

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
JULY 10, 2001

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter J. Kelly
Deputy Mayor Jerry Blumenthal
Councillors: Gary Hines
Ron Cooper
Harry McInroy
Brian Warshick
Bruce Hetherington
John Cunningham
Dawn Sloane
Sheila Fougere
Russell Walker
Diana Whalen
Linda Mosher
Stephen Adams
Robert Harvey
Len Goucher
Gary Meade

ABSENT:

Councillors: Steve Streach
Keith Colwell (regrets)
Condo Sarto (regrets)
Jim Smith
Sue Uteck (regrets)
Brad Johns
Reg Rankin (regrets)

STAFF:

Mr. Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

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

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

3. CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCERS

Ms. Debora Walsh, Manager, East Coast, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, with the aid of a Powerpoint presentation addressed Council advising:

- CAPP represents 150 natural gas and hydrocarbon companies that explore for, develop and produce hydrocarbons in Canada;
- they collectively produce 95% of natural gas and oil in the country;
- their mission as an association is to enhance the economic well being and sustainability of the upstream Canadian Petroleum industry in a socially, environmentally and technically responsible and safe manner;
- they want to ensure the Canadian gas and oil industry is competitive in jurisdictions within Canada and globally;
- they want to secure efficient access to markets through pipelines;
- the number of wells drilled has been increasing;
- there are fifty offshore licenses at the present time and close to twenty companies represented in terms of interest in the Nova Scotia Accord and Newfoundland areas;
- there has already been thirty three significant discoveries;
- there is a billion dollars in work commitments for exploration;
- there are significant efforts taking place between the oil and gas industry and the commercial fishing industry to identify both opportunities and conflicts that could arise when both industries are working in the marine environment.

Ms. Walsh advised that before any company starts any operation they have to have emergency response plans in place covering all contingencies. A detailed plan needs to be in place dealing with individual accidents.

Following a question and answer period, Mayor Kelly thanked Ms. Walsh for her presentation.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blumenthal, that the meeting be adjourned at 3:45 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Vi Carmichael
Municipal Clerk**