

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

April 5, 2011

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Kelly
Deputy Mayor Jim Smith
Councillors: Steve Streach
Barry Dalrymple
David Hendsbee
Lorelei Nicoll
Gloria McCluskey
Darren Fisher
Bill Karsten
Jackie Barkhouse
Mary Wile
Dawn Sloane
Jennifer Watts
Russell Walker
Debbie Hum
Linda Mosher
Stephen Adams
Brad Johns
Robert Harvey
Tim Outhit
Peter Lund

REGRETS:

Councillors: Jerry Blumenthal
Sue Uteck
Reg Rankin

STAFF:

Mr. Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Mary Ellen Donovan, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Acting Municipal Clerk
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Wile, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the minutes of March 22, 2011 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. COMMUNITY FACILITY MASTER PLAN – PROJECTS UPDATES

An Information Report dated March 24, 2011 was submitted.

A revised PowerPoint Presentation was submitted.

Correspondence was submitted from Mr. Brad Smith, Board Chair, Dartmouth Sportsplex.

Councillors Walker and Mosher entered the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Councillor Adams entered the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

Councillor Barkhouse entered the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Ms. Betty Lou Killen, Coordinator of Client Services, Community Development provided the staff presentation on the Community Facility Master Plan Project updates. The presentation focused on the Dartmouth Sportsplex renewal and revitalization report, the Peninsula recreation facilities and services review, and the Halifax Forum renewal analysis. She concluded her presentation advising that staff were recommending referral of the detailed project recommendations to the Audit and Finance Committee for further discussion of funding strategies.

At 1:52 p.m. Councillor Johns entered the meeting.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Karsten that the detailed project recommendations be referred to the Audit and Finance Committee for further discussion of funding strategies.

A discussion ensued with Ms. Killen and Mr. Philip Townsend, Director, Infrastructure and Asset Management responding to questions.

Councillor Watts pointed out that in addition to the Community Facility Plan Project there was a community service recreation review ongoing, however, there does not seem to be communication between the two. She suggested that when this matter is dealt with by the Committee, staff, and eventually Council, the two matters be considered in conjunction with each other. Councillor Watts explained that it was

important that the process ensure the integration of both because it may turn out that the big-box multi recreational facilities meet some of the needs of community but not all of the needs which have been expressed in the review.

Deputy Mayor Smith questioned why staff was recommending this matter be vetted through the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

In response, Mr. Townsend indicated that staff felt it would be beneficial to have the Committee as a sounding board for the funding strategies. He explained that a significant component of the Plan will be the definition of priorities and where Council wants to proceed with its capital spending priorities. Mr. Townsend added that, following this, he anticipated there would be a joint recommendation from the Committee and staff back to Regional Council.

Deputy Mayor Smith cautioned staff against bringing all issues to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee and expressed concern that all projects may end up at the Committee. He advised that he would rather have staff bring forward their recommendations to Council.

Mr. Townsend advised that it was not the intent to burden the Standing Committee with project by project issues, but rather keeping the matters at a high level discussion.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Cathy J. Mellett
Municipal Clerk