

**CHEBUCTO COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**May 4, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Linda Mosher, Chair  
Councillor Mary Wile, Vice Chair  
Councillor Stephen Adams  
Councillor Russell Walker  
Councillor Debbie Hum

**STAFF:** Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 6, 2009**

**MOVED by Councillor Wile, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the minutes of April 6, 2009, be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

12.1 Seawall Restoration - Regatta Point and Sir Sandford Fleming Park - North West Arm - Presentation from Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager of Real Property Planning

**MOVED BY Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**4.1 Status Sheet Items**

**4.1.1 Tremont Park Alternate Main Entrance**

Councillor Hum advised that there had been no progress on this issue and indicated that she would like it to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.2 Intersection of Herring Cove Road and Purcell's Cove Road**

Councillor Mosher advised that there was no update on this issue and indicated that she would like it to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.3 Seawall Restoration - Regatta Point and Sir Sandford Fleming Park - North West Arm**

Councillor Mosher indicated that she would like this item left on the Status Sheet until staff were able to attend to present the information report.

**4.1.4 District 10 Traffic Concerns**

Councillor Wile advised that there was no update on this issue and indicated that she would like it to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.5 Request to Name the Baseball Diamond at Mainland Common the Harold Pelham Memorial Field**

Councillor Wile advised that there was no update on this issue and indicated that she would like it to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.6 Traffic and Safety Issues on Melody Drive and Skylark Drive**

Councillor Hum advised that there had been a neighbourhood meeting regarding this issue a week earlier and that staff would be providing an information report. She indicated that she would like this item to remain on the Status Sheet.

**4.1.7 Cunard Beach Volleyball Court Policies**

Councillor Mosher advised that there was no update on this issue and indicated that she would like it to remain on the Status Sheet.

**5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

**6. MOTIONS OF RECISSION - NONE**

**7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

**8. HEARINGS**

**8.1 Public Hearings - None**

**8.2 Variance Appeal Hearings - None**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**9.1 Correspondence - None**

**9.2 Petitions - None**

**9.3 Presentations - None**

**10. REPORTS**

**10.1 Staff**

**10.1.1 Case 01244: Development Agreement, 91 Purcells Cove Road, Halifax**

C A report dated April 23, 2009 was before the Community Council.

**MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Chebucto Community Council give Notice of Motion to consider the proposed development agreement, as described in Attachment "A" of the report dated April 23, 2009, to permit a change to a non-conforming use at 91 Purcells Cove Road, Halifax, and to schedule a public hearing for June 1, 2009. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.2 Councillor**

**10.2.1 Washroom Hours at Fleming Park - Councillor Mosher**

The Chair stepped down at 7:05 p.m. Councillor Wile assumed the Chair.

**MOVED BY Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Chebucto Community Council request a staff report regarding how to ensure that the washrooms at Fleming Park are open year round. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.2.2 Parkland Dedication - Councillor Mosher**

Councillor Mosher stated that Mr. Chris Coady, of Cline Heights, had tragically passed away at the age of 13 due to complications from cancer. She noted that he loved basketball and that the community wished to dedicate something to him in his memory. She indicated that naming the HRM owned basketball court at the intersection of Withrod Drive and Lanigan Court after Mr. Coady would be a fitting tribute. Councillor Mosher advised that she would use her District funds, however, she would like HRM's approval prior to approaching the Coady family.

**MOVED BY Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Adams, that Chebucto Community Council request consideration for the HRM owned basketball court at the intersection of Withrod Drive and Lanigan Court to be named after Mr. Chris Coady as a tribute. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Mosher assumed the Chair at 7:12 p.m.

**11. MOTIONS**

**11.1 Councillor Adams**

**MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker, that Chebucto Community Council ask staff to begin the process to rezone the lands of Connaught**

**Battery Park (26 acres) to Park and Institutional. The intent of this motion is to protect this land against any future residential or commercial development. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Adams advised that it was his understanding that the provincial lease would continue at Connaught Battery Park.

**12. ADDED ITEMS**

**12.1 Seawall Restoration - Regatta Point and Sir Sandford Fleming Park - North West Arm - Presentation from Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager of Real Property Planning**

C An information report dated April 27, 2009 was submitted.

**MOVED BY Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Wile, that the information report dated April 27, 2009, be tabled and brought forward for a staff presentation. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**14. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**

**15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Ms. Kelly Greenwood**, Berkshire Close, stated that she was the Chair of the Park West School Active and Safe Routes to School program; noting that she had observed walking routes to the school and had seen deficiencies. She indicated that she had worked with Councillor Wile, HRM staff and other community stake holders and had done many surveys and reports as a plan was being prepared for infrastructure improvements. Ms. Greenwood advised that she had been waiting for a response regarding some of these issues; particularly regarding funding as she did not believe that the infrastructure improvements should be dealt with through an area rate process. She stated that schools were important links which required safe environments; noting that Park West was at 140% capacity according to the Imagine Our Schools program. She stated that students from a 360 degree radius attended the school and that safe routes were not available for all of them. She requested that Councillor Wile ask for direction and guidance in fitting these route improvements into the general budget as an area rate had not been mentioned in the first year of the discussion process and she felt blindsided. Ms. Greenwood asked that Councillor Wile confirm her capital funding commitment to the project when it moved forward. She requested an update on the conditions for reopening the Berkshire Walkway. She submitted a photo from behind the Berkshire Walkway which showed that a couch had been abandoned there. She noted that she did not know how long it had been there and had sent a request to HRM to have it removed. Ms. Greenwood expressed concern regarding potential fire hazards in this area.

Councillor Wile advised that ongoing meetings were taking place with staff regarding the Berkshire Walkway closure.

**MOVED BY Councillor Wile, seconded by Councillo Hum, that Chebucto Community Council request:**

- 1. An update on the Birkshire Walkway closure; and**
- 2. That the abandoned couch be removed from the walkway.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Hum requested an update on the Walk 21 process at Park West School. The Chair advised that this request would be sent to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

**Mr. Alan Ruffman**, Ferguson's Cove Road, indicated that he was in attendance to support Councillor Adam's motion regarding the rezoning of Connaught Battery Park. On behalf of the Ferguson's Cove Neighbourhood Association he requested to be updated on when the report regarding this matter would come back to the Community Council. He stated that the Ferguson's Cove Neighbourhood Association was also preparing a letter to the media expressing their gratitude to all who had helped with the fire in Spryfield and Purcell's Cove. He stated that he hoped that there would be an open and public review of what went right and wrong with the situation as a learning opportunity. He indicated that using ocean water to douse the fire had saved homes and possibly homes in Ferguson's Cove that were in the line of the wind. Mr. Ruffman hoped that staff would take a hard look into where the fire originated as he believed that this was not going to be the last of these sorts of fires. In closing, he stated that a publically available report regarding the incident would be appreciated by residents. He thanked all those involved and expressed his condolences to those who had been impacted by the fire.

**Ms. Anne MacDonald**, Parkland Drive, advised that she would like an update on plans for the Dunbrack Street rose bushes and that she objected to them being removed.

The Chair advised Ms. MacDonald that the plans and tree scape design for Dunbrack Street were available on the HRM website.

It was noted that the tree scape designs were supposed to be on display at the Keshen Goodman Library, however, they were not. The Legislative Assistant will follow up on this matter.

**Ms. Wendy MacDonald**, Warwick Lane, requested that the Councillors politely remind residents in their spring community newsletters to pick up their litter. She asked the Community Council to please help celebrate the announcement of the wilderness area in Birch Cove Lakes. She noted that this was a windy area and requested to know what emergency management measures were in place as she was concerned that residents would not know where to go or what to do in an emergency. She advised that there were many fire sites in the new wilderness areas as well as in the woods surrounding the



Mainland Common and expressed concern that the Clayton Park area would be the next place to have a forest fire.

The Community Council advised that the Emergency Management Office as well as the Red Cross were very well organized and efficient. The indicated that Ms. MacDonald was welcome to set up a city and neighbourhood watch program.

**Ms. Donna Greenwood**, Clayton Park, expressed concern that there were fire pits in the area surrounding the closed Berkshire Walkway and that a fire was imminent. She stated that staff needed to be paying attention to the area and requested that they please investigate. In closing, she stated that if the pathway were reopened situations such as this would not be happening.

The Chair advised residents to inform their Councillor or the fire department of any fire pits and that they would ensure they were investigated.

**16. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2009.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory  
Legislative Assistant