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Item No. **2**
Chebucto Community Council
July 9, 2012

TO: Chebucto Community Council

SUBMITTED BY:


Councillor Linda Mosher, Chair, Chebucto Community Council

DATE: June 25, 2012

SUBJECT: Chebucto Community Council Annual Report

ANNUAL REPORT

ORIGIN

Section 27(1) of the HRM Charter states:

A community council shall hold an annual public meeting in the community in each year to report to the public concerning its activities and to receive the views of the public respecting all matters within its mandate.

Chebucto Community Council requested that, as of April 1, 2010, the Legislative Assistant maintain a record of the Community Council's business for the first annual meeting to be held in April 2011 and every April thereafter.

BACKGROUND

Chebucto Community Council includes the following Polling Districts:

- District 10 - Clayton Park West (Councillor Mary Wile)
- District 15 - Fairview - Clayton Park (Councillor Russell Walker)
- District 16 - Rockingham (Councillor Debbie Hum)
- District 17 - Purcell's Cove - Armdale (Councillor Linda Mosher)
- District 18 - Spryfield - Herring Cove (that part which was situated within the boundaries of the former City of Halifax prior to April 1, 1996). (Councillor Stephen D. Adams)

DISCUSSION

Chebucto Community Council met 12 times between May 2011 and March 31, 2012, including two (2) special meetings.

The following will highlight Chebucto Community Council's business for the fiscal year of 2011/2012.

Correspondence:

March 5, 2012

- **Response to Questions Raised During Public Participation Held on February 6, 2012 Re: Bayers Lake Development – Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager of Real Property Planning**

Motions:

August 8, 2011

- **Case 16678 – 6th Amending Stage II Development Agreement, Clayton Park West, Phase 4 to Permit an Auto Service Use (Mr. Lube) at 368 Lacewood Drive, Halifax**
Staff recommendation approved.
- **Naming of a Geographical Feature – Cabin Lake – Councillor Hum**
Motion passed endorsing the naming of Cabin Lake in Hemlock Ravine Park. Letter sent to the Nova Scotia Geographic Names Program advising of this endorsement.

September 13, 2011

- **Case 16783 - Application by Clayton Developments Limited for a Stage II Development Agreement for Block B and Block G, Washmill Lake Drive, Halifax**
i) **Halifax Watershed Advisory Board Report**
Staff recommendation approved.

October 3, 2011

- **Case 17001: Discharging Agreement - Royal Hemlocks, Halifax**
Staff recommendation approved.
- **Case 01254: MPS/LUB Amendments and Development Agreement, 3620 Dutch Village Road, Halifax**
Staff recommendation approved.

November 7, 2011

- **Fence Permit Application #119287 – 31 Drillio Crescent, Halifax**
Staff recommendation approved.
- **Case 17231: Non-Substantial Amendment to the Existing Development Agreement for Governor's Brook, Halifax**
Staff recommendation approved.

December 5, 2011

- **Water Levels at Kearney Lake (*Information Report*) - Councillor Hum**
Motion passed 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.
- **Ratification of In Camera Item – Personnel Matter - Appointments to the Community Steering Committee**
Resident and alternate appointments were made to the Planning and Engineering Feasibility Study: Extension of Central Sewer, Water and Stormwater Systems, Purcell's Cove, Community Steering Committee.
- **Ratification of In Camera Item – Personnel Matter – Chain of Lakes Trail Association Terms of Reference**
Motion passed that the Chain of Lakes Trail Association's terms of reference be amended to state that representatives appointed by Halifax Water and the Bayer's Lake Business Association also be approved by Chebucto Community Council.

January 9, 2012

- **Case 17391 - Time Extension to Development Agreement for Wentworth Estates – Neighbourhood B, Larry Uteck Boulevard, Halifax**
Staff recommendation approved.

February 6, 2012

- **Case 17251 - Telecommunications Tower (Monopole) – 547 Herring Cove Road, Halifax**
Staff recommendation approved.
- **Case 01254 Development Agreement, 3620 Dutch Village Road, Halifax**
Staff recommendation approved.
- **Chain of Lakes Trail Improvements – Councillor Mosher**
Motion passed that any proposed trail expansions, connections or adjacent land use changes for the Chain of Lakes Trail must be approved by the area Councillor or Chebucto Community Council, and either the area Councillor or Chebucto Community Council, as the case may be, may require public consultation to be held.

March 5, 2012

- **Case 17242 Telecommunications Tower, 160 Kearney Lake Road, Halifax**
Staff recommendation approved.

Members of Council/Status Sheet Items:

June 13, 2011

- **By-law A-300 – Continuous Dog Barking**
Item added to the Status Sheet at the November 1, 2010 meeting. Information report submitted at the June 13, 2011 meeting and item removed from the Status Sheet.

August 8, 2011

- **Sale of Land, Bayers Lake Business Park RFP#10-063 (Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lake Wilderness Reserve)**
Staff report requested. Information report submitted at the October 3, 2011 meeting and item removed from the Status Sheet.
- **Graffiti on Chain of Lakes Trail – Northwest Arm Overpass - Councillor Mosher**
Motion passed to send a letter to the provincial Minister of Transportation and Public Works and the Deputy Minister, to request that the Northwest Arm Drive overpass, the Chain of Lakes Trail and Highway 102 overpass be added to their work plan for graffiti removal. Item remains on the Status Sheet.
- **Chain of Lakes Trail - Surplus Lands – Councillor Mosher**
Motion passed to request that HRM Real Estate staff conduct a survey to determine what, if any, lands are surplus to the needs of the Chain of Lakes Trail and report back to Chebucto Community Council on the potential to sell parcels to the abutting property owners. Item remains on the Status Sheet.
- **Restricting Signage on Dunbrack Street – Councillor Hum**
Motion passed requesting a staff report regarding HRM's existing sign By-law to consider an amendment restricting temporary signage on or abutting the Dunbrack Street greenbelt; and that staff undertake a public consultation process to receive input. Item remains on the Status Sheet.
- **Beech Tree Infestation on HRM Owned Trees- Fairmount Subdivision – Councillor Mosher**
Motion passed requesting a staff report to address the HRM owned beech tree infestation in the Fairmount Subdivision. Item remains on the Status Sheet.
- **Preserving or Establishing Formal HRM Owned Mountain Bike Trails in the Chebucto Community Council Area - Councillor Mosher**
Motion passed requesting a staff report regarding the potential of preserving or establishing a formal outdoor mountain bike system in the Chebucto Community Council area to be owned and maintained by HRM.
Staff presentation provided at the December 5, 2011 meeting and item removed from the Status Sheet.

October 3, 2011

- **Whimsical Lake Crescent – Councillor Mosher**
Item added to the Status Sheet at the February 7, 2011 meeting.
Information report submitted at the October 3, 2011 meeting and item removed from the Status Sheet.
- **Deadman's Island - National Historic Site Application, Memorials, and 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 – Councillor Mosher**
Motion passed endorsing HRM staff to liaise with the various stakeholders to determine the appropriate commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812, and make an application to the Department of Canadian Heritage for funding based on the recommended approach.
Update provided at the January 9, 2012 meeting and item removed from the Status Sheet.

- **Pocket Park - Crown Drive and Brook Street - Private Property and Parking Issue – Councillor Mosher**
Motion passed endorsing staff to assess the purchase of the privately owned corner parcel at the intersection of Crown Drive and Brook Street in order to complete the park and/or offer handicap on street parking and assessable access to the Chain of Lakes Trail.
Item remains on the Status Sheet.
- **Glades Nursing Home - 25 Alton Drive - Future Land Use of This Property – Councillor Mosher**
Information report requested and submitted at the January 9, 2012 meeting.
Item removed from the Status Sheet.
- **100th Anniversary of the Completion of the Memorial Tower - Sir Sandford Fleming Park – Councillor Mosher**
Staff report requested and information report submitted at the December 5, 2011 meeting.
Item removed from the Status Sheet.
- **Public Right Away (Tow Path) on the Northwest Arm - Maintenance and Access - Councillor Mosher**
Motion passed requesting that staff investigate the condition of the HRM owned portions of the walkway along the Northwest Arm, from Sir Sandford Fleming Park towards Purcell's Cove and report on future restoration as well as plans for continued acquisition of shoreline property.
Item remains on the Status Sheet.
- **Request to Amend the C-1 Zone to Remove R-4 Uses Under the Mainland Land Use By-law – Councillor Mosher**
Motion passed requesting a staff report regarding the possibility of amending the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law to remove the R-4 (Multiple Dwelling) Zone uses from the list of permitted uses in the C-1 (Local Business) Zone and that C-3 areas be included as well. Item remains on the Status Sheet.

November 7, 2011

- **Flooding - Purcell's Cove Road – Councillor Mosher**
Staff report requested regarding the potential for a new storm sewer on Melville Avenue and Winchester Avenue as an update to the September 24, 2009 Halifax Water report; and what measures can be taken to help drainage on Purcell's Cove Road.
Item remains on the Status Sheet.
- **Chain of Lakes Trail - Impervious Surface/Flooding Onto Joseph Howe Drive – Councillor Mosher**
Item removed from the Status Sheet at the February 6, 2012 meeting as staff remedied the issue.
- **Pedestrian Safety/Metro Transit - Stoneridge Subdivision – Councillor Mosher**
Staff report requested and information report submitted at the February 6, 2012 meeting.
Item removed from the Status Sheet.

December 5, 2011

- **J.L. Ilsley High School – Campus Opportunity - Councillor Mosher**
Item added to the Status Sheet at the May 3, 2010 meeting. Item removed at the December 5, 2011 meeting as HRM currently does not have the funds to build a football field for the school.
- **Bus Route 52 Service – Bayers Lake Business Park – Councillor Wile**
Information report requested and submitted at the February 6, 2012 meeting and item removed from the Status Sheet.
- **Dakin Drive – Increasing Traffic Shortcutting – Councillor Hum**
Motion passed requesting that Traffic Services staff forward the results of their current review of traffic concerns on Dakin Drive to Community Council.
Information report submitted at the March 5, 2012 meeting and item removed from the Status Sheet.
- **Off Leash Dog Park for Royale Hemlock Estates/Wentworth Estates Area – Councillor Hum**
Motion passed requesting a staff report regarding the potential to create an off leash dog park in the Royale Hemlock Estates/Wentworth Estates area.
Item removed from the Status Sheet at the April 2, 2012 meeting.

March 5, 2012

- **Cowie Hill Development Agreement – Councillor Mosher**
Motion passed requesting a staff report regarding the 1974 Cowie Hill Development Agreement.
Item remains on the Status Sheet.

Petitions:

September 13, 2011

- Councillor Mosher submitted a petition containing 54 signatures on behalf of the residents of the Waterton in opposition to the proposed subdivision of the Waterton Condominium Geothermal Unit and related land under Case 16292.

October 3, 2011

- Councillor Mosher submitted a petition containing 93 signatures on behalf of the residents of Fairmount who are opposed to an R3 development on Palmer Hill Road as it is not compatible with the Fairmount subdivision and would negatively affect the integrity of the existing neighbourhood.

Presentations:

August 8, 2011

- **Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lake Wilderness Reserve – Mr. Bruce E. Smith, Halifax North West Trails Association**

December 5, 2011

- **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

Public Hearings:

June 13, 2011

- **Case 16678 – Amending Agreement – 368 Lacewood Drive, Halifax**
First Reading given May 24, 2011. Staff recommendation approved.

July 4, 2011

- **Case 16217: Heritage Development Agreement – 10 Kirk Road, Halifax**
First Reading given June 13, 2011. Staff recommendation approved.
- **Case 16333: Amending Development Agreement – Halifax Water Operations Centre, 450 Cowie Hill Road, Halifax**
First Reading given June 13, 2011. Staff recommendation approved with the following two revisions:
 - Include additional landscaping details as outlined on the provided Schedule C; and
 - Replace the text of Section 2.5.7 with the following: “The Developer shall submit a complete application for Final Subdivision Approval within thirty (30) days of the registration of this Agreement. The Construction Schedule contained in the Subdivision Agreement shall require a scheduled completion date for Primary and Secondary Services within twelve (12) months from the signing of the Subdivision Agreement.”

January 9, 2012

- **Case 16666: Development Agreement for Bedford West Sub Area 9 – Joint Public Hearing with North West Community Council**
First Reading given December 5, 2011. Staff recommendation approved.

February 6, 2012

- **Case 17123: Amending Stage 1 Development Agreement - Clayton Park West Phase 5**
First Reading given January 9, 2012. Staff recommendation approved.

March 5, 2012

- **Case 17257, Amendment to the Existing Development Agreement for Governors Brook to Reduce the Number of Townhouse Units and to Add Additional Parkland**
First Reading given February 6, 2012. Staff recommendation approved.

Public Participation (Items Brought Forward):

May 2, 2011

- Case 1254, United Gulf Development on the Old Halifax West Property
- Lacewood Terminal Site Selection

June 13, 2011

- Case 1254, United Gulf Development on the Old Halifax West Property
- Volunteer Recognition
- Visioning Process for Mainland Halifax
- Communities in Bloom
- The Auditor General's Report
- Hale Pond Trail
- The Waterton – Sales Trailers
- New Fence Near Birkdale Crescent
- Willett Street Reserve Clean Up

August 8, 2011

- Whopper Dropper Mountain Bike Trail
- Water Testing in the Community Council Area
- Responsible Dog Ownership
- Japanese Knot Weed Control in the Mainland Common
- Signage on Lacewood Drive and Dunbrack Street
- Washmill Court
- Stratford Way Park
- Canada Games Centre
- Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lake Wilderness Reserve (Bayers Lake Expansion)

October 3, 2011

- Case 1254, United Gulf Development on the Old Halifax West Property
- Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lake Wilderness Reserve (Bayers Lake Expansion)
- Map Quality in Reports
- Regional Park - Community Engagement
- Polling District Boundary Review Public Information Meeting

November 7, 2011

- Metro Transit – Potential of a Free Transit for Seniors' Day
- Flooding – Clayton Park West

December 5, 2011

- Potential HRM Stadium
- Formal Process for Public Art

January 9, 2012

- Planning and Engineering Feasibility Study: Extension of Central Sewer, Water and Stormwater Systems, Purcell's Cove, Community Steering Committee

February 6, 2012

- Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lake Wilderness Reserve (Bayers Lake Expansion)

March 5, 2012

- Larry Uteck Extension on to Kearney Lake Road
- Regional Plan Five Year Review Committee

Variance Appeal Hearings:

May 2, 2011

- **Appeal of the Development Officer's Decision to Refuse an Application for a Variance #16863 – 7107 Scot St., Halifax**
Decision of the Development Officer was overturned and the variance was granted.

August 8, 2011

- **Appeal of the Development Officer's Decision to Refuse an Application for a Variance – 15, 17, 19 & 21 Four Mile Lane, Halifax, Case #16989**
Decision of the Development Officer was overturned and the variance was granted.

October 3, 2011

- **Appeal of the Development Officer's Decision to Refuse an Application for a Variance at 91 Douglas Crescent, Halifax**
Decision of the Development Officer to refuse the variance was upheld.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None associated with this report.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Chebucto Community Council meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at the Keshen Goodman Library. Meetings are open to the public and contain a Public Participation portion.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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