

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

CHEBUCTO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

December 5, 2011

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

STAFF: Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Keshen Goodman Library, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 7, 2011

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Wile that the minutes of November 7, 2011 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 4.1.11 100th Anniversary of the Completion of the Memorial Tower - Sir Sandford Fleming Park (*Information Report*)
- 12.1 Water Levels at Kearney Lake (*Information Report*) - Councillor Hum
- 12.2 Personnel Matter - Appointments to the Community Steering Committee
- 12.3 Personnel Matter – Chain of Lakes Trail Association Terms of Reference
- 12.4 Dakin Drive – Increasing Traffic Shortcutting – Councillor Hum
- 12.5 Off Leash Dog Park for Royale Hemlock Estates/Wentworth Estates Area – Councillor Hum

MOVED by Councillor Walker seconded by Councillor Hum that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Status Sheet

4.1.1 J.L. Ilsley High School – Campus Opportunity

Councillor Mosher indicated that this item could be removed from the Status Sheet as HRM currently does not have the funds to build a football field for the school.

4.1.2 Keefe Drive – Emergency Concerns Due to Road Construction and Lack of Seawall

No update. To remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.3 Sherbrooke Drive Update

No update. To remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.4 Graffiti on Chain of Lakes Trail – Northwest Arm Overpass

No update. To remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.5 Chain of Lakes Trail - Surplus Lands

No update. To remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.6 Restricting Signage on Dunbrack Street

No update. To remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.7 Beech Tree Infestation on HRM Owned Trees- Fairmount Subdivision

No update. To remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.8 Preserving or Establishing Formal HRM Owned Mountain Bike Trails in the Chebucto Community Council

Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager of Real Property Planning, provided an update on this matter; noting that staff was carrying out a level of planning which would lead to a location where potential HRM owned mountain bike trails may be created. He advised that a report would be brought forward to Regional Council on this matter as part of the overall efforts with the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Regional Park and Wilderness area initiative.

Councillor Hum requested that an overview of Mr. Bigelow's comments be forwarded to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

Councillor Mosher indicated that this item could be removed from the Status Sheet and requested that a summary of Mr. Bigelow's comments be sent to the members of Community Council to provide to residents.

4.1.9 Request to Amend the C-1 Zone to Remove R-4 Uses Under the Mainland Land Use By-law

No update. To remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.10 Public Right Away (Tow Path) on the Northwest Arm - Maintenance and Access

No update. To remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.11 100th Anniversary of the Completion of the Memorial Tower - Sir Sandford Fleming Park

An Information Report dated November 3, 2011 was before Community Council

Councillor Mosher indicated that she would be working with staff on this matter and requested this item be removed from the Status Sheet.

4.1.12 Glades Nursing Home - 25 Alton Drive - Future Land Use of This Property

No update. To remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.13 Pocket Park - Crown Drive and Brook Street - Private Property and Parking Issue

No update. To remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.14 Deadman's Island - National Historic Site Application, Memorials, and 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812

No update. To remain on the Status Sheet.

- 5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**
- 6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**
- 7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**
- 8. HEARINGS - NONE**

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

- 9.1 Correspondence - None**
- 9.2. Petitions – None**

9.3 Presentation

9.3.1 Connaught Battery Park Working Group

Mr. Roger Field, Ferguson's Cove, member of the Connaught Battery Park Working Group and Ms. Lesley Armstrong, member of the Purcell's Cove Heritage Society, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Connaught Battery Park Working Group.

Mr. Blair Blakeney, Coordinator of Facility Development – Parks, was in attendance to speak to the presentation. He stated that staff has a solid plan for the Park and would be working with the community via a phased approach. He advised that there was no recommended funding in the upcoming budget; however, it was on staff's list and they were trying to bring this matter in as a priority over the next year or two; noting they would also help the Working Group with grant applications to the Province.

Mr. Blakeney indicated that HRM would have to prepare for more maintenance due to higher usage of the Park which should be looked at as a higher priority than just a neighbourhood park.

Councillor Mosher advised that she had already asked staff about the possibility of helping this project along via Capital District funds which may help with Provincial grant funding as well.

10. REPORTS

10.1 Staff

10.1.1 Case 16666: Development Agreement for Bedford West SubArea 9

A report dated October 18, 2011 was before Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Walker that Chebucto Community Council give Notice of Motion to consider the proposed development agreement as provided in Attachment A of the report dated October 18, 2011, and schedule a public hearing with North West Community Council on January 9, 2012. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 Councillor

10.2.1 Bus Route 52 Service – Bayers Lake Business Park – Councillor Wile

Councillor Wile provided an information update regarding a recent change to bus route 52; noting that as a result of Metro Transit having concerns over the safety of customers leaving stores as well as with speed bumps, they contacted store and property owners of the affected areas but nothing was resolved; therefore, Metro Transit changed the Route of Bus No. 52 from the store fronts on the east side of Chain Lake Drive down to the street level of Chain Lake Drive.

MOVED by Councillor Wile, seconded by Councillor Hum that Chebucto Community Council request an information report from Metro Transit to provide clarification on the recent changes made to bus Route 52.

Councillor Wile noted that, as a further safety precaution, she would like the Bayers Lake Business Park land owners to install sidewalks on Chain Lake Drive.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. MOTIONS – NONE

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Water Levels at Kearney Lake (*Information Report*) - Councillor Hum

An Information Report dated September 19, 2011, submitted to the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee was before Community Council.

Mr. Cameron Deacoff, Environmental Performance Officer, provide an update on the information report dated September 19, 2011. He advised that the Province was responsible for all three dams at Kearney Lake; noting that approval was currently under review for reauthorization and that any decision on the operation of the dams and control of water levels was controlled through that approval process. He indicated there may be a remaining opportunity for residents and Council to direct their recommendations and concerns to the Province for their draft terms of reference for authorization.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Walker that the information report dated September 19, 2011 be forwarded to the Department of Environment with a letter requesting a response and consultation with the Kearney Lake community and Minister of the Environment. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 Ratification of In Camera Item – Personnel Matter - Appointments to the Community Steering Committee

The following item was dealt with at the In Camera session held immediately prior to the meeting and was now before Community Council for ratification:

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Wile that Chebucto Community Council:

- 1. Appoint the following residents to the Planning and Engineering Feasibility Study: Extension of Central Sewer, Water and Stormwater Systems, Purcell's Cove, Community Steering Committee: Mr. Kevin Hurd, Mr. Murray Coolican, Mr. Norman Nahas, Mr. Ben Garvey, Mr. Craig Newell, Mr. George Hebb, and Mr. Gary Hendsbee; and**
- 2. That Ms. Tanya Morrison and Mr. Steve Sutherland be appointed as alternates for Area One and Mr. Miles Simpson and Mr. John Larkin be appointed as alternates for Area Two.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 Personnel Matter – Chain of Lakes Trail Association Terms of Reference

The following item was dealt with at the In Camera session held immediately prior to the meeting and was now before Community Council for ratification:

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Wile Chebucto Community Council amend the Chain of Lakes Trail Association's terms of reference to state that representatives appointed by Halifax Water and the Bayers Lake Business Association also be approved by Chebucto Community Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 Dakin Drive – Increasing Traffic Shortcutting – Councillor Hum

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Adams that Chebucto Community Council request that Traffic Services staff forward the results of their current review of traffic concerns on Dakin Drive to Community Council via an information report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.5 Off Leash Dog Park for Royale Hemlock Estates/Wentworth Estates Area – Councillor Hum

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Walker that Chebucto Community Council request a staff report regarding the potential to create an off leash dog park in the Royale Hemlock Estates/Wentworth Estates area. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

13. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Bruce Smith, Halifax, wished Community Council happy holidays. Regarding the stadium issue, he advised it was his view that this was not a practical solution as there was not sufficient funding and that the \$20,000,000 should be spent on a facility in need. He stated that he was supportive of public art and would like to see every concrete surface in the city painted with a mural; however, while he realized art is subjective, he had doubts on the professionalism of the recently completed mural on a wall on Main Avenue and Hillcrest. He wondered if there was a formal process for public art.

The Chair advised that Councillor Walker had a formal process for this particular mural; however, this was not always the case. She stated that creating standards for public art was something HRM was addressing and she would provide an email update on this matter to Mr. Smith.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE – January 9, 2012

16. ADJOURNMENT

December 5, 2011

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant