

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

April 22, 2013

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Outhit, Vice-Chair
Councillor Barry Dalrymple
Councillor Matt Whitman
Councillor Steve Craig

REGRETS: Councillor Brad Johns, Chair

STAFF: Mr. Andrew Bone, Planner Community Recreation Services
Mr. Terry Gallagher, Manager, Planning and Infrastructure
Ms. Ivy Warren, Area Coordinator, Community Recreation &
Culture
Mr. Quentin Hill, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Outhit called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Gordon R. Snow Community Centre, Fall River.

Councillor Dalrymple presented the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification plaque (LEEDs) to the Gordon R Snow Community Centre.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 25, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Craig that the minutes of March 25, 2013 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Craig that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. STATUS ITEMS

5.1 Margeson Drive

No update given.

5.2 Update on Soil and Grading By-law

No update given.

5.3 McCabes Lake

Councillor Outhit advised that Councillor Johns would be taking this item directly to Regional Council.

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION/RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. HEARINGS - NONE

8.1 Public Hearings

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence

9.1.1 Soil and Conservation Society of Metro Halifax

A letter dated March 6, 2013 from S.M. Mandaville was before Community Council.

Community Council acknowledged receipt of the letter submitted by the Soil and Conservation Society of Metro Halifax.

9.2 Petitions – None

9.3 Presentation

9.3.1 Sackville Rivers Assoc., Second Lake Regional Park Assoc., and Friends of First Lake Society- Joint Presentation

Mr. Walter Regan and Mr. Robert Taylor gave the presentation to Community Council.

Mr. Regan and Mr. Taylor provided the following highlights:

- 16km of trails have been completed to date, 6 bridges, boardwalk, 2 underground walkways and links to over 700 acres of parks.
- Every dollar HRM has provided the groups have raised three.
- Wheelchair and stroller accessible. Have introduced tactile and braille signs for the sight impaired people at the trails on First Lake.
- Sackville Rivers Association are working on Sackville Greenway Trail along Little Sackville River to link the Bedford/Sackville Trail to Beaver Bank.
- Friends of First Lake are working on completing trail from Glendale South, to Johnson Crescent around First Lake.

Community Council thanked Mr. Regan and Mr. Taylor for their presentation and indicated that they will continue to support the groups in their effort of providing modes of active transportation.

10. REPORTS

10.1 Revised Terms of Reference for the PAC's

A staff report dated March 27, 2013 was before Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple that North West Community Council rescind the previous Terms of Reference of the St. Margaret's Bay Coastal Planning Advisory Committee and the North West Planning Advisory Committee and adopt the Standard Terms of Reference for PAC's as approved by Halifax Regional Council and provided as Attachment 3 of the March 27, 2013 staff report.

Mr. Andrew Bone, Planner, explained the report to Community Council. He advised that the change is to help give the Planning Advisory Committees more of a say earlier in the development process. He noted that previously the PAC's were given information late in the planning process and were not able to make and significant input, he advised that this would bring the PACs to the middle of the process and allow them to have more impact. Mr. Bone also stated that there is a goal of providing extra training to members of the PAC's.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. **MOTIONS - NONE**
12. **ADDED ITEMS – NONE**
13. **NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**
14. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Ross Evans, Pockwock Road, requested an update on the status of Regional Watershed Advisory Board. He also indicated that in front of his house the shoulder of the road is down and would like to see it fixed.

Councillor Whitman indicated that would send an email off to staff to have the issue looked at.

Councillor Outhit advised that there had been notification sent out to the local paper requesting volunteers for the Regional Water Board.

Mr. Walter Regan, Sackville, wanted to know if there was going to be municipal sewage extended out to McCabe's Lake. He also wanted to know if there would be public input into extending water and sewage to the area. He also wanted to know if HRM would reinstate the Regional Water testing program. Mr. Regan also invited Council to a Rubber Duck Race being held by Acadia Hall and the Boys and Girls Club.

Mr. Bone advised that the request made by Community Council was only to inquire about water service. He advised that report back to Community Council did not have the jurisdiction to request it and it was up to Regional Council to request services. Mr. Bone stated that if Regional Council did proceed there would be public input process.

Councillor Dalrymple advised that he had talked with staff regarding the Water quality testing. He advised that if the sampling could gather and provided by the volunteer groups that staff could be freed up to do the analysis.

Mr. Peter Lund, St. Margaret's Bay, expressed concern about the Water Quality monitoring was not brought back. He also indicated that he was concerned about the amount of lots being placed around McCabe's lake. He noted it was not an urban

reserve area. He requested that North West Community Council ensure that the development not exceed the number of lots that are permitted. He also wondered if the boundaries for the PAC's were corrected to meet the new Community Council boundaries.

Mr. Bone stated that the development would not exceed the number of permitted lots.

15. STATUS SHEET

There were no updates to the status sheet.

16. IN CAMERA

16.1 In Camera Minutes

This item was dealt with at a later In Camera session.

16.2 Personnel Matter

This item was dealt with at a later In Camera session.

17. NEXT MEETING – May 13, 2013

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Quentin Hill
Legislative Assistant

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Extension of Water Service District Boundary to McCabe's Lake North Lands