.

**16. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 1997 at the Blue Water Business Centre.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**Julia Horncastle  
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL CLERK**