

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MARCH 12, 1998
MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillor Barry Barnet, Chair
Councillor Robert Harvey
Councillor Peter Kelly
Councillor Jack Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Reg Rankin

STAFF: Mr. Barry Allen, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Donna Davis-Lohnes, General Manager, Planning Applications
Mr. Ted Tam

Ms. Julia Horncastle, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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1. INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. with an invocation.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Kelly that the minutes of February 26, 1998 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions

1. Memorandum, dated March 11, 1998, from Dr. Wayne Stobo, Chair, Halifax County Watershed Advisory Board, re: the adoption of the HCWAB as an advisory board to the North West Community Council for those areas under the jurisdiction of the North West Community Council.
2. Sidewalk Snow Clearing - Councillor Harvey

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Harvey that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Planning Advisory Committee - Consideration of Second Recommendation from Staff Report and provision of further information

Ms. Donna Davis-Lohnes, General Manager, Planning Services addressed Community Council advising that at the previous Community Council meeting support was given to the first recommendation in the staff report but the Community Council had not addressed the second recommendation. She stated staff would like to take the report to Regional Council and was requesting the support of the Community Council in doing so.

Councillor Kelly advised he would be putting forward a notice of rescindment for the motion passed on February 26, 1998 relative to "a" of the staff report and suggested that the advertisement seeking membership to the PAC's be held in abeyance.

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Kelly that the North West Community Council submit a recommendation to Regional Council in support of the creation of a general framework to rationalize plan areas and PAC's within HRM. MOTION PUT AND

PASSED.

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Minor Variance - MV-12-02-97 - Appeal of Development Officer's Refusal to Grant a Minor Variance - 46 Eisnor Street, Timberlea

Mr. Paul Sampson, Development Technician, presented the staff report advising the application wished to construct a 16 ft detached private workshop 13 feet from Johnson Avenue right-of-way. He advised that the Design Services Division of Regional Operations has reviewed the application and have raised no concerns.

Speakers in favour

Mr. C. Morrison advised the variance is 16 feet from the property line and an additional 11 feet to the curb of Johnson Avenue.

Speakers in opposition

No speakers.

Decision of Council

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin and Councillor Kelly that the North West Community Council approve the granting of Minor Variance for 46 Eisnor Street, Timberlea.

Deputy Mayor Rankin noted there were no concerns expressed by Regional Operations and as this is a side street within a subdivision there would be little impact on the development of sidewalks. The Councillor further advised that letters of support had been received from adjacent neighbours.

For the record, Councillor Barnet noted letters of support from Ethel Morrison, Allan Vere-Holloway, Michael Pellerine, John MacMaster and Joseph Pellerine.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence

9.1.1 Request for Spelling Change of Road - Gates Road in Hackett's Cove

- Circulated with the agenda was a letter from Mr. Ted Crocker, dated February 25, 1998, to Councillor Jack Mitchell.

MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Kelly that Gatez Road in Hackett's Cove on Highway #333 be changed to "Gates" Road. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 Delegations

9.2.1 Regional Development Agency Business Plan

Mr. Gordon Morgan addressed Community Council providing information on the Regional Development Agency outlining background, types of services, accomplishments to date and projected projects for 1998. He noted affiliated groups and organization and outlined funding contributions and dispersal. He outlined services and programs offered.

In response to Councillor Mitchell, Community Council was advised staff salaries were approximately \$150,000.

In response to Councillor Barnet, Community Council was advised approximately \$5,000.00 is used for project management. Community Council was further advised that most of the monies levered are for project based activities such as the Sheet Harbour Waterfront Development Project.

Councillor Harvey expressed concern with the shift of the RDA away from the suburban areas.

10. REPORTS

10.1 Timberlea Collector Roadway Project

Mr. Ron Hiltz, Wallace MacDonald Lively, with the aid of a schematic drawing of the proposed project, made a presentation to Community Council outlining the proposed development as presented in the staff report dated March 5, 1998, entitled Timberlea Collector Road, from George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer. Community

Council was advised permission had been obtained from Mr. Havill to enter onto his lands in order to carry out the necessary work to do the field survey.

Councillor Rankin thanked the Community Council for its support in the implementation of the report. He stated the interchange was called for before the arrival of the landfill and it had been envisioned that it would link into the Bayers Lake, Lakeside and Ragged Lake Park. He stated the community wanted to see the connector road in place with the arrival of the interchange.

The Councillor requested that it be noted that he would rely on the delivery of the collector road this calendar year.

10.2 Closing of Kmart - Sackville - Councillor Harvey

Councillor Harvey stated he did not want the Kmart to close without some comment from this Council. He noted the store had been in the community for approximately 25 years and employees with up to twenty years employment at the store are now finding themselves out of work.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey and Deputy Mayor Rankin that the Council forward a letter to the president of Kmart and The Bay expressing the concern and dismay that it was necessary for them to take this decision and encourage them to use all possible measures to assist the employees with the outcome of the closing and in every possible way attempt to find other positions for them.

Councillor Harvey said they should consider the desirability of competition in communities.

Councillor Barnet stated that this affects his district as well. He noted there is a Business Depot expected to open and that may have had an impact on the Kmart customer base. He indicated that there are other businesses that have opened in that location recently which would have given an opportunity for some revitalization plan. He further noted that Kmart had expanded expressing concern that this will now be empty space.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.3 Bedford Waters Advisory Committee

- A memorandum, dated March 3, 1998, from Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk was circulated to Community Council.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell that the Bedford Waters Advisory Committee be appointed as an advisory committee to the North West Community

Council and that the following persons be appointed as members of the Committee for a two year term to November, 2000: Sheila McBreairty, Robert Kerr, Marvin Silver, Gary Winters, and the following be appointed for a one year term to November, 1999: Suzanne Johns, Brian Hoyle, Elizabeth Pearl Tucker, Lawrence White. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. MOTIONS - NONE

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Appointment of the Halifax County Watershed Advisory Board as an advisory board to the North West Community Council for those areas of the former Halifax County that falls under the jurisdiction of the North West Community Council

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Harvey that the Halifax County Watershed Advisory Board be appointed as an advisory board to the North West Community Council for those areas of the former Halifax County that falls under the jurisdiction of the North West Community Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 Sidewalk Snow Clearing - Councillor Harvey

MOVED by Councillor Harvey and Deputy Mayor Rankin that sidewalks will be plowed next winter in District 20 as in the past subject to a suitable area rate being agreed upon and it assumes an appropriate contribution from the general fund to equal the commercial contribution for commercial properties which don't pay area rates. Further the defined area within District 19 be included (the former area rated sidewalk area).

Councillor Kelly asked that a staff report be requested on the actual costs per district for 1997/98. He suggested it may be worthwhile to tender district by district for costing purposes so there may be a true reflection of cost or amounts that are to be paid.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell that staff be requested to provide a comprehensive breakdown, district by district, as to actual costs of snow removal. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin and Councillor Kelly that a request be made to clarify whether area rates are owned by the Community Councils for municipal

services not covered under general. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Kelly served notice of motion to rescind the following motion passed at the February 26, 1998: *Moved by Councillors Harvey and Mitchell to adopt Option No. 2 as the basis for a revised Planning Advisory Committee structure to serve North West Community Council.*

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Tony Edwards, Bedford, commented on the Lions Club sign posted along the Bedford Highway at the end of Holland Avenue. In response, Councillor Kelly advised the sign was purchased before formal approval was given noting it is a cost shared project between the Lions Club and HRM. He stated where the sign is situated is not zoned so there is no by-law attributable to that particular location. He stated the intention is to place a planter box around the sign to make it more aesthetically pleasing.

Mr. Walter Regan commended the Councillors on the adoption of the waters advisory committees as advisory committees to the Community Council. He expressed concern with the possibility of the tourist information centre being relocated out of Sackville. He noted that the Little Sackville River signs have been removed from the Old Beaver Bank Road. He further asked if it would be possible to have a silt inspector employed as part of the Engineering staff.

Mr. Tony Edwards requested information with regards to Fish Hatchery Park. In response, Councillor Kelly advised it is anticipated that the project will be finished by October advising they are presently in the process of installing the new pumping station.

Councillor Kelly referenced information item #3 and noted that the main question as to who's responsibility is the watercourse had not been answered. Community Council agreed that this answer be sought.

Councillor Mitchell submitted a letter from John Murray, dated March 12, 1998, regarding a dangerous and unsightly property. Community Council agreed that this correspondence be forwarded to the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises committee.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Brookside Junior High, 2239 Prospect Road.

16. ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Kelly that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**Julia Horncastle
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL CLERK**