

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

CHEBUCTO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

June 11, 2012

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

REGRETS: Councillor Linda Mosher, Chair

STAFF: Ms. Kirby Grant, Solicitor
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Keshen Goodman Library, Halifax. He noted regrets from Councillor Mosher who had a family commitment.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 7 & 15, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Wile, seconded by Councillor Hum that the minutes of May 7 & 15, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Addition:

12.1 By-law N- 300 - Nuisances re: Dust – Councillor Adams

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Wile 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 Keefe Drive – Emergency Concerns Due to Road Construction and Lack of Seawall

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

4.1.2 Beech Tree Infestation on HRM Owned Trees- Fairmount Subdivision

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

4.1.3 Chain of Lakes Trail - Surplus Lands

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

4.1.4 Graffiti on Chain of Lakes Trail – Northwest Arm Overpass

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

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

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

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

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

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

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

4.1.8 Flooding - Purcell's Cove Road

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

4.1.9 Cowie Hill Development Agreement

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

4.1.10 It all Drains into the Lake Brochure

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

4.1.11 Armdale Rotary to Roundabout Conversion – Request for Report on Effectiveness

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

MOVED by Councillor Wile, seconded by Councillor Hum that the Status Sheet items be moved to the next Community Council meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – November 1, 2010

6.1 Councillor Walker

Councillor Adams assumed the Chair at 7:02 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Wile that Chebucto Community Council rescind the motion of Chebucto Community Council dated November 1, 2010 item 10.1.1 Lacewood Terminal Site selection Item 1. Approve in principle that PID # 40090169 (referred to as the “Willet Site”) be designated as

the future location for the new Lacewood Transit Terminal as per the recommendation in the report dated October 13, 2010.

A discussion on the motion ensued.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**
- 8. HEARINGS**
 - 8.1 Public Hearings - None**
 - 8.2 Variance Appeal Hearings – None**
- 9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE**
- 10. REPORTS – NONE**
- 11. MOTIONS**
 - 11.1 Councillor Walker**

Correspondence dated June 11, 2012 from Ms. Jen Powley, HRM Alliance Coordinator, Ecology Action Centre, was submitted.

As per his notice of motion provided at the May 7, 2012 meeting, Councillor Walker moved the following motion with an amendment as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Wile that Chebucto Community Council approve in principle that Site 1, the Lacewood Drive site, be designated as the future location for the new Lacewood Transit Terminal as in the report dated October 13, 2010; and request that Metro Transit continue to investigate alternative sites.

A discussion on the motion ensued.

Councillor Hum advised that she could not support the approval in principle of Site 1, the Lacewood Drive site, as it was parkland. She stated that she could support alternative sites; however, after speaking to the Solicitor, she would have to declare a potential conflict of interest regarding the Clayton Park Shopping Centre site should it be brought forward.

Ms. Kirby Grant, Solicitor, advised the Community Council that they must deal with the amendment to the original motion first; noting that while the amendment caused the motion to be somewhat inconsistent, it was still in order. She further advised Councillor Hum that, with or without the amendment, the content of the motion causing her to

believe there was a conflict would still contain the same language that gave her that concern; therefore, it does not alleviate it.

Councillor Hum clarified for the record that Site 1 was the original staff recommendation not another new site.

Councillor Adams advised he did not believe there was a conflict until the alternative sites were named.

Councillor Walker stated that he was advised by Metro Transit and Planning & Development staff that they required a site to work on and bring forward. He advised that, if there was no site chosen by Community Council, all sites would be back open and he did not want the Willett Street site to be considered any longer. He indicated that the motion provides staff with a site to work on and if another site came to their attention prior to the matter being resolved, they could come back with that site; noting the motion simply provides some flexibility in the siting.

A vote was taken on the amendment to request that Metro Transit continue to investigate alternative sites.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The main motion now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Wile that Chebucto Community Council approve in principle that Site 1, the Lacewood Drive site, be designated as the future location for the new Lacewood Transit Terminal as in the report dated October 13, 2010; and request that Metro Transit continue to investigate alternative sites.

Discussion on the main motion continued.

Councillor Walker advised that once the drawings had been completed for this site, he and Councillor Wile would hold a public meeting to obtain input from residents to see if it was acceptable.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Walker resumed the Chair at 7:22 p.m.

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Nuisance By-law re: Dust – Councillor Adams

Councillor Adams expressed concern regarding recent events of trucks carrying loads of fill in the Harriestfield/Spryfield area which was getting dust in resident's yards and on their belongings. He indicated that the CAO's Office was aware of the issue.

Councillor Wile noted that this was also an issue in her District.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Wile that Chebucto Community Council request that the Executive Standing Committee, in their review of By-law N-300 – Nuisances, consider possible wording as well as what amendments may be necessary in order to provide staff with something to fall back on regarding the nuisance of dust. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION - None

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Bruce Smith, Forestside Crescent, provided comments regarding the proposed Lacewood Drive Transit Terminal Site and submitted his presentation for the record. At the end of his five minutes, he requested further time to finish his presentation.

Ms. Grant advised that this component of the meeting was for Public Participation which had been formulated by the Community Council as an opportunity for the public to raise their concerns and ask questions; noting each speaker was given five minutes in which to speak.

Mr. Bob Candy, Halifax, thanked the Community Council for approving the motion of rescission regarding the Lacewood Terminal Site. He hoped the use of the Willett Street site would now revert to its original purpose as a passive reserve for recreational use for the residents of Clayton Park.

Ms. Maureen Manuge, Westridge Drive, thanked the Community Council for approving the motion of rescission regarding the Lacewood Terminal Site. On behalf of Ms. Wendy McDonald, she noted the potential of banning plastic bags in HRM as was recently done in Toronto and wished to bring up the environmental issues regarding this matter. She stated that if the matter ever did go to Regional Council, Ms. McDonald would like the environmental issues to be addressed and that public engagement be conducted. Ms. Manuge concluded by reading the remainder of Mr. Smith's presentation.

On behalf of **Ms. Jen Powley**, HRM Alliance Coordinator, Ecology Action Centre, Ms. Madison requested to know if there would be any process for the public to recommend an alternative Lacewood Transit Terminal site.

Ms. Mona Green, Ferguson's Cove, expressed concern that the number 15 bus route had been cut back to 8:00 p.m. She advised that the residents were circulating a petition and had collected 100 signatures so far ; noting she would like to see this matter back on the agenda. Ms. Green advised that the run ending at 8:00 p.m. made it

difficult for her to work evenings and it would be difficult for her as a student and instructors as well.

Councillor Adams advised Ms. Green to contact himself or Councillor Mosher to submit her petition once it was complete.

Ms. Cindy Balcom, Purcell's Cove, expressed concern that the number 15 bus route had been cut back to 8:00 p.m. She advised that there were three clubs along the route that were drinking establishments and this would encourage drinking and driving. Ms. Balcom also expressed concern that York Redoubt was open until 8:00 p.m. and there was a risk of tourists getting stuck on the site if they missed the bus. She stated that there was a ferry when she was a child; however, now there were only buses and cutting service would cause problems for many residents as it becomes more difficult to go anywhere if you cannot depend on the bus to get home.

Ms. Linda Christiansen-Ruffman, Ferguson's Cove Road, stated that she had lived in the area since 1975 and one reason her family had moved was because of transit service; noting she did not use it much in the beginning but does so more often as she gets older. She advised that, ironically, she had made a resolution during the transit strike to take it more often before she knew about the cutbacks. Ms. Christiansen-Ruffman stated that they could not cut the bus back when people have signed leases and made life plans based on the bus. She indicated that Council had made the decision to continue the Alderney Ferry hours; however, those transit users had an alternative which was the bus that the residents of Purcell's Cove did not; noting they used to have a ferry, too.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE – July 9, 2012

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

Information Item:

1. Procedural Information - Petitions & Appointments