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1. **INVOCATION**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with an Invocation. The meeting was held in Sunnyside Mall, Bedford.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 9, 1997**

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell that the Minutes of meeting held on January 9, 1997 be adopted as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Added Items: Delegations: Presentation and Request for Walkway
- Officers Crescent, Beaver Bank

Information Item - Local Celebrity Signing - Charles Fenerty

Councillor Barnet: Landfill Compensation Expenditures

Councillor Kelly: Mill Cove/Timberlea Treatment Plants - Leachate Disposal

Councillor Rankin: Urban/Rural Tax Issue

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell to approve the Order of Business as amended. 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**

7.1 **Appointment to North West Planning Advisory Committee**

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Mitchell that Carolann V. Wright be appointed to North West Planning Advisory Committee to fill the unexpired term of Steve Wood. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO FORMER MEMBERS - COBEQUID MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE BOARD

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the following retiring members of the Cobequid Multi-Service Centre Board in recognition of their service on the occasion of the designation to the Central Regional Health Board:

Brenda Pate, Vice-Chair
Marilyn MacDonald

The following retiring members were not in attendance. Their Certificates will be delivered to them at a later date.

Anthony Benson, Chair
Ernie O'Toole
Diane Graves
Jack Graham
Peggy Thomas-Morgan
Dawn Marsman
Colleen Meldrum

9. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

9.1 **Correspondence**

9.1.1 A letter dated December 19, 1996 from Dr. Wayne Stobo, Chair, Halifax County Watershed Advisory Board was before Community Council with reference to correspondence from Shalom Mandaville re a Policy for Paper Mill Lake.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Barnet to direct the letter to staff for review and recommendation as well as Bedford Waters Advisory Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.1.2 A letter dated January 13, 1997 from Ralph Hessian, Department of Transportation regarding local celebrity signage - Charles Fenerty was before Community Council.

Councillor Barnet, still being disappointed with Department of Transportation's response, pointed out that several signs have recently been taken down on the highway and suggested it might be possible to replace the earlier landfill signs with Charles Fenerty

signs since Department of Transportation was concerned with keeping signage to a minimum.

It was agreed to send a letter to Department of Transportation attempting to have the landfill signs replaced with signs indicating Charles Fenerty's birthplace.

9.2 Delegations

9.2.1 Go Plan Presentation

The Chair welcomed Brian Smith, Director of Transportation and Allan Taylor, Transportation Planner. Mr. Taylor provided information on the GO Plan as it relates to infrastructure initiatives for the urbanized portions of Halifax Regional Municipality in the future and advised that public meetings were scheduled to take place in the near future. He provided copies of GO Plan: Consultation Workbook, GO Plan: Summary of Technical Studies and a proposed road hierarchy map for the information of Community Council and the public.

Councillor Kelly asked if commuter rail and hovercraft had been taken into account. In reply, Mr. Taylor stated there was mention of rail as one of the transit options but water borne transit would have to be investigated.

On a question from Councillor Harvey re the status of the proposed Second Lake Collector, Mr. Smith advised that staff met with Department of Transportation and Department of Municipal Affairs to put together the GO Plan. The idea was to continue to work with them. He pointed out that development proposals kept coming in but there was no line on the map agreed to and no public consultation process. This was required and it was important to have a series of collector roads sufficient to handle future development.

Councillor Rankin suggested there should be a public meeting held in Timberlea and pointed out that growth was taking place in Timberlea as well as Cole Harbour and Sackville. Staff should take this into consideration with regard to capital expenditures.

Councillor Mitchell asked how priorities were measured. In reply, Mr. Taylor explained that prioritization took into account budgetary issues and development pressures.

Public Participation on the GO Plan Presentation

Mr. Dave Barrett referred to the original proposal made by the community of Beaver Bank regarding the abandoned power line and suggested this should be reconsidered. Mr. Taylor agreed to look into this.

Ms. Theresa Scratch referred to the alignment presented for the Second Lake Collector and asked who created that alignment. In reply, Mr. Taylor stated it was conceptual.

Ms. Theresa Scratch also referred to capital cost estimates. For the Beaverbank Bypass and Second Lake Collector, the Sackville Transportation Study estimate was for two lanes, while the GO Plan was four lanes for the Beaverbank Bypass and three lanes for the Second Lake Collector but the estimate was the same. She asked for clarification. In reply, Mr. Taylor stated this would be considered before the public meetings.

Mr. Walter Regan asked what was being done about upgrading transit services to the rural areas. In reply, Mr. Taylor said this would be a different study.

Mr. Walter Regan also asked if a walkway from Bedford to Sackville was being considered. In reply, Mr. Taylor advised that pedestrian travel was only being considered in general terms.

Mr. Bryce Reid pointed out it appeared the Sackville/Beaver Bank area would have to wait until projects were done in Halifax.

An individual pointed out that there should be more consideration given for direct bus routes for people living in the Sackville/Beaver Bank area.

10. **REPORTS**

10.1 Lot 1F-1 - Bedford Basin Estates

A Staff Report dated January 15, 1997 was before Community Council.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell that Community Council endorse the decision of the former Town of Bedford.

Councillor Barnet asked if the motion was staff's recommendation. In reply, Councillor Kelly advised that depending on interpretation, if the decision was rescinded, there might be more complications. Therefore, until matters were cleared up, he did not wish to deal with the matter.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 Report from North West Planning Advisory Committee

10.2.1 Application to Amend the Height Provisions of the RCDD Agreement for Paper Mill Lake

A report dated January 17, 1997 from Planning Advisory Committee containing a recommendation regarding the above was before Community Council.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell to receive the report and refer to the Public Hearing on January 30, 1997. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.2 Status of the Plan Review - Districts 15, 18 and 19

A report dated January 17, 1997 from Planning Advisory Committee containing a recommendation regarding the above was before Community Council.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Kelly that an Area Advisory Committee for Planning Districts 15, 18 and 19 be established consisting of nine people of which three would be members of Planning Advisory Committee - Betty Stacey, Ann Merritt and Delphis Roy. Further that the Chair would be appointed from among the members of the committee and that an advertisement be placed as soon as possible for people willing to serve on the committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

It was agreed that the matter would be referred to staff to proceed.

10.2.3 Sackville Transportation Study

A report dated January 17, 1997 from Planning Advisory Committee containing a recommendation was before Community Council.

Councillor Harvey explained that Sackville Community Council had received the report, some discussion had ensued, it had been referred to staff but a report has not been received. He suggested setting up an advisory committee to go through the report under the auspices of Planning Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Rankin to communicate to Planning Advisory Committee that an advisory committee should be set up to review the Sackville Transportation Study and defer any consideration of same until such time. Further, that staff in Traffic and Planning Department should be requested to advise the status of the Transportation Study in terms of any reports being prepared at this time. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. MOTIONS - None

12. **ADDED ITEMS**

12.1 Landfill Compensation Expenditures

A Memorandum dated January 23, 1997 from Councillor Barnet regarding funding from unexpended landfill funds was before Community Council.

Councillor Barnet explained that the purpose of the Memo was to have a record of the landfill funds which have been expended since the committee that handled these expenditures no longer exists due to amalgamation.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Kelly to receive the correspondence for information and ratification. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 Mill Cove and Timberlea Treatment Plants and Leachate Disposal

Councillor Kelly advised that Department of Environment turned down the request for leachate to be disposed at the Aerotech Lagoon due to mechanical problems. Since then there was a request and approval by Department of Environment to dispose of the leachate in both the Mill Cove and Timberlea operations. There was a question as to whether or not the Mill Cove and Timberlea plants are designed for the load capacity and toxicity of the bacteria in these particular plants.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Rankin that staff be requested to provide an update of the entire operation of the leachate handling situation to Regional Council on January 28, 1997. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 Presentation and Request for Walkway - Officers Crescent, Beaver Bank

Councillor Barnet explained the dangerous situation in the area of Officers Crescent and the fact that children were waiting for the school bus in the vicinity. He explained as well the help that Mr. Dave Barrett had provided after he had been made aware of the situation. He was asking Community Council for support during capital budget deliberations in March and requested that staff address, prior to that time, the issue of securing the land for a walkway - either purchase, swap or an easement - the building of the walkway itself and a footbridge. He indicated a number of residents in attendance who were affected by this situation and who were now looking for a permanent solution. He provided a detail map and pictures of the area and advised that Mr. Barrett was in support of the proposal.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Kelly to move the request forward to staff with support from Community Council to determine costs as soon as possible.

A resident from the area provided further information and stated that another entrance into the subdivision would not be acceptable; they wanted a footpath.

Mr. Dave Barrett also expressed support for the proposal and advised he would be interested in a land swap.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 Urban/Rural Boundary Tax Issue

Councillor Rankin outlined the concerns regarding Kingswood wherein, under the present tax structure, they were deemed to be urban. The decision as to whether or not the urban designation will prevail has been subject to the political process. He was not speaking on the merits but wanted to point out that as far as the electorate was concerned, there had been no mandate to do this. The change was so profound that it amounted to 25% which was the most significant impact across the Municipality. He appealed to Community Council to ask that a fair process be provided with public consultation. Staff might still come back and advise they were of the same view; however, the public process would have taken place.

Community Council members discussed what had transpired and motions that had been made at Regional Council regarding the tax structure to date.

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Kelly that North West Community Council recommend to Regional Council that Regional Council give active consideration that tax rates for the areas changed from rural to urban be held for a year, be subjected to the new rural rate in the interim, in order to provide for public consultation, in the interests of fair process.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. **NOTICES OF MOTION** - None

14. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Bryce Reid raised the following points:

- He asked for a list of all recreation facilities in the North West Region that are presently tax exempt. In reply, the Chair advised that Regional Council was dealing with the tax exemption issue now and a report was expected in the near future. It may well be that the information would be available for the next meeting of Community Council.

- In his opinion, there was a delay with the Upper Sackville Complex and Millwood Commons and asked why. In reply, Councillor Barnet stated there was no delay that he was aware of. There were on-going meetings taking place with regard to the Upper Sackville Complex and staff was continuing to address outstanding issues with regard to the Commons. The projects were being moved on as quickly as possible.

Mr. Wayne MacPhee referred to his previous requests about an Auditor General being put in place and asked why Regional Council has not discussed the matter. In reply, the Chair stated that it could be brought to Regional Council; however, senior staff had been asked to come forward with a report but had not given it a high priority.

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Kelly that the Chairman of the Audit Committee, Deputy Mayor Jack Greenough, be requested to put this question on the Agenda of Audit Committee. If a meeting is not scheduled in the near future, then it is recommended that a meeting be held on this basis alone. Further, that the report from Audit Committee be brought forward to Regional Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mr. Wayne MacPhee asked if there was a policy with regard to recovery rates for recreational facilities because he had concerns that not all facilities were recovering acceptable amounts. In reply, the Chair advised he thought there was a report coming forward in the near future. As well, there should be some commonality to the reporting system after the first year in operation.

Mr. Joe Lavers raised the following points:

- He asked for target dates for the completion of the Millwood Commons. In reply, Councillor Barnet advised that the physical infrastructure lay with the provincial government who had a commitment to fund the development. The Municipality has met its commitment for the design. Over and above that, through landfill funds, an additional commitment has been approved. He suggested getting in touch with the area MLA and/or the Minister of Housing.
- He asked if there was an expiry date with regard to funding. In reply, Councillor Barnet advised that the date was actually June 30, 1997; however, it was considered to be appropriate to roll the funds over if completion is not before June 30. He agreed to provide the residents and the Ratepayers Association with this information in writing. The expiry date was an effort to get the provincial government to act.

- He advised that Sackville was hosting the provincial Figure Skating Championships and asked if there was funding to provide a small room at the facility because there was nothing provided for anything else besides hockey. Councillor Barnet agreed to look into the matter.

An individual from Beaver Bank asked if there was any funding available for Beaver Bank from the landfill compensation. In reply, Councillor Barnet advised that the provincial Act that awarded compensation did not include Beaver Bank. He believed that the communities of Middle and Upper Sackville were the ones who suffered greatly from the landfill and he intended to ensure that the remaining funds available were directed towards those communities.

15. **NEXT MEETING** - Thursday, February 13, 1997
Lions Club, Lakeside

Also: Public Hearing - Sunnyside Mall, Bedford - 6:00 p.m. - January 30, 1997

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Vi Carmichael
Municipal Clerk