

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2005

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Kelly
Deputy Mayor Len Goucher
Councillors: Steve Streach
David Hendsbee
Gloria McCluskey
Andrew Younger
Bill Karsten
Becky Kent
Jim Smith
Mary Wile
Sue Uteck (10:15 a.m.)
Russell Walker
Debbie Hum
Brad Johns (10:10 a.m.)
Bob Harvey
Reg Rankin (10:30 a.m.)
Gary Meade

REGRETS:

Councillors: Krista Snow
Harry McInroy
Patrick Murphy
Dawn Sloane
Sheila Fougere
Linda Mosher
Stephen Adams

STAFF:

Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Karen Brown, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Jan Gibson, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN

Natural Environment

Mr. Fred Wendt presented an overview of the presentations. Mr. John Charles, Regional Planning provided an overview on the Natural Environment aspect of the plan.

Following the presentation, the following items were identified by Council:

- Need for a policy to enhance natural corridors in the longer term.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that the consideration of a solar aquatic sewer and water system for the Sheet Harbour and the Hubbards Cove area be placed in the parking lot. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that a policy be developed with regards to identifying specific areas where trail use will be encouraged or discouraged specifically in the Dollar Lake area. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- Concern with enforcement on waterways, lakes and watercourses.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Streach, that consideration of a domestic water supply for Sheet Harbour be placed in the parking lot. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that the minimum setback from watercourses in commercial and industrial areas should be set at 30 metres. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

RECESS

A recess was taken at 11:00 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

- Setbacks from watercourses should be different for salt and freshwater .
- Forestry, fishing and agriculture should be encouraged.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the 20 metre non disturbance zone not include walkways. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- An index should be provided for laskes being tested and those proposed for future testing.

At this point, Mr. Dan English, Deputy Administrative Officer, assumed the chair.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that NS Power be encouraged to stop using bunker fuel and to use natural gas. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mayor Kelly requested to write the province to request a listing of abandoned mine sites within HRM.

- On page 45 (4) a clearer definition needs to be made with regards to conversion of woodstove to woodstove. Concern with commercial wood burning devices being allowed to be used in urban areas.
- HRM be provided with enforcement power as it relates to runoff resulting from clear cutting of trees.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Municipal Clerk