

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2005

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Kelly
Deputy Mayor Len Goucher
Councillors: Steve Streach
David Hendsbee (1:35 p.m.)
Harry McInroy (2:00 p.m)
Gloria McCluskey
Andrew Younger
Bill Karsten
Becky Kent
Jim Smith
Mary Wile
Patrick Murphy'
Dawn Sloane
Sue Uteck
Russell Walker
Debbie Hum
Brad Johns
Robert Harvey
Reg Rankin
Gary Meade

REGRETS:

Councillors: Krista Snow
Sheila Fougere
Linda Mosher
Stephen Adams

STAFF:

Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Wayne Anstey, 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 1:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Deputy Mayor Goucher that the minutes of April 5, 2005 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. REGIONAL PLAN

- A copy of the Working Draft Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law were circulated to Council
- Copies of the Powerpoint presentations were circulated to Council
- An Executive Summary was circulated to Council
- A copy of the proposed public workshops was circulated to Council

Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced the plan noting it is a comprehensive plan. He commended Council and members of the committee for their work. He noted that at this time staff is seeking Council endorsement of the plan over the next few days. Following the Committee of the Whole sessions staff will go forward to the public for feedback. The feedback will be incorporated into the final document which will come back to the Council in the fall.

Mr. McLellan advised the meetings would follow the format of budget meeting with a parking lot for those items to be addressed prior to the public meetings.

Mr. Hugh Millward, Chair, Regional Planning Committee presented and overview of the plan and policy to council.

Following the presentation, the following items and issues were identified by members of Council:

- Concern was expressed with the public process of the plan.
- Definitions of terms be provided prior to the plan going to the public.
- Concern was expressed with the approval of four lots on a piece of land.
- Concern with what designations such as community centres means and suggestion that these designations be further clarified.
- There has to be some method for an appeal process if necessary before the five years appeal timeline is up.
- Needs to be a commitment to reviewing the Regional Plan as well as the community

- and neighbourhood plans.
- Would like to see more seniors retirement communities and more affordable types of housing. Also, would like to see “granny suites’ considered.
 - Question was raised with respect to the timing of the reviews.
 - Relationship between the harbour plan and the Regional Plan.
 - The plan should be more restrictive in rural areas.
 - To what extent will the Regional Plan override current plans from community to community.
 - As we go forward have to get beyond the philosophy and principles .
 - There are some areas in Eastern Passage where there is shoreline erosion.
 - What kinds of uniformity is being examined.

RECESS

A recess was taken at 3:30 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that the potential role of the Sheet Harbour Port be put in the parking lot. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. HALIFAX PORT AUTHORITY

- A copy of the Powerpoint presentation was circulated to Council.

Ms. Karen Oldfield, President & CEO, Patricia McDermott, Vice President, Marketing and George Malec, Vice President, Operations and Security, with the aid of a Powerpoint presentation, outlined the following:

- The core business is cargo.
- They are legally required to be self sustaining.
- Their borrowing limit is \$25 million.
- They export in the vicinity of five hundred thousand tons per year.
- They have been in discussions with world carriers with a view to bringing more cargo to Halifax.
- They have been working with the Greater Halifax Partnership and the Province.
- There is growth opportunity with respect to Asian trade.
- The Berth Deepening project at Fairview Cove is nearing completion.
- An inventory of rail track is being undertaken in this area.
- They have upgraded the storm sewer systems.
- They are the first port to be ISO certified.

Mayor Kelly thanked the representatives for their presentation.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Municipal Clerk