

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

JUNE 11, 2003

THOSE PRESENT: Councillor Len Goucher, Chair
Councillor Robert P. Harvey
Councillor Brad Johns

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Allen, Municipal Solicitor
Thea Langille-Hanna, Planner
Jill Justason, Planner
Sandra Shute, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Sackville Recreation Centre, 2476 Sackville Drive, Upper Sackville. At a later point in the meeting, Councillor Johns recognized Troy Mitchell representing District 19 on North West Transit Advisory Committee and Ed Grace, Chair of the new Springfield Lake Environmental Committee.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2.1 **Regular Meeting - April 24, 2003**

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Johns to approve the Minutes of meeting held on April 24, 2003 as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2.2 **Special Council Session - May 20, 2003**

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Johns to approve the Minutes of Special Council Session held on May 20, 2003 as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Added Items: Recommendation from North West Planning Advisory Committee
 re Recognition of Committee Member
 Appointment to Bedford Waters Advisory Committee
 Sidewalks on Sackville Drive - Middle and Upper Sackville
 Allocation of Landfill Fund Payback to Sackville Heights
 Redevelopment Project
 Exposed Manholes - Springfield Lake Road

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey to approve the Order of Business as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

4.1 **Status Sheet Items**

4.1.1 **Sidewalk Proposal - George Street**

This is being dealt with by staff. To come off Status Sheet.

4.1.2 Mobile Home Park Issues - No report.

4.1.3 Redevelopment of Former Sackville Heights Elementary School

To remain on Agenda at this time. See Item 12.4 for additional information.

4.1.4 Drainage and Sediment - Springfield Lake - No report.

4.1.5 Feasibility of Municipal Golf Course

This has been moved on to Regional Council. To come off Status Sheet.

4.1.6 Outdoor Display Courts - No report.

4.1.7 Setback for Accessory Buildings on R-0 Lots in Sackville - No report.

4.1.8 Policy P-71, Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, Upper Sackville MPS - No report.

4.1.9 Fencing of Pathways - No report.

4.1.10 Floodplain Issues re Little Sackville River - No report.

4.1.11 Status Sheet - Time Frame - To come off Status Sheet.

5. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION** - None

6. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION** - None

7. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS** - None

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

8.1 **Case 00532 - Development Agreement - 298 Cobequid Road for a Community Commercial Use, in particular a Sign Shop, by Development Agreement**

A Staff Report dated April 28, 2003 was before Community Council along with a Memorandum from North West Planning Advisory Committee dated May 8, 2003 recommending approval.

Jill Justason, Planner provided an overview of the Staff Report with the aid of overheads. Subsequently, she advised that staff was recommending approval of the application.

Ms. Justason further advised that Anthony Stymest was in attendance on behalf of Scotia Signs Limited.

Councillor Goucher asked if there would be other uses of the building other than Scotia Signs which would be subsidiary and complimentary to Scotia Signs. In response, Ms. Justason advised there is a rental feature. She indicated the uses that would be allowed and advised that those services would be similar to Scotia Signs.

The Chair then called for speakers for or against the application.

Mr. Harold Pelham, Kings County, owner of adjacent property, raised the following points:

- He indicated that the notice for the Public Hearing was the first notice he received.
- A building 25' high with a footprint of 4500 sq. ft. was not conducive to a Community Commercial designation. A building that size could produce a manufacturing component, making it more an industrial site as opposed to a commercial site.
- If the rental portion of the building is a welding shop, then it would be industrial.
- He referred to page 2 of the Staff Report which indicated that properties to the east are zoned for commercial purposes but it would be necessary to go beyond his property to find that as his property was zoned R-1. In the past, he was unable to get his property zoned commercial.
- His land is suitable for development as R-2 land. The whole of Cobequid Road from Glendale Drive up is R-2 and duplexes. The property in question is the only property between his property and the duplexes that will interrupt the duplexes coming up from Glendale Drive.
- He wanted his concerns put forward to the developer.

Councillor Goucher indicated that since this was a Public Hearing, Community Council could defer a decision if it deemed there were unanswered questions.

Mr. Walter Regan, Sackville Rivers Association stated it seemed to be a good development and he was pleased to see the amount of land being retained. He was pleased with the 10' wide landscaping in front.

The Chair called three times for additional speakers for or against the application. There were none.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey to close the Public Hearing. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Harvey asked staff to comment, in view of the concerns raised, on the building coming under Community Commercial in terms of footprint and height and how it met the criteria for that.

In response, Ms. Justason advised that the Community Commercial uses are outlined in the C-2 zone. She read same. The height of the building is one storey but it was the framing of the roof that would raise it to 25'.

Councillor Johns asked what is the requirement for notification of adjacent property owners in this type of case. In response, Ms. Langille-Hanna, Planner advised that as per the Municipal Government Act, the Municipality is required to advertise in the newspaper. As an additional step, staff notifies people within 250' in a serviced area.

Councillor Harvey then stated that the section of Cobequid Road above Glendale Drive, although in the Residential designation, does allow for Community Commercial by Development Agreement. This application fits well within the requirements of Community Commercial.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Johns to:

1. **Approve the discharge of the existing Development Agreement registered against 298 Cobequid Road, by entering into the discharging agreement shown as Attachment 1 of the Staff Report dated April 28, 2003;**
2. **Approve the Development Agreement (Attachment 2 of the Staff Report dated April 28, 2003) to permit a commercial building with a community commercial use at 298 Cobequid Road; and**
3. **Require the Development Agreement be signed within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by North West Community Council on request of the applicant, from the date of final approval of said Agreement by North West Community Council and any other bodies as necessary, whichever approval is later, including applicable appeal periods. Otherwise, this approval shall be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

9.1 **Correspondence** - None

9.2 **Petitions** - None

9.3 **Delegations**

9.3.1 Sackville Rivers Association - Trails and Update

Mr. Alan McIver, on behalf of Sackville Rivers Association, raised the following points during his presentation:

- There has been a vision for 20 years in terms of watershed of the Sackville River. In order to share the vision, it is necessary to move to the details of the vision.
- The bridge beside Ponderosa in Bedford has been built as well as the bridge in Sackville at the mouth of the Little Sackville River.
- In order to achieve a trail along the river, some routes already established were used, such as trunk sewer lines which fall in the floodplain and which have some sensitivity to adjacent property owners. Meetings have to be held with adjacent property owners.
- The goal for the next year or so is to work with community members so they will know what will be done on a section-by-section basis and ensure that people are aware of the big picture.
- The ways that Councillors were being asked for support were listed in the information provided, entitled "Sackville River Trail".

Mr. Don Ambler, also on behalf of Sackville Rivers Association, raised the following points during his presentation:

- Positive comments received from the "silent majority" who support trails as economic, social, heritage and health benefits to the community at large.
- Trails are, in fact, linear parks open to all and are safe routes to schools, community groups, shopping malls and link communities.
- Sackville Rivers Association is part of a team throughout HRM, the Halifax Region Trails Advisory Team. \$350,000 has been allocated to the team this year. There is also \$25,000 from Grant monies and \$26,000 from Sport and Recreation Nova Scotia. Sackville Rivers Association will benefit from these amounts.
- HRDA and ACOA have brought together a proposal for \$2,000,000 for trail development throughout HRM. Sackville Rivers Association should also receive part of those monies.
- The community that lives beside the trail will benefit the most economically. Council approved the economic development proposal for the trail system. An economic development proposal for the trail system contained in a Consultants report in 1998 was approved by Council. Some of the recommendations from the report are being used at this time.

Councillor Goucher indicated his support for Sackville Rivers Association and trails.

Councillor Harvey indicated that HRM has supported trails development, over the last several years, through Recreation with hundreds of thousands of dollars a year but not enough to meet the demand or need. Trails has grown into such a popular recreation outlet that the more trails provided, the more communities come forward seeking trail development.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Johns that Community Council provide copies of the information provided to members of Regional Council and the Mayor, advise Regional Council that Community Council supports the goals of the Bedford-Sackville Greenway and recommend same to Regional Council and, through Regional Council, to Recreation Department.

Councillor Johns, in seconding the motion, indicated that whenever there is a possibility for HRM and a group to work together in co-operation, that is a positive thing and he commended Sackville Rivers Association for their work. He did not dispute the recreational value of trails; however, he had a concern that once the trails are built, they would have to be maintained and where would the money come from. His District was different because there was a lack of sidewalks and it became hard to justify building trails when the community was expressing the need for sidewalks. There could be co-operation in his District where something similar to a trail could be a solution to not having sidewalks.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.3.2 Formation of Halifax Association of County Zone Cab Drivers

Mr. Earle Brown, on behalf of the above Association, raised the following points:

- Working as a cab driver, the first 30 hours a week cover the expenses. As a retired person, he does not want to work over 40 hours a week to make a few extra dollars.
- Since 2001, he has seen the decline in earning power in his area due to the increase of cabs.
- People in the industry who used to work 60 and 70 hours to support their families now have to work an extra 10-15 hours a week to make ends meet.
- In the County, most of the taxi lights are licenced by individual owners.
- A cap on the number of roof lights is required to survive.
- The County area does not have the industry base of the other two zones.
- In desperation, the Halifax Association of County Zone Cabs was formed with a mandate to maintain and preserve the rights, standards and interests of taxi cab drivers, owners and other associates working in the HRM County zone area and to assist with concerns with safety, equipment, legal and other concerns.
- The Association will lobby through the Taxi Committee to gain the goals.
- Help was being sought from Community Council for support when they ask for a cap on roof lights in the County zone area - just the core area of Bedford/Sackville.

Mr. Rick Watts, on the behalf of the Association, raised the following points as well:

- Operating a taxi in the County is equally as costly as operating a taxi in the Halifax and Dartmouth zones. The County zone is subject to the same rules and regulations administered by the Taxi Committee yet the County zone is the only area left unprotected without a cap on the number of roof lights.
- Fear is ever present as to when the next car or cars will appear within the already thin sliced pie. A number of new cars have started working this spring in the Bedford/Sackville area.
- Companies operating in the area are free to advertise solely for the purpose of increasing fleet size.
- The County area is best described as the bedroom community of HRM. Cab drivers rely on the end of the month and bar owners for the vast majority of income. Grocery store runs and doctors runs make up a large percentage of calls. This is a fixed amount without any large influx of business from other sources.
- The protected zones also rely on these sources of income but have tourism, the Metro Centre, hotels, restaurants, universities, hospitals, festivals and events to add to the bottom line. There is no fear of additional cars being added to their fleets.
- It is apparent that inequalities exist within the three zones and it is suggested that the County zone is the most deserving.
- A group of cab drivers talked to Councillor Stephen Adams, Chairman of the Regional Taxi and Limousine Committee, who suggested they unify as a group and form an association.
- The Association was thus formed and the first order of business is to cap the zone and protect the livelihood of the members.
- The County is a vast area with different needs and concerns. What is good for the Bedford/Sackville area does not necessarily mean the same for other areas of the County. This is why they wanted to split the County into two smaller areas. This is now being looked at by the Legal Department of the Municipality.
- The Association is asking for support when this issue is approved by the Taxi Committee and taken to Regional Council.

Councillor Johns advised that he had an opportunity to meet with some of the representatives of the Association prior to the Community Council meeting and he encouraged them to come forward and express their concerns. Prior to having discussions with the group, he was of the opinion that the cap in Halifax and Dartmouth should be eliminated with equal ground. After discussion, he felt that this was not the solution but to have a solution which would still provide equal ground. He acknowledged that Bedford/Sackville does not have the industrial/institutional base that Halifax/Dartmouth zones have.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey to forward the Association's concern to the Regional Taxi and Limousine Committee for a response and recommendation. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. **REPORTS**

10.1 **North West Planning Advisory Committee**

10.1.1 **Case 00414 - Amendments to the Bedford MPS and LUB Respecting the Mainstreet Commercial (CHC) Zone**

A Staff Report dated April 24, 2003 was before Community Council along with a recommendation for approval from North West Planning Advisory Committee dated May 8, 2003.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Johns to:

1. **Recommend that Regional Council give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law as contained in Attachments "A and A-1" of the Staff Report dated April 24, 2003 and schedule a Public Hearing for July 8, 2003;**
2. **Move Notice of Motion for the proposed Development Agreement, attached as Attachment "B" of the Staff Report dated April 24, 2003, to enable residential dwelling units to exceed 50% of the gross floor area of a commercial/residential mix use building at 1091-1095 Bedford Highway, and schedule a joint Public Hearing with Regional Council for July 8, 2003;**
3. **Recommend that Regional Council adopt the amendments to the Bedford Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law as contained in Attachments "A and A-1" of the Staff Report dated April 24, 2003.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Contingent upon the adoption by Regional Council of the above Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law amendments and becoming effective under the Municipal Government Act, Community Council will consider:

- (a) Approval of the proposed Development Agreement (staff will bring this matter back to Community Council for a decision at the appropriate time); and
- (b) Require the Development Agreement be signed within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the applicant, from the date of final approval of said agreement by Council and any other bodies as necessary, whichever is later,

including applicable appeal periods. Otherwise, this approval shall be void and any obligations arising shall be at an end.

10.1.2 Case 00444 - Accessory Buildings in the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville and Sackville Plan Areas

A Staff Report dated May 1, 2003 was before Community Council along with a recommendation for approval from North West Planning Advisory Committee dated June 5, 2003.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey to give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Land Use By-law for Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville, as shown in Attachment 2 of the Staff Report dated May 1, 2003 and schedule a joint Public Hearing with Western Region Community Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey to give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Land Use By-law for Sackville, as shown in Attachment 3 of the Staff Report dated May 1, 2003 and schedule a Joint Public Hearing with Western Region Community Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

(The agreed-upon date for the Joint Public Hearing is July 10, 2003.)

10.1.3 Case 00398 - Amendments to the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville MPS and LUB - Beaver Bank Villa Site

A Staff Report dated May 20, 2003 was before Community Council along with a recommendation for approval from North West Planning Advisory Committee dated June 5, 2003.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey to:

- (1) Recommend that Regional Council give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law as contained in Attachments "B" and "C" and schedule a Public Hearing for July 8, 2003;**
- (2) Recommend that Regional Council approve the amendments to the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law as contained in Attachments "B" and "C" of the Staff Report dated May 20, 2003.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.4 Case 00587 - Amendment to the 25 Dartmouth Road Development Agreement

A Staff Report dated May 30, 2003 was before Community Council along with a recommendation for approval from North West Planning Advisory Committee dated June 5, 2003.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey to give Notice of Motion to consider an application by residents of Brook Street to amend the Development Agreement for 25, 27 and 35 Dartmouth Road and schedule a Public Hearing for July 10, 2003. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. **MOTIONS** - None

12. **ADDED ITEMS**

12.1 **Recommendation from North West Planning Advisory Committee re Recognition of Committee Member**

A recommendation from North West Planning Advisory Committee dated June 5, 2003 was before Community Council which recommended that North West Community Council officially recognize and thank Delphis Roy for acting as Chair of North West Planning Advisory Committee.

Councillor Johns expressed appreciation for Mr. Roy's continuing contribution to the Planning Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey that Regional Council be requested to present a framed Certificate of Appreciation at a future meeting of Regional Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 **Appointment to Bedford Waters Advisory Committee**

At the request of Councillor Goucher, Councillor Harvey took the chair.

MOVED by Councillor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Johns that Brian Hoyle be appointed to Bedford Waters Advisory Committee for a term to end November, 2006. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Goucher then resumed the chair.

12.3 Sidewalks on Sackville Drive - Middle and Upper Sackville

Councillor Johns explained that he has received a number of calls from residents in Middle and Upper Sackville who are concerned with the fact that there are no sidewalks along Sackville Drive in this area. Development in different subdivisions has been substantial over the last two years and with that increase, traffic flow has also increased. Speed along the section of road is 70 km/h.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey that a Staff Report be requested to look at the feasibility of construction of a sidewalk along Sackville Drive between Melham Drive and Springfield Estates Trailer Park and to include alternatives to concrete curb and sidewalk (asphalt, extension to the gravel of the road or chip sealing). As well, the Staff Report should address the issue of taxpayers paying for sidewalk snowclearing in the Middle/Upper Sackville area when there are no sidewalks and whether or not there is a possibility of having the amount currently collected for snowclearing of sidewalks put aside for construction of sidewalks in the area or removed from their taxes. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 Allocation of Landfill Fund Payback to Sackville Heights Redevelopment Project

Councillor Johns provided an update on the redevelopment of the Sackville Heights Elementary School and advised that, at present, there is a shortage of funding due to an overage on costs. A number of community groups will be operating out of the facility which provide good service to the community. The needs of each group have been assessed. Councillor Johns continued that a number of years ago, with the Sackville Landfill Compensation Fund, the Acadia School site was redeveloped to house the current HRM offices as well as the Library and meeting room. There was agreement that the monies from the loan for the Acadia School redevelopment would be paid back and put into an account which would accumulate over time and be used for another substantial project. There is currently \$137,000 in the account which has been paid back. This amount could be reallocated on a loan basis to the Sackville Heights Redevelopment project with the intent that those monies would be paid back to the same account as the Acadia School project.

Councillor Harvey advised he supported the proposal wholeheartedly because this was another very valuable project for the community.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey to allocate up to an amount of \$137,000 in the principle account of the Library loan repayment, to be spent if required, on the basis that it would be repaid to the Sackville Landfill

Compensation Fund, the principle Library loan repayment. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.5 Exposed Manholes - Springfield Lake Road

Councillor Johns expressed concern re exposed manholes resulting in infiltration of outside water on Springfield Lake Road.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey that appropriate staff be contacted regarding these exposed manholes and asked to correct the situation. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. **NOTICES OF MOTION** - None

14. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Walter Regan, Sackville Rivers Association, having asked for an update on the 60 acres at Second Lake, was advised by Councillor Harvey that there is a group involving HRM staff and several government departments who, Councillor Harvey understood, were in the process of writing a recommendation.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Johns to request a report on the status of the 60 acres and the status of the consensus report from appropriate staff. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mr. Regan expressed concern that the sewer line to Beaver Bank has been finished but there is no landscaping starting at Glendale. In response, Councillor Johns outlined the problems being experienced at this time. He expected that once the problems have been overcome, repaving will take place and landscaping addressed.

Mr. Regan noted that a report re shopping carts had been requested by Regional Council just recently and asked if the report would cover all of HRM. He was told it was to be HRM wide.

Mr. Regan supported the upgrading of the Sandy Lake pumping station.

Referring to repairs to the abutments of the Lucasville Road bridge, Mr. Regan asked if it would be possible to landscape the bare rocks with trees to shade and protect the river. The Association would be willing to help out.

It was agreed to refer this request to Mike Labrecque, Real Property Services and John Simmons, Parks and Open Spaces.

Mr. Regan asked if it would be possible to name the Beach at Second Lake for John Holm. In response, Councillor Harvey advised that the property is owned by Department of Natural Resources at this point. Community Council would take the suggestion under advisement.

Mr. Regan referred to the article in the June 11, 2003 edition of Bedford-Sackville Weekly News re MLA Barry Barnett's call for new plan and vision for Sackville. He asked if there was any way to move forward with his vision.

Comments from Councillors in this regard were:

- Money should come from the province to do some of the things suggested in the article.
- The MLA could come forward with a new community program similar to the former Mainstreet program from which the Municipality could benefit.
- The vision for Sackville is already in a number of citizen-generated documents, one being the Municipal Planning Strategy. The Secondary Strategy for Sackville Drive approved just a year ago was very much citizen involved and was part of the vision. The mandates of various associations within Sackville were manifestations of policies in the Municipal Planning Strategy.

Mr. Regan then referred to off leash parks and suggested the Harry Little grounds could be developed into such a park. In response, Councillor Harvey acknowledged that the Harry Little land was owned by HRM but there was no parking available. It was, however, one area that could be looked at.

In view of the flooding problems in Bedford, Mr. Regan asked if there were any plans for floodproofing in Bedford. In response, Councillor Goucher advised that flooding problems and the watershed are being looked at very closely by Bedford Waters Advisory Committee at this time. Subsequently, Mr. Regan asked if Sackville Rivers Association could be involved. In response, Councillor Goucher suggested Mr. Regan get in touch with Don Lowther, Chair, Bedford Waters Advisory Committee.

Mr. Stephen Pace, Scotia Nursing Homes referred to the amendments to the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville MPS and LUB for Beaver Bank Villa Site (Item 10.1.3 above) which is now going forward to Regional Council. On behalf of Scotia Nursing Homes, staff and residents, he expressed appreciation to Community Council, the staff of HRM, Planning Advisory Committee and Councillor Johns for their support over the last two years. He particularly thanked Thea Langille-Hanna, Planner who was his first contact in HRM and was of great help all through the planning process.

Mr. Ed Grace, Chair, Springfield Lake Environmental Committee expressed appreciation to Councillor Johns for his help in setting up the Springfield Lake Environmental Committee.

15. **NEXT MEETING DATE** - Thursday, July 10, 2003 in Bedford.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion from Councillor Johns, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Sandra M. Shute
Legislative Assistant