

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
APRIL 28, 2005

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Kelly (11:35 a.m.)
Deputy Mayor Len Goucher
Councillors: Steve Streach
David Hendsbee (10:00 a.m.)
Gloria McCluskey
Andrew Younger
Bill Karsten
Becky Kent
Jim Smith
Mary Wile
Sue Uteck
Debbie Hum
Brad Johns (10:00 a.m.)
Robert Harvey
Reg Rankin
Gary Meade

REGRETS: Councillors: Krista Snow
Harry McInroy
Patrick Murphy
Dawn Sloane
Sheila Fougere
Russell Walker
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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4. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with Deputy Mayor Goucher in the Chair.

5. DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the parking lot items be taken as discussion items to the public workshops. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Economy

Council agreed to proceed with the nine public workshops as presented.

(Councillors Hendsbee and Johns took their place at the meeting at 10:00 a.m.)

Mr. Roger Wells, Regional Planning, outlined the Economy portion of the plan.

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

- There needs to be an extension of the 100 series highways if the Sheet Harbour Port initiatives are to go forward.
- There needs to be a long term affordable housing strategy.
- Concern was expressed with the encouragement of improvements without getting the connection to the #7 Highway.
- Concern was expressed with the public not having access to the water for recreation use.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that staff be requested to put a policy in place to provide definitive and lasting protection around the Dartmouth sewage treatment plant as well as the lands of the NS hospital, Lyle Street and Dartmouth Cove. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- Need to promote more water recreational traffic into Sheet Harbour.
- Need to encourage a rail line spur into the Sheet Harbour port.
- Need to provide central sewer services in areas of Districts 1 and 3 to foster economic development.
- Concern was expressed with marine development sites going into the Rockingham area.
- There will be a need for future exits from the Ragged Lake lands.

RECESS

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

- Small business in rural areas need an opportunity to thrive.
- Noted many business parks are privately owned and suggested they be transferred to municipal ownership.
- Suggested waterfront habitat areas be examined.
- Wind generated electricity and wind farms should be encouraged.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that HRM investigate the installation of environmentally friendly wind farms in rural areas of HRM. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

(Mayor Kelly assumed the chair at 11:35 a.m.)

Culture and Heritage

Ms. Jacqueline Hamilton, Regional Planning, outlined the Culture and Heritage portion of the plan.

Following the presentation, members of Council received clarification on a number of issues.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Municipal Clerk