

MARINE DRIVE VALLEY AND CANAL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 26, 1997

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

STAFF: Julia Horncastle, Assistant Municipal Clerk

1. INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. following the public information session.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the minutes of the February 19, 1997 special council session be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the minutes of the February 26, 1997 regular meeting be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions

Councillor Dooks requested "Area Rate Increase - Oyster Pond and Area Fire Department" be added to the agenda. (Item 12.1)

Councillor Snow requested "Speed Limit Reduction" be added to the agenda. (Item 12.2)

The Assistant Municipal Clerk advised a presentation by Mr. Colin Isenor re: Hants East Ice Stadium had been requested to be added to the agenda. (Item 9.1.1)

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow 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

9.1 Presentation

9.1.1 Hants East Ice Stadium - Colin Isenor

Mr. Colin Isenor, with the aid of a flip chart, made a presentation to Community Council suggesting a proposal go forward requesting cost sharing for the Hants East Stadium through the Infrastructure Program. He stated they are requesting 15% funding from the Municipality over a period of time.

In response to Councillor Hendsbee, Community Council was advised Halifax Regional Municipality is being requested to contribute \$270,000 which equates to 15% of the \$1.8 million to which Councillor Hendsbee responded it would be the Municipality of East Hants who would have to submit the application to the Infrastructure Program.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that a report be requested from Recreation and Leisure regarding the Hants East Arena with regards to cost sharing by the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Mr. Paul Pettipas noted that many of these sports facilities run with the use of user fees.

Councillor Hendsbee stated he would like the following points to be considered in the report:

- ! Would it be possible for the Department of Recreation and Leisure to have a contract for service for utilization of the facility;
- ! Would it be possible to have a formal contractual arrangement with the Hants East facility if it is going to be used to satisfy the demands for recreational uses by the residents of Halifax Regional Municipality;
- ! If it would be possible for Halifax Regional Municipality to be a co-signee on the Infrastructure application and what financial commitments that may require;
- ! Could there be a outright grant given from HRM to Hants East as a contribution towards the project.

Councillor Hendsbee suggested the arena may have to look at charging a slightly higher user fee to those residents of HRM utilizing the facility to offset the additional costs as a benefactor of but not contributing to.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. REPORTS - NONE

11. MOTIONS - NONE

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Area Rate Increase - Oyster Pond and Area Fire Department

Councillor Dooks introduced Chief Edgar Kerr, Mr. Peter Beech and Mr. Sandy Newcomb of the Oyster Pond Fire Department advising a community meeting had been held with approval given for a four cent area rate increase to purchase a new emergency vehicle and an addition to the fire hall. He stated, for the record, that the meeting had been well advertised.

Mr. Peter Beech presented the area rate proposal to Community Council for approval.

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that the name change to “Oyster Pond and Area Ratepayers” be adopted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that the Marine Drive Valley and Canal Community Council adopt a four (4) cent area rate for the Oyster Pond and Area Fire Department to purchase an emergency vehicle and to pay for an addition to the fire station. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Dooks and Snow that message be sent that the rural area does not want to pay taxes for services they do not receive and they want their rights recognized and take its place in the HRM. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 Speed Limit Reduction

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that a letter be written to the Department of Transportation requesting a reduction in the speed limit from Indian Bridge, Highway #277 to Dutch Settlement from 70 km to 60 km. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the Marine Drive Valley and Canal Community Council approve a three cent area rate for the Grand Lake Oakfield Community Society for building repairs and dry goods. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Paul Pettipas, LWF Ratepayers, asked when will there be a decision made on whether or not there will be area rates or a grant system regarding taxes. He said many associations are made up of volunteers and he would like to have an answer so that he can advise residents. In response, Councillor Hendsbee advised a tax structure is still being decided.

Mr. Pettipas said some of the associations, at the time of amalgamation, had surpluses but have now been advised these surpluses cannot be accessed as they have been put into a common "pot". In response, Councillor Dooks advised, to his knowledge, that money was still available to individual associations.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that a staff report be requested regarding the status of all surpluses and deficits of all community and ratepayers organizations as well as fire departments and whether they will have access to the funds if in a surplus situation or held liable for any deficits. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Hendsbee commended those residents of District 1 who participated in the tax rally at city hall on March 25, 1997.

15. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Surplus Funds - Councillor Snow

16. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 1997 - location to be decided.

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

**Julia Horncastle
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL CLERK**

