

WESTERN REGION COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

November 24, 2008

PRESENT: Councillor Reg Rankin, Chair
Deputy Mayor Stephen Adams

STAFF: Mr. Martin Ward, Solicitor
Ms. Melody Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Keshen Goodman Library, 330 Lacewood Drive, Halifax, NS.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Adams, seconded by Councillor Rankin, that the minutes of October 28, 2008, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 13.1 Snow Plowing - Department of Transportation Areas
- 13.2 Dangerous or Unsightly Premises - Prospect
- 13.1 Variance Hearing - 53 Parkdale Avenue

Councillor Rankin introduced and welcomed Mr. Peter Lund, Councillor Elect for District 23 to Western Region Community Council. Mr. Lund will be Sworn In as Councillor for District 23 on Tuesday, November 25, 2008.

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Adams, seconded by Councillor Rankin that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. APPOINTMENTS

4.1 Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Adams, seconded by Councillor Rankin, that Deputy Mayor Adams be appointed Chair of the Western Region Community Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Deputy Mayor Adams assumed the Chair.

MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adams, that Councillor Rankin be appointed Vice-chair of the Western Region Community Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4.2 Appointment to HRM Grants Committee

MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adams that the Western Region Community Council appoint Councillor Elect Lund, upon the Swearing In as Councillor for District 23, as the Western Region Community Council Representative on the HRM Grants Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4.3 Appointment to HRM Membership Selection Committee

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Adams , seconded by Councillor Rankin that the Western Region Community Council appoint Deputy Mayor Adams as the Western Region Community Council Representative on the Membership Selection Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4.4 Appointment to Western Region Common Stakeholders Committee

MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adams that the Western Region Community Council appoint Councillor Rankin as the Western Region Community Council Representative on the Western Region Common Stakeholders Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/STATUS SHEET - NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

9. HEARINGS - NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NONE

11. REPORTS

11.1 Case 01121: Amendments to the Regional MPS, Regional Subdivision By-law and the MPSs and LUBs for Timberlea/Lakeside/Beechville and Halifax.

- A staff report dated October 31, 2008 was before Council.

Mr. Brian White, Planner I, presented the report to Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adams, that Western Region Community Council recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Timberlea/Lakeside/Beechville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law as provided in Attachment “D” of the report dated October 31, 2008, and schedule a public hearing.**
- 2. Approve the proposed amendments to the Timberlea/Lakeside/Beechville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law as provided in Attachment “D” of the report dated October 31, 2008.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. MOTIONS - NONE

13. ADDED ITEMS

13.1 Councillor Rankin

MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adams that the Western Region Community Council request that the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal consider adopting the HRM Municipal Snow Plowing Standards on roads under Provincial jurisdiction in the Halifax Regional Municipality. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 Councillor Rankin

MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adams that Western Region Community Council request staff followup to a Dangerous or Unsightly Premises property located at 867 Prospect Road. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.3 Variance Appeal 14988 - 53 Parkdale Avenue

- A staff report dated November 18, 2008 was before Council.

Ms. Connie Sexton, Development Technician, presented the report to Council.

Councillor Reg Rankin, Chair, reviewed the guidelines for Variance Hearings. He advised that those persons within 30 metres of the subject property may offer comment during the variance appeal hearing.

Councillor Rankin opened the variance appeal hearing calling for any persons wishing to speak in regard to the variance to come forward at this time.

The following persons spoke as it relates to the Variance Application.

Mr. Ellery Oickle, 53 Parkdale Avenue, the Appellant, spoke to Council regarding his appeal. He advised he has been looking to build this garage for some time. He spoke to neighbouring properties in regard to his plan and they did not raise any concerns. He advised he has the best property in Parkdale. He understands that there are rules, but he noted this would enhance his area. He added that he would like to build his garage in the spring.

Upon the third and final call being given by Councillor Rankin for any further speakers, and hearing none, it was **MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Adams, seconded by Councillor Rankin that the Variance Appeal Hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Rankin stated he agreed with staff regarding rules and regulations needing to be in place, however, he observed that the neighbours do not have any issues as they have not come forward.

MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adams, that Western Region Community Council overturn the Development Officer's decision to grant the variance. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

16. NEXT MEETING

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Melody Campbell
Legislative Assistant