

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 14, 2002

PRESENT:                   Councillor Robert Harvey, Chair  
                              Councillor Brad Johns  
                              Councillor Len Goucher

STAFF:                    Ms. Julia Horncastle, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Councillor Goucher noted a member of the Bedford Waters Advisory Committee had tendered his resignation and advised an expression of interest had come forward from Mr. Douglas Murray who was a former member of the Committee.

**MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Johns, that Mr. Douglas Murray be appointed to the Bedford Waters Advisory Committee for a three year term to November, 2005. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Harvey requested the January, 2003 meeting be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> to accommodate a public hearing in Sackville.

Councillor Johns requested the February, 2003 meeting be held in Beaver Bank.

Councillor Johns requested a listing of membership for those committees under the jurisdiction of the Community Council including information as to the number of committee members required to complete the membership requirements listed under the Terms of Reference.

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey, that Councillor Len Goucher be appointed as Chair of the North West Community Council to November, 2003. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Goucher thanked Councillor Harvey for serving as chair of the Community Council for the previous two years.

**3. AREARATE - REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Councillor Johns advised that the building had become surplus to the school board and has been vacant for a period of time. He advised Parks and Recreation and the Grants Committee have put together a proposal for a community centre for the area to provide a place for some of the community groups to have space. He advised there is a need to upgrade the building and the oil tank needs to be replaced. The Councillor advised the area rate, if approved, would be applied to all of Sackville.

Ms. Veronica Roche, Finance, provided Community Council with a number of scenarios which could be adopted in order to payback the amount needed to upgrade the building.

Councillor Johns advised that a rate would be used to payback the debenture required to upgrade the building but it could perhaps carry on to help with operating costs. He stated the objective would be to have as tenants charitable groups who are providing a service to the community. He advised some of the upgrades would be to increase the lighting, install security cameras and erect a fence.

Ms. Temple, Grants Coordinator, advised there would be some core tenants but there will also be provision of some general public access such as a meeting room which could be booked by various groups/organizations requiring a location in which to hold a meeting. She advised an Advisory Committee would be put in place to run the building which would have to provide HRM with audited financial statements on an annual basis and who would set the rental rates, noting the rent would be on a square footage basis and would be based on a one year lease. She advised it would probably not be a taxable property but would fall under the grants program as a non profit. She advised leasehold improvements would be the responsibility of the individual tenant.

Ms. Hardy advised there are 10,549 ballots prepared which will be sent out following the decision by Community Council as to the rate they wish to impose in order to raise the required amount to carry out the redevelopment of the building. She advised the results will be tabulated and presented at Community Council before going forward to Regional Council for final approval.

Councillor Johns noted any increase in the rate would have to go through the approval process with meetings etc, but a decrease could happen at any time. He further noted that if an area rate is imposed then the monies raised would be used for the intended purpose only and if the building ceased to function as intended then the levying of the area rate would also cease.

Ms. Roche advised that the Advisory Committee would be required to submit a budget and business plan each year.

**MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that an area rate of \$0.01 (one cent) be recommended to be applied to all the residents of Sackville to help offset the operating and capital costs. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Community Council was advised residents would have the option of mailing the questionnaires to the Councillors office or to drop them in boxes located at Acadia School or the Sackville Storefront office.

**FIRST READING/SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING DATE**

1. **Case 00490: Bedford MPS and LUB Amendment - Lot AB - High Street and General Housekeeping Amendments**

**MOVED** by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Johns, that the North West Community Council recommend that Halifax Regional Council give First Reading to consider the amendments to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law and schedule a public hearing. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. **Case 00446 - Development Agreement for Lands Between Nottingham and Basinview, Bedford**

**MOVED** by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Johns, that North West Community Council move Notice of Motion for the proposed development agreement and schedule a public hearing for December 9, 2002. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Julia Horncastle  
Assistant Municipal Clerk