

**WESTERN REGION COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**JANUARY 28, 2002**

THOSE PRESENT: Councillor Reg Rankin, Chair  
Councillor Gary Meade

ALSO PRESENT: Andrew Whitemore, Planner  
Bruce Fisher, Manager of Financial Planning  
Gordon Roussel, Budget Coordinator  
Sandra Shute, Assistant Municipal Clerk

Regrets: Councillor Stephen D. Adams

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5. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION** - None

6. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION** - None

7. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

7.1 **Case 00329 - Request to Amend the Glen Arbour Development Agreement to Allow a Restricted Access Design**

A Supplementary Report dated December 28, 2001 was before Community Council. Andrew Whittemore, Planner was in attendance with regard to this issue.

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Meade not to approve an amendment to the Glen Arbour Development Agreement to restrict access between Carley Crescent and Glen Arbour Way.**

**FURTHER, Traffic Authority will submit a report to the next Community Council meeting indicating whether Carley Crescent and Glen Arbour Way meet the criteria in HRM's Neighbourhood Shortcutting Policy.**

Councillor Rankin, referring to his motion, advised he understood from Legal Services that there is no enabling legal provision to allow restricted access and it is beyond the realm of a Development Agreement. He understood that the community concurs at this time with staff's recommendation but suggested a representative from Glen Arbour Homeowners Association would want to make comment as Glen Arbour Homeowners Association is the applicant in this case.

Mr. Ray Rudolph, President of the Glen Arbour Residents Association advised that he could not confirm that the Homeowners Association would withdraw the application until such time as a meeting of the Association takes place.

Councillor Rankin stated that with regard to traffic calming, if the Homeowners Association wanted to continue, it would assume the support of the Homeowners Association and, as indicated on page 3 of the report, there has been some public process dealt with but future steps remain to be seen in discussions between Mr. McCusker and the Homeowners Association.

Andrew Whittemore, Planner confirmed that Mr. McCusker reviewed the report now before Community Council and signed off on same.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Ms. Penny Larocque, 274 Glen Arbour Way asked for clarification on how the residents would proceed from here and was the issue in question now dead.

Councillor Rankin advised that the route by way of Development Agreement is effectively dead with the motion just passed. There is the option of traffic calming which involves Mr. McCusker from Traffic Authority. Traffic Authority would no doubt carry out studies to see if certain devices were warranted, such as speed bumps, to obviate or reduce shortcutting.

Mr. Whittemore added there are a number of steps in the neighbourhood traffic calming policy. He impressed upon Mr. McCusker, however, that some of these steps have already been done. He understood the next step as far as Traffic Authority is concerned would be traffic counts to determine the problem and how best to fix it.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None

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

10. **REPORTS**

10.1 **2002/03 Budget Consultation**

Bruce Fisher, Manager of Financial Planning and Gordon Roussel, Budget Coordinator were in attendance for this item. Regional Council had requested that these presentations be made to the public through the six Community Councils to receive feedback through public consultation and by having the public complete a survey.

During the course of their presentation, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Roussel provided specific information on:

- Overview of HRM budget 2001/02
- HRM's diverse operations
- Where the money is spent including the amounts paid to the province
- Application of capital priorities
- Debt
- The outlook for 2002/03 - priorities, impact of inflation and growth, tax base, assessments, tax burden strategy, impact on the average house, growth rates
- Purpose of budget consultation
- Timeline for budget process
- Survey questions and how to submit completed surveys

Public input on this issue took place under Public Participation. See Item 14.

11. **MOTIONS** - None

12. **ADDED ITEMS**

12.1 **Snowplowing - District 23**

Councillor Meade outlined the problems being experienced this winter with snowplowing, salting and sanding for District 23, particularly with regard to the recent snowstorm on January 25, 2002.

**MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Rankin that a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation and Public Works requesting improved service for snowplowing, sanding and salting for the roads in District 23 of Halifax Regional Municipality. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

12.2 **Snowplowing - District 22**

Councillor Rankin outlined problems being experienced with the level of service for snowplowing in certain areas of District 22.

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Meade that a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation and Public Works regarding the deplorable service levels outside the urban core in comparison to the service levels inside the urban core managed by Halifax Regional Municipality. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

12.3 **Bridge at Flat Lake Drive, Haliburton Heights**

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Meade that a letter be sent to Paul O'Brien, Department of Transportation regarding the condition of the bridge on Flat Lake Drive requesting that capital repairs be carried out on the bridge as there is exposed plank and nails protruding. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

12.4 **Twinning - Highway 103**

Councillor Rankin referred to the letter dated January 4, 2002 regarding the above - Information Item No. 3.

**MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Rankin that a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation and Public Works requesting his support and the support of John Chataway, MLA and Geoff Regan, MP to make an application to the Federal government for the new round of infrastructure programs, which includes highways, to get on with the twinning of Highway 103. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

12.5 **Case 00180 - Application to Amend the Existing Development Agreement for Beechville Estates, Beechville**

A report dated December 30, 2001 was before Community Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Meade to give Notice of Motion to consider an application by Armco Capital Corporation to amend the Development Agreement for Beechville Estates and schedule the Public Hearing for February 25, 2002. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Rankin noted that, as per the recommendation in the Staff Report, staff was largely in agreement with the application but there was one area where there was not full concurrence - lots on States Lane at Loppie Close. The motion reflected that the application to be considered would be the Development Agreement as proposed.

13. **NOTICES OF MOTION** - None

14. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Councillor Rankin first recognized Cst. Bruce Brophy, RCMP in the gallery along with Cst. Mike Ryan. Cst. Brophy will be retiring in a few weeks and Cst. Ryan will be taking his place. The Councillor thanked Cst. Brophy for his service in the past.

Mr. Jim Carmody, President, Chebucto Trails Alliance referred to the Parks and Open Spaces section of the budget and spoke about a unique opportunity to provide and maintain infrastructure concerning 22,000 acres of Crown land, 7500 acres of which is wilderness. He described a four year plan to build a special wilderness trail in this area. An application has been made for funding in the amount of \$40,000 relative to the construction of the trail.

Mr. Peter Romkey, Trails Coordinator also spoke in support of the wilderness trail. He pointed out that the parking lot at Long Lake is full and more and more people are using trails. The four year plan includes two years of wilderness trail construction and one year for a parking lot trailhead facility and then an accessible loop and wilderness education centre. It was hoped that many school children would be able to take advantage of the area.

Mr. Bruce Fisher advised that last year \$350,000 was provided to regional trails. He advised there would be a presentation made to Committee of the Whole on January 29, 2002 re regional planning.

Councillor Rankin thanked the representatives for their presentation and noted that last year Regional Council had been impressed with the volunteer component of the program.

Ms. Joyce Evans, Pockwock Road asked if anyone in the Maplewood area had been advised that the report regarding the proposed restricted access design for Glen Arbour was going to be before Community Council this evening. She noted that representatives had been present from the Glen Arbour Homeowners Association so they must have been notified.

In response, Councillor Rankin advised that the Planner would have contacted Glen Arbour Residents Association because they are the applicants. He asked that the Planner be advised of Ms. Evans' comments.

Mr. Ross Evans, Pockwock Road referred to the application re restricted access design for Glen Arbour. He advised that recently there was an accident at the end of Glen Arbour Way and they had to use Carley Crescent. He referred to the stop sign on Glen Arbour Way and asked why it requires a traffic study to simply relocate the stop sign on Glen Arbour Way where it meets Carley Crescent if it will help out people in the community.

It was agreed to ask Mr. McCusker to review the proposal to move the stop sign prior to any traffic study taking place.

Mr. Rhys Harnish, Hubbards raised the following points regarding budget items:

- He supports improvements to RCMP staffing.
- As requested, he was provided with clarification by Mr. Fisher regarding capital projects and the reserve funds for same.
- After having expressed concern regarding streets and roads in his area, the level of service and provision for same out the general tax rate, Mr. Fisher provided information on the road exchange arrangement made with the province shortly after amalgamation.
- After receiving clarification re funding for buildings in the budget, Mr. Fisher also advised that the Hubbards Community Centre was funded by an area rate.
- Having asked for clarification regarding the rural and urban tax rate, Mr. Fisher was requested to provide Mr. Harnish with information that was contained in a presentation to Regional Council last year which included a breakout of rural tax as opposed to urban tax.
- He referred to the area rate for fire protection in the Hubbards area and asked for clarification. In response, Mr. Fisher advised that the area rate is set up in consultation with the Fire Department. The money is being used within the catchment area. Both Mr. Fisher and Councillor Meade provided information on the tax base in the area including the fact that the Black Point Fire Department has paid firemen, as opposed to Hubbards, and the fact that there was a section of Hubbards outside of HRM.

15. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Monday, February 25, 2002 at Keshen Goodman Library, 330 Lacewood Drive, Halifax.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion from Councillor Meade, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Sandra M. Shute  
Assistant Municipal Clerk