

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 1997

THOSE PRESENT: Councillor Harvey, Chairman
 Councillor Kelly
 Councillor Mitchell
 Councillor Barnet

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Morgan, Planner
 Sandra Shute, Assistant Municipal Clerk

Regrets: Councillor Rankin

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1. **INVOCATION**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with an Invocation at the new Fire Station, 15 Convoy Run in Bedford.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 28, 1997**

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Barnet to approve the Minutes of August 28, 1997 with an amendment on Page 17 to indicate that Councillor Barnet seconded a motion, not Councillor Rankin. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Added Items: Clarification re Naming of Capt. John Gorham Boulevard - Councillor Kelly
Kingswood - Super Mailboxes

Councillor Harvey: Old Sackville Road - Traffic Issues

Councillor Barnet: Naming Children's Section of Sackville Library
Riverland Developments Limited - Staff Report Request

Councillor Mitchell: Maplewood on the Lakes (for Councillor Rankin) - Water Quality
Department of Transportation - two issues

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Barnet to approve the Order of Business as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

4.1 **Future of Planning Advisory Committee**

Councillor Kelly referred to Item 10.1 on the Agenda - Resignation from North West Planning Advisory Committee which was a resignation from a representative from Bedford. He explained there was a feeling in the community that planning issues were being dealt with by a reactionary approach rather than a proactionary approach. With no disrespect to any members of PAC or staff, it was the process that has developed since amalgamation. As a result, he said he wanted to commence the process to create a Bedford Planning Advisory Committee, thus leaving the main Advisory Committee but still reporting back to North West Community Council. He was, therefore, looking for the support of Community Council to request a Staff Report with respect to the time frame, creation and structure that could be achieved for a PAC for Bedford with a report coming

back to the next meeting of Community Council to determine if it can be done under the current Legislation. He was sure it could be.

Councillor Kelly added that both Peter Sheehan and Len Goucher were prepared to withdraw their resignations pending the review of staff and information regarding what process could be put in place to bring about Bedford's own PAC. He said he fully supported this proposal and intended to resign or transfer from one PAC to the other in order to commence a proactionary approach, which took place in the former Town of Bedford.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell that a Staff Report be prepared for the next meeting on timing and process for a second Planning Advisory Committee to deal with District 21 only.

Councillor Barnet said he understood why Councillor Kelly was making the request but he had a problem as to how this could unfold in the future. In his District, there were six communities, all of which wanted some sort of representation on committees. If PACs were divided into Districts, it would mean 23 across the Municipality which would not be reasonable or practical and would be very expensive and time consuming for staff. He pointed out there was a chance for this to move into communities as well, rather than Districts. He said he would support a Staff Report, however, but was concerned with the outcome.

Councillor Kelly pointed out that Bedford has its own planning documents and MPS structure. Seeing that District 21 was all inclusive in the document and there was the experience and expertise of the last 15 years, he believed the community should decide which group they wished to be governed by. If the community felt it could be served best by its own PAC, then due respect should be given to the public to bring that view forward and have issues dealt with as they deem appropriate.

Councillor Harvey said that the Staff Report would clear up a number of questions and it would then be up to Community Council to decide if it will create a second PAC to advise it. He did not oppose having a Staff Report prepared.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION** - None

6. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION** - None

7. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

7.1 **Appointment of An Area Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive**

Transportation Study for Sackville

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Kelly to defer this item to the next meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None

9. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS** - None

10. **REPORTS**

10.1 **Resignation from North West Planning Advisory Committee**

Councillor Kelly advised, as mentioned earlier in the meeting, that Len Goucher had written a letter of resignation, as well as the one received from Peter Sheehan. He had spoken to both parties who agreed they would try to work with the process.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell to receive the resignations but to defer pending receipt of the Staff Report at the next meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 **Traffic Management Strategy for the Communities of Beechville/Lakeside/Timberlea**

A Staff Report dated August 18, 1997 was before Community Council. Paul Morgan, Planner advised that Regional Council had accepted the two recommendations contained in the report. The second recommendation was that the Plan Amendment process be initiated for the community to determine which of the consultant's recommendations should be adopted. It could be dealt with as a regional or local matter but staff felt it should be dealt with by North West Planning Advisory Committee, who could conduct the public participation process.

Mr. Morgan then proceeded to provide background information on the study.

Councillor Kelly referred to development charges and asked if they were all inclusive to cover the cost of schools, infrastructure, water, roadways, recreation, fire. In reply, Mr. Morgan advised he had seen the legislation for Kings County which referred to roads, sewer, stormwater, water but it did not reference schools directly. He thought the intention was to deal with services needed for development - hard infrastructure. At this time, staff was working with the municipal solicitor; however, he knew that in Ontario development charges helped pay for schools.

Councillor Kelly said he would like to have clarification from staff as to whether or not the legislation will enable the aspects of schools, libraries, police, fire, recreation as well - soft

infrastructure. Paul Morgan requested the opportunity to report back, as he felt it was necessary to have input from the CAO and staff.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell to refer the Staff Report to North West Planning Advisory Committee, along with the request for clarification regarding soft infrastructure. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair advised he understood that Councillor Rankin was concerned that relevant matters that might come under Capital Budget should be referred to staff. It was agreed that PAC should be made aware of the fact that there were certain aspects that should be referred to the Capital Budget. He requested that staff follow up on the Capital Budget matters which were due by October 15, 1997.

Mr. Morgan said that he did not think there was much more than the connector road and interchange that was contemplated. He agreed to clarify this matter with Councillor Rankin.

11. **MOTIONS** - None

12. **ADDED ITEMS**

12.1 **Clarification re Naming of Capt. John Gorham Boulevard**

After the last meeting, concern had been expressed that there might be confusion created for 911 emergency responses because there was a John Gorham Lane in Bedford. Councillor Kelly advised he had clarified with the 911 Coordinator that he felt there would not be a problem. 911 was aware of both names but felt there was no need for concern. He felt, however, it was necessary to bring it back to Community Council for reaffirmation and in light of the fact that the Mayor is looking at naming streets in the name of Princess Diana. There was also the possibility of naming the road after Mother Theresa.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell to reaffirm that the new controlled access highway - Bedford/Sackville be named "Capt. John Gorham Boulevard". MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 **Kingswood - Super Mailboxes**

On behalf of Councillor Rankin, Councillor Mitchell explained the concern with the concentration of super mailboxes in one location, creating a safety issue.

MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Kelly to write a letter to Canada Post in this regard. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 **Maplewood on the Lakes - Water Quality**

On behalf of Councillor Rankin, Councillor Mitchell requested that a strong letter be sent to the Minister of Environment asking for reconsideration of carrying out the study in Maplewood on the Lakes regarding water quality.

**MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Kelly that a letter be written in this regard.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

12.4 **Old Sackville Road - Traffic Issues**

Councillor Harvey referred to the section of Old Sackville Road between Lucasville Road and Beaverbank Connector and a concern with through traffic going to the 101 in one direction and Lucasville Road in the other. It was felt that Sackville Drive should be used instead.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Kelly that a request be sent to Traffic and Planning renewing the residents' request for mitigation to the through traffic on Old Sackville Road and also renewing the residents' request for consideration for stop signs at Connolly Road and Old Sackville Road and Wynncastle Drive and Old Sackville Road. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Harvey also requested that a letter be sent to the Sackville Detachment, RCMP re speeding in general and illegal truck traffic on Old Sackville Road.

**MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Kelly that a request be sent to the RCMP to attempt to reduce both speeding and illegal truck traffic on Old Sackville Road.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

12.5 **Naming Children's Section of the Sackville Library**

Councillor Barnet advised he had brought this matter up previously but had received from the Library Board a policy that did not seem to be clear or specific nor did it address the issue he raised. He outlined the reasons why he wanted to see the Children's Section named after Dustin Eisan. In his opinion, it was a fair and reasonable gesture on behalf of Dustin and his family and all other children who have suffered in the community.

**MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Mitchell to request, through the CEO of the Halifax Regional Library that the Children's Section be named after Dustin Eisan.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

12.6 **Riverland Developments Limited - Staff Report Request**

Councillor Barnet referred to the request at the last meeting for a Staff Report regarding Riverland Developments Limited's application to Department of Environment for a quarry on a site where they currently have a permit for a pit. Riverland's proposal indicated they were operating the pit with the use of blasting; however, since then it was discovered that there was a typographical error. Since he had asked staff to provide a Staff Report as well as check to see if there were any fines or levies, he wanted to withdraw the request as the report was not necessary at this time.

For information, Councillor Barnet advised that the Minister of Environment has not approved the application and the Minister asked for further study as it relates to the location of the landfill and the operation of the facility.

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Kelly that the request for a Staff Report be withdrawn. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.7 Department of Transportation

MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Barnet to send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Public Works to address the safety issue of District 23 to have the brush cut from the roadside from Prospect Road/Hatchet Lake to Hubbards, especially around Black Point, Head of St. Margarets Bay and Seabright as it is creating a dangerous situation. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Kelly to send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Public Works to deal with the problem of stormwater from a cross culvert in front of the property owned by David Silverman next to 672 Brookside Road which has been on-going for the last four years. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION - None

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Len Goucher referred to the need for stop signs and said it was time that the Traffic authority looked at stop signs as being an inexpensive device for slowing traffic. He indicated that he had seen stop signs used in Ontario in this way.

Mr. Victor Pittman referred to the previous presentation made to Community Council in the spring by Bay Lookout Association and Community Council's agreement to support the project when it came to Regional Council around the end of October. He provided an update on the project and a copy of the current Newsletter.

Councillor Mitchell asked if HRM staff was involved with the project to which Mr. Pittman replied yes.

Councillor Barnet asked the status of the land transaction. Mr. Pittman replied that there was nothing new - the federal government was willing to hand over the wharf and the strip of property associated with it to HRM for \$1; however, they wanted market value for the remaining section of the property.

Councillor Mitchell clarified that the community was holding out for the whole thing but there was a problem with vandalism at this time. A way to alleviate the problem with vandalism would be to get some of the youth on the committee. By taking over the whole property, there would be an opportunity to police the area and to fence it.

Ms. Berit Pittman asked for clarification on property tax charges for Hubbards Recreation Centre. She explained the situation. Councillor Mitchell advised he was working with staff to straighten this out.

Ms. Pittman also referred to partial refunds for property tax and asked if there were further opportunities for advising the public there was the possibility for refunds. She was told that there was a form available to apply for refunds and that the deadline was December 31, 1997.

Mr. Walter Regan, Sackville Rivers Association raised the following points:

- C He asked if signs missing indicating the Little Sackville River off Old Beaverbank Road could be replaced. It was agreed to contact Traffic and Planning in this regard. As well, Mr. Regan said there were three crossings still not signed and asked if this could be done. He was told this depended on locations.
- C He asked for an update on Second Lake provincial park. He was told that the citizens committee continues to press the issue with government but there were no specific developments recently.
- C He understood that Cole Harbour and Sackville were not going to be included in the RDA and asked if there was something else to replace it. In reply, Councillor Harvey advised that the RDA was concentrating on rural areas. There was still the Local Development Agency with access to a certain amount of staff support.
- C He asked for support from Community Council when a presentation is made to Regional Council in the near future re a Petition from a walkway committee.
- C He congratulated Councillor Barnet for putting forward a Tree Protection By-law and asked for an update. Councillor Barnet replied he would check.

Mr. Wayne MacPhee raised the following points:

- C On behalf of Sackville United Soccer, he referred to a question in the June Minutes re rezoning of lands, which he felt was unreasonable. He asked if the rezoning referred to, which was approved, stood on its own merits. In reply, Councillor Harvey advised that Mr. MacPhee was correct.
- C He asked for an update on the Auditor General. It was agreed to follow up.
- C He asked for clarification re \$187,000 for Sackville Sports Stadium in revenue. In reply, Councillor Harvey advised it was being picked up by general tax revenue with the view that the Sports Stadium would work towards reducing and eliminating the deficit by restructuring and a business plan.
- C He asked for input as to the cost recovery for Needham Pool and Centennial Pool. In reply, Councillor Harvey acknowledged they were not as good as Sackville Sports Stadium but pointed out that the former Director of Sackville Sports Stadium is now co-ordinating all these facilities. He looked for great things.
- C He asked when the service review would take place for Recreation as he felt it was a priority. He was told it would not take place this year - Transit, Police and Fleet Management would be first. Mr. MacPhee, then, recommended that Recreation Department should be looked at quickly.

15. **NEXT MEETING** - Thursday, September 25, 1997 at 6:00 p.m.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to adjournment, Councillor Barnet reviewed the problems being experienced with meetings held at the Sackville Library and requested that correspondence be sent to the appropriate staff relating to access to the Charles Fenerty Room and the Councillors' Office during hours when the Library is not open.

On a motion from Councillor Kelly, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Sandra M. Shute
Assistant Municipal Clerk