

CHEBUCTO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

September 10, 2012

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

STAFF: Ms. Kirby Grant, Solicitor
Mr. Quentin Hill, Legislative Assistant

***Chebucto Community Council
Minutes administratively approved***

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. at Keshen Goodman Library, 330 Lacewood Drive, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 9, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hum that the minutes of July 9, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Walker that the Order of Business be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Status Sheet

4.1.1 Access and Trail Development in the Hemlock Ravine Park Area

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

4.1.2 Rockingham Heritage Society

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

4.1.3 Armdale Rotary to Roundabout Conversion- Request for Report on Effectiveness

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

4.1.4 Cowie Hill Development Agreement

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

4.1.5 Flooding Purcell's Cove Road

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

4.1.6 Pocket Park – Crown Drive and Brook Street – Private Property and Parking Issue

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

4.1.7 Public Right Away (Tow Path) on the NorthWest Arm – Maintenance and Access

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

4.1.8 Graffiti on Chain of Lakes Trail – NorthWest Arm Overpass

No update. To remain on Status Sheet.

4.1.9 Chain of Lakes Trail – Surplus Lands

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 – None

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. HEARINGS

8.1 Public Hearings

8.1.1 Fence Permit Application # 124562 – 7115 Scot Street Halifax

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hum to defer the matter pending staff arrival. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE

9.1 Correspondence – None

9.2 Petitions

Councillor Walker assumed the Chair at 7:07 p.m.

9.2.1 Councillor Mosher

Councillor Mosher submitted a petition containing 20 signatures on behalf of the residents of Retreat Avenue, who do not support a formal trail access at the end of the street, due to concerns for the safety of residents of Retreat Avenue and trail users. Councillor Mosher noted that the Chain of Lakes Trail Committee did not recommend

the consultant recommendation from the report. Councillor Mosher reminded Chebucto Community Council that it had passed a motion, that residents would be consulted before any projects of this magnitude would go forward. Councillor Mosher requested that a copy of the petition be forwarded to the Chair of the Chain of Lakes Committee.

Councillor Mosher assumed the Chair at 7:09 p.m.

9.3 Presentations - None

10. REPORTS – None

11. MOTIONS - None

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Councillor Hum – Rockingham Community Centre oil spill and cleanup operations.

Councillor Hum informed Chebucto Community Council about an oil spill that happened at Rockingham Community Centre as the result of property vandalism. Councillor Hum indicated she has been in contact with community response staff. Councillor Hum wanted to make sure that staff keeps a complete log of the activities at the site.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Walker that Chebucto Community Council request that a staff report on the actions taken for cleanup operation of the oil spill at Rockingham Community Centre. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Walker assumed the Chair at 7:14 p.m.

12.2 Councillor Mosher – Former Down’s Zoological Gardens, Joesph Howe Drive

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Adams that Chebucto Community Council ask staff to go back reactivate discussions to determine if the former Down’s Zoological Gardens is interested in accepting an offer from HRM in order to purchase the lands for the purpose of a public park.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Mosher assumed the chair at 7:16 p.m.

12.3 Personnell Matter - Appointment to Purcell’s Cove Community Steering Committee

Item was dealt with later in the meeting. See page 7.

Chebucto Community Council recessed for five minutes at 7:17 p.m. Meeting resumed at 7:22 p.m.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION - None

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Alyson Currie, Parkland Drive Halifax, addressed Council on behalf of 459 Parkland tenants about issues at Killam owned properties at 459 and 505 Parkland Drive. She indicated that a number of issues at both buildings including fire hazards, rent increases, deteriorating maintenance and removal of facilities.

The Chair advised that the body in charge of this matter was the Province. The Chair specified that issues of fire hazard could be forwarded to Ms. Currie's Councillor and Chebucto Community Council would ask staff to look into any violation of development agreement made with HRM.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Adams that Chebucto Community Council rise and go into an In Camera session, in accordance with Section 19 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, for the purpose of dealing with the items listed under agenda item 15. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council recessed at 7:28 p.m. to convene into In Camera. All of the items under item 15 were dealt with In Camera.

15. IN CAMERA

Community Council may rise and go into a private In Camera session, in accordance with Section 19 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, for the purpose of dealing with the following;

15.1 Personnel Matter

Citizen and Councillor appointments to boards and committees in keeping with the Public Appointment Policy adopted by Regional Council in August 2011, to be found at: <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/documents/Citizenrecruitmentpolicy.pdf>

15.1.1 Purcell's Cove Community Steering Committee

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

15.2 In Camera Minutes – May 15, 2012

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

Council reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motions for the In Camera session were added to the agenda and addressed for ratification at this time.

12.3 Personnell Matter - Appointment to Purcell's Cove Community Steering Committee

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Wile that Chebucto Community Council appoints Mr. Glen Carrigan as the eligible property owner from Study Area1, as the additional member of the Purcell's Cove Community Steering Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

8.1 Public Hearings

8.1.1 Fence Permit Application # 124562 – 7115 Scot Street Halifax

A staff report dated June 25, 2012 was before Council and a notice from Ms. Cathy Donald was before the Committee.

HRM staff, Sergio Grbac, made a verbal presentation to the committee regarding the application.

Ms. Cathy Donald, 7107 Scot Street, presented pictures of her property in relation to the proposed fence. Ms. Donald is opposed to the fence permit application. Her concern was that the fence was too big and will make it feel like she is living beside a fortress and she will lose her sense of living in a residential neighborhood.

Ms. Patricia Moore, 7115 Scot Street, spoke regarding why she applied for the fence permit. Ms. Moore specified issues of vandalism, break and enter and excessive noise from neighboring properties as reasons why the fence was necessary for her property. Ms. Moore indicated that they were willing to lower the fence along the property shared with her neighbor at 7107 Scot Street.

A discussion ensued.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Wile that the west and north side of the fence be built at the proposed 8 foot 10 recommendation and the fence on the east side is to be built at the standard 6 foot 5 inches.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE – October 1, 2012

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Quentin Hill
Legislative Assistant