

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE May 5, 2005

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter J. Kelly
Deputy Mayor Goucher
Councillors: Steve Streach
Krista Snow
David Hendsbee
Harry McInroy
Gloria McCluskey
Bill Karsten
Becky Kent (9:40 a.m.)
Jim Smith
Mary Wile
Patrick Murphy
Dawn Sloane
Sue Uteck
Sheila Fougere (9:50 a.m.)
Russell Walker
Debbie Hum
Linda Mosher
Brad Johns
Robert P. Harvey
Reg Rankin
Gary Meade

REGRETS:

Councillors: Andrew Younger
Stephen D. Adams

STAFF:

Mr. Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Jan Gibson, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Patti Halliday, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

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

4. DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN (cont`d)

- Concern was expressed regarding the classification of settlements, particularly with respect to Spryfield.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Council add to the parking the issue of changing Spryfield from Suburban Local to Suburban District Centre. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

(Councillor Kent took her place at the meeting at 9:40 a.m.)

- Concerns regarding in-fill in District 16.
- Would like to see something in the form of low rise housing for seniors as well as social/recreational centres for seniors in future years.

Councillor McInroy noted the following items were missing from the May 3, 2005 list of parking lot items: Increase the priority level for the Shearwater Bypass and Increase the priority level for a link between Highways 107 and 207 at Exit 17

- Request made that staff confirm that all of the lands in the Morris/Russell Lake Master plan are included in the designated servicing area. Mr. Austin agreed noting it would just be a mapping change.

(Councillor Fougere took her place at the meeting at 9:50 a.m.)

- Concern with the definition of affordable housing suggesting it needs to be expanded.
- Why would the area north of the Hammonds Plains Road, which has municipal services, be classified as rural commuter rather than urban reserve.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Goucher, seconded by Councillor McInroy, that Council add to the parking lot consideration of changing the area on the north side of Hammonds Plains Road and Sandy Lake to Urban Reserve. MOTION PUT AND

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Hum, that PID #40098097 be considered for inclusion in the service boundary. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Concern expressed with respect to the issue of future growth management in the rural areas.

MOVED by Councillor Streach, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that Council add to the parking lot consideration of more community input on the issue of future growth management, particularly as it relates to the rural areas (e.g., restrictions on the number of lots). MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Concern with the Berry Hill/Wilson Lake water service boundary and requested that it remain the same.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Snow, that the water service boundary for Berry Hill/Wilson Lake remain the same. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Concern expressed regarding housing issues stating something needs to be done to change the character of streets identified over the years that do not seem to be rejuvenated. A policy needs to be put in place to state HRM will do something in these areas to stop the cycle on these streets. Incentives, such as co-op housing, need to be put in place to allow for residents in these areas to obtain some equity in their homes.
- Concern that neighbourhoods are being told they have no opinion on what types of housing can be placed in their area noting, everything needs to have the right fit.

MOVED by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Council add to the parking lot the issue of more consultation with neighbourhood residents regarding what can be introduced into neighbourhoods (eg. special care homes, group homes, etc.) MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Has the use of municipal property for affordable housing has been examined.
- Concern with what types of buildings are considered to be accessory buildings.

MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Council add to the parking lot the placement of a stronger policy to provide for underground utilities. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- It was suggested the CMHC definition of affordable housing is inadequate and problematic and HRM should develop its own definition.

MOVED by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Council add to the parking lot the creation of an HRM definition of “affordable housing.” MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Concern expressed that the public has been misled with respect to community plans.
- It was noted the Regional Plan implies that basement apartments shall be considered in all areas and this imposition on a community is wrong.

MOVED by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Goucher, that Council add to the parking lot the review of all “shall” terminology as it relates in a directive nature to community plans. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- Concern expressed as to why Purcell’s Cove is not included in the areas for consideration for inclusion in the full service boundary.

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Snow, that Council add to the parking lot Purcell’s Cove to be considered for inclusion within the full service boundary. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECESS

A recess was taken at 10:55 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

- Concern was expressed with Map 14 and the water service boundary.

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Rankin, that Council put in the parking lot the addition of water service along Hammonds Plains Road where Map 14 shows existing water. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Concern was expressed with creating a mixed resource designation prior to the adoption of the Regional Plan.
- Ensure local community plans fit with the Regional Plan once it is approved and is not contrary to community plans.

MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Deputy Mayor Goucher, that Council add to the parking lot the addition of water service in the areas in District 2 that are inside the core (Fletcher’s Lake and a portion of Wellington). MOTION PUT AND PASSED

UNANIMOUSLY.

- Question raised regarding the re-development of the Shannon Park lands and whether low density development was being considered.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that Council add to the parking lot more public input regarding redevelopment (eg. density) of Shannon Park. MOTION N PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A discussed ensued about future Committee of the Whole meetings to continue discussion of the Regional Plan.

MOVED by Councillor Fougere, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Committee of the Whole meet on Monday, May 9, 2005, from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Municipal Clerk