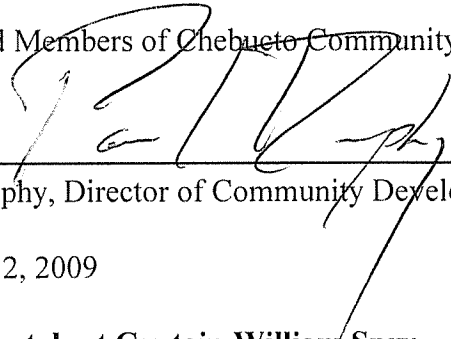




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**Chebucto Community Council**  
**March 2, 2009**

**TO:** Chair and Members of Chebucto Community Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
Paul Dunphy, Director of Community Development

**DATE:** February 2, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Room Rentals at Captain William Spry

**INFORMATION REPORT**

**ORIGIN**

December 1, 2008, Chebucto Community Council meeting - motion by Councillor Mosher to consider moving dog obedience and music classes to Tuesday evenings.

**BACKGROUND**

Captain William Spry Center is undergoing renovations and staff are currently scheduling public and internal requests for program offerings and meeting space. The center is traditionally very popular because of the free parking and good meeting space and, with current renovations, space is even more limited. On occasion, there is a meeting room that been requested by more than one group for the same time slot or the meeting space that has been requested is next to a busy program. In the case of this particular request from the councillor, the evening of a Public Information Meeting and/or Community Council has fallen on the same evening as the choir (the Quarter Note Singers) and dog obedience classes.

**DISCUSSION**

Staff will have more flexible scheduling options with the completion of renovations in mid March. With greater room options, the renovations will ensure that program space can be further separated from meeting space. Dog Obedience will be re-scheduled to another evening of the week or moved to another location. The choral group now meets in Room 2 on Thursday evenings. This is a local community group which provides a recreational outlet for many participants and provides entertainment for local events.

Staff are willing and able to accommodate Community Council meetings and Public Information Meetings by ensuring the space is appropriate (away from other distractions) and well set up. Sound systems, special room set up, flip charts and other amenities are available and staff are able to assist in whatever way is required. Staff are also easily able to reschedule any other programs to accommodate Public Information Meetings and Community Council meetings on any given night.

The completion of the renovations in mid March will result in better quality space and more predictable scheduling and space arrangements.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

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