

HARBOUR EAST-MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

December 12, 2013

PRESENT: Councillor David Hendsbee, Chair  
Councillor Gloria McCluskey, Vice Chair  
Deputy Mayor Darren Fisher  
Councillor Bill Karsten  
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll

STAFF: Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Legislative Assistant called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Nantucket Room of the Dartmouth Sportsplex, 110 Wyse Road, Dartmouth. The Invocation was led by Councillor Karsten.

### 2. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

The Legislative Assistant opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair.

**MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Councillor Hendsbee be nominated Chair of Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council, for 2014.**

The Legislative Assistant called three times for any further nominations. There being none, it was **MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that nominations for the position of Chair cease. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MAIN MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Hendsbee was declared Chair of Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council.

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

**MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher, that Councillor McCluskey be nominated Vice Chair of Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council, for 2014.**

The Chair called three times for any further nominations. There being none, it was **MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that nominations for the position of Vice Chair cease. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**MAIN MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor McCluskey was declared Vice Chair of Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council.

### 3. TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

The Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council annual report dated December 4, 2013 was before Community Council.

Councillor Hendsbee requested that a list of meeting dates and locations be included in the 2014 report. He also suggested that the Annual Report should be signed by the Chair.

**MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher, that Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council table its 2013 Annual Report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chair invited any member of the public to speak with regard to the 2013 Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council Annual Report.

**Mr. Colin May, Dartmouth**, thanked members of Community Council for their work throughout the last year, and wished them well in 2014. Mr. May spoke of the importance of the Regional Plan review. He commented that the site of a development approved by Community Council at Irishtown Road and Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth, (Case 17849) has been placed for sale, noting that he spoke in opposition of the development at the public hearing. Mr. May commented that he has calculated the number of units that could be built on suburban serviceable lots in HRM at 37,000, not including the Regional Centre. Mr. May spoke of the need to attract families to downtown Dartmouth, including Wyse and Windmill Roads. He urged Community Council to become more active in pushing development in the urban core to attract more families into the area.

Deputy Mayor Fisher commented that Community Council currently has no authority to control the unit types within developments in Dartmouth. He noted that Regional Council has requested a report on the possibility to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy for authority to direct unit types through development applications.

**Mr. Shalom Mandaville, Dartmouth**, requested that Council consider in the future requesting amendments to the Municipal Government Act to mandate holding public consultation meetings on any studies done by consultants, in order for the public to be able to ask questions of the consultants undertaking these studies.

#### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 3, 2013**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that the Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council minutes of October 3, 2013 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **6. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

**MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that the order of business be approved, as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**7. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/STATUS SHEET**

No updates were made to the Status Sheet.

**8. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION/RECISSION – None**

**9. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – None**

**10. HEARINGS**

**10.1 Public Hearings - None**

**10.2 Variance Appeal Hearings - None**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**11.1 Correspondence**

**11.1.1 Correspondence from the Soil & Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax re: Phosphorus – Details on Lake Carrying Capacity/Threshold values of lakes, and comparison with artificially high values chosen by HRM**

Councillor McCluskey thanked Mr. Mandaville for his work.

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council forward this correspondence to staff and the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board for their information. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.2 Petitions - None**

**11.3 Presentations - None**

**12. REPORTS**

**12.1 Staff Reports**

**12.1.1 Case 18755: Amending Development Agreement – 5 Horizon Court, Dartmouth (*Notice of Motion*)**

A staff report dated November 21, 2013 was before Community Council.

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher, that Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council give Notice of Motion to consider**

**the proposed amending development agreement as contained in Attachment A of the November 21, 2013 report, to allow a 9 storey mixed use building at 5 Horizon Court and schedule a Public Hearing. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The public hearing will be scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dartmouth Chamber, 90 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth.

**12.2 Boards & Committees - None**

**13. MOTIONS - None**

**14. ADDED ITEMS - None**

**15. NOTICES OF MOTION – None**

**16. IN CAMERA - None**

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Mr. Shalom Mandaville, Soil & Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax (SWCSMH)**, distributed to Community Council members and the Legislative Assistant key chain magnifying glasses from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with information about organisms that live under rocks in streams and rivers. Mr. Mandaville indicated that the EPA provided his society with these educational tools, noting that they can be used to look for organisms within water systems, which can tell about the health of that water system. He indicated that he had presented this information to the students of Prince Arthur High School, and they were very receptive to the information.

With regard to his submission on lake carrying capacity (agenda item 11.1.1), Mr. Mandaville indicated that it is important to know what phosphorus levels are before any development begins. The SWCSMH has completed phosphorus readings on 600 lakes in HRM, and HRM staff have this data, which was started in the 1970s. Mr. Mandaville briefly reviewed the technical aspects of collecting phosphorus data. He indicated that the HRM data from 2007 to 2010 was three times the historical value, and he believes that the lab analysis was done incorrectly and that a double lab verification was not done. Mr. Mandaville indicated that this data is on the HRM website. He directed Community Council to the last page of his submission, which is information on the “Data Base used in the OECD Eutrophication Programme”.

**Mr. Brad Smith, Chair, Dartmouth Sportsplex Community Association**, commented that they are reaching the last mile the project for the revitalization of the Dartmouth Sportsplex, which began in 1999. With the staff report coming forward in January on multi-district facilities, they would like to take this opportunity to remind Community Council about the importance of this project. They have continued over the years to adapt and revitalize the facility to keep it up to date, although over time the facility has

become a little dysfunctional from so many adaptations. Mr. Smith reviewed various reports and studies that have been undertaken over the past few years, to determine the best needs of the facility. He welcomed any questions and thanked Community Council for their support.

**18. NEXT MEETING DATE**

**18.1 Approval of the 2014 Meeting Schedule**

A proposed Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council 2014 meeting schedule was before Community Council. The schedule proposed meetings to take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, as previously requested by Community Council. Councillor Nicoll asked for an additional option of meeting once per month on weeks opposite Regional Council meetings. A revised schedule with both options will be submitted for the next meeting for consideration.

Community Council agreed to set the next Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council meeting date for Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chamber at 90 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle  
Legislative Assistant