

TO: Harbour East Community Council

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SUBMITTED BY: for: Councillor Jackie Barkhouse, Chair, Harbour East Community Council

DATE: September 24, 2012

SUBJECT: Harbour East 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.

Harbour East Community Council requested that the Legislative Assistant maintain a record of the Community Council's business for the first annual meeting to be held in 2011 and annually thereafter.

BACKGROUND

Harbour East Community Council (HECC) was established in May 1996 with the adoption of Administrative Order Number Four- The Harbour East Community Council Administrative Order.

HECC includes the following polling districts:

- District 4 - Cole Harbour (Councillor Lorelei Nicoll)
- District 5 - Dartmouth Centre (Councillor Gloria McCluskey)
- District 6 - East Dartmouth - The Lakes (Councillor Darren Fisher)
- District 7 - Portland - East Woodlawn (Councillor Bill Karsten)
- District 8 - Woodside - Eastern Passage (Councillor Jackie Barkhouse)
- District 9 - Albro Lake - Harbourview (Deputy Mayor Jim Smith)

DISCUSSION

Harbour East Community Council met 18 times between May 2011 (the date of the last Annual Meeting) and September 2012, including four (4) special meetings.

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

STAFF REPORTS:

May 5, 2011:

Case 15940: Forest Hills Planned Unit Development

Staff recommendation approved.

Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board – Consultation in HRM's Storm Water Management Functional Plan

Clarification requested from DLAB. Clarification provided on

June 9, 2011:

Initiate Preparation of the Cole Harbour Open Space Land Use Plan

Staff recommendation approved.

July 7, 2011:

Dartmouth Common Master Plan

Staff recommendation approved.

Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board – Levels in Lake Banook & Lake Mic Mac

Motion approved to refer this matter to Halifax Water for their assessment of the request from DLAB.

Project 01367 – Downtown Dartmouth Viewplanes & Building Height and Form Provisions

Staff recommendation approved.

October 6, 2011:

Case 16986 – Telecommunication Tower, Cole Harbour Road, Cole Harbour

Motion approved that Harbour East Community Council forward a negative recommendation to Industry Canada in relation to the proposal by Bragg Communications Inc. for a proposed 40 metre self-supporting telecommunication tower and associated equipment shelters at 1000 Cole Harbour Road, Cole Harbour.

Land Use By-law Amendment – Higher Accessory Buildings

Staff recommendation approved.

November 10, 2011:

Case 17308: Kings Wharf Development Agreement Amendments

Staff recommendation approved.

Temporary Accessory Buildings
Staff recommendation approved.

December 8, 2011:

Case 16687: MPS/LUB Amendments and Development Agreement for Portland Street, Dartmouth

Staff recommendation approved.

January 17, 2012:

Case 17385: Notting Village Development Agreement, Non-Substantive Amendment

Staff recommendation approved.

Case 17345: Russell Lake West Development Agreement, Non-Substantive Amendment

Staff recommendation approved.

Case 16898: 307 Prince Albert Road Development Agreement, Monaco Investments

Motion lost that Harbour East Community Council give Notice of Motion to consider both the proposed rezonings and development agreement and schedule a Public Hearing.

Russell Lake Water Quality

Staff recommendation approved.

April 5, 2012:

Case 17634: Non-Substantive Amendment to the Development Agreement for 185 Windmill Road, Dartmouth

Staff recommendation approved.

Case 17308: Kings Wharf Development Agreement Amendments

Staff recommendation approved at the April 5, 2012 meeting. Motion to rescind approved at the May 3, 2012 meeting. Amended staff recommendation approved at the May 3, 2012 meeting.

June 14, 2012:

Case 17688: Non-substantial amendment to Portland Hills CDD (Commercial Site), Dartmouth

Staff recommendation approved.

September 13, 2012:

Woodside Community Vision and Action Plan

Presentation by the Woodside Community Liaison Group provided. Staff recommendation approved.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL/STATUS SHEET ITEMS:

- **Staff report re: Ball Hockey Rink Leaman Drive**

Update from Cllr. Smith in January 2012 that he had discussed the matter with staff to his satisfaction, and the matter was removed from the status sheet.

- **Case 16915: Urban Gardening**

An information report dated April 18, 2011 was received with an update on this matter. This matter was removed from the status sheet.

- **Case 16893: Licensed Drinking Establishments - Dartmouth**

An information report dated April 20, 2011 was received with an update on this matter. This matter was removed from the status sheet

- **“Non-Compliant” HRM-owned parking lot NW of Park Avenue**

An information report dated November 14, 2011 was received. This matter was deleted from the status sheet.

- **Staff report re: Sculpture Park, Dartmouth Waterfront**

Latest update was in August 2011 that staff were studying the topic and would be reporting to Community Council.

- **Councillor Karsten – Request for staff report – Case 17233: C-1 Zoning and Permitted Uses in the Auburn Drive Area**

An information report dated October 26, 2011 was received. This matter was deleted from the status sheet.

- **Project 1286: Dartmouth Main Street Plan Review**

The Dartmouth LUB Housekeeping Amendments will be coming forward to Community Council in the coming months. The Dartmouth Main Street Plan Review will be coming forward to Community Council in the coming months for recommendation to Regional Council, and to schedule a joint public hearing. Item remains on the status sheet.

- **Dartmouth MPS Water Policy Review – DLAB report on policy alternative for water quality preservation**

The Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board is working on the Dartmouth MPS Water Policy Review, and anticipate the project to be completed before end of 2012, at which time the Board will report to Community Council. Item remains on status sheet.

- **Dartmouth MPS Water Policy Review – Staff report on immediate remediation of Russell Lake**

While DLAB works on the Dartmouth MPS Water Policy Review, staff were requested to look into immediate remediation of Russell Lake. An information report is before Community Council at the October 4, 2012 meeting. Item remains on the status sheet.

PRESENTATIONS:

May 5, 2011:

Project 1286: Dartmouth Main Street Plan Review – Marcus Garnet

Presentation provided by staff as an update on this project. This project will be forthcoming to Community Council within the next few months, for recommendation to Regional Council for a joint public hearing.

June 9, 2012:

Ujamaa – African Nova Scotia Community / Greater Halifax Partnership

Presentation provided.

November 10, 2011:

Shubenacadie Canal Commission – Development of Dartmouth Greenway

Presentation provided. Motion approved that Harbour East Community Council recommends that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Reconvene the existing working committee of senior staff, the Canal Commission and technical consultants to finalize the design and cost elements required to develop the Turbine Chamber, the Tail Race and the Cradle/Marine Railway on the Dartmouth Inclined Plane, including the area of the Pine Street Extension (currently known as Irishtown Road); and
2. That provision be included in the 2012-13 Capital Budget for completion of the redevelopment of the Pine Street Extension (currently known as Irishtown Road) into a turning circle, thereby allowing for the interpretation of these historic elements on the Dartmouth Canal Greenway.

This matter was incorporated into the 2012/13 budget.

June 14, 2012:

Dartmouth Cove Comprehensive Plan – Harold Madi, The Planning Partnership

Presentation provided.

Motion approved to approve in principle the Dartmouth Cove Comprehensive Plan, as presented.

August 8, 2012:

Shubenacadie Canal Commission – Dartmouth Canal Greenway Project

Presentation provided.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

May 5, 2012:

Case 16411 Downtown Dartmouth Sign Requirements

Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

Case 16601: Harbour Isle Development Agreement, Dartmouth

Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

June 9, 2011:

Case 16507: Development Agreement for Apartment Building, Dartmouth
Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

July 7, 2011:

Case 16568 – Land Use By-law Amendments – Larger Accessory Buildings
Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

Case 16687: MPS/LUB Amendments and Development Agreement for Portland Street, Dartmouth

Notice of Motion given at July 7/11 HECC meeting. Joint public hearing held with Regional Council on October 4/11. Staff recommendation approved.

October 6, 2011:

Case 16988 – Development Agreement for 216 Main Street, Dartmouth
Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

April 5, 2012:

Case 17443: Clayton Developments, Rezoning of Colby South, Phase II
Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

May 3, 2012:

Case 17170: Amendments to the Development Agreement at 61 Athorpe Drive, Dartmouth, regarding Temporary Signage
Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

July 5, 2012:

Case 17143: Development Agreement - Horizon Court, Dartmouth
Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

July 10, 2012:

First Reading and Notice of Motion given at the special July 10, 2012 HECC meeting. Joint public hearing held with Regional Council on September 11, 2012. Staff recommendation approved.

PETITIONS:

November 10, 2011:

Councillor Nicoll - Petition with 36 signatures opposing a zoning change to permit the inclusion of a take-out pizza restaurant in the Auburn Drive Convenience Store.

February 14, 2012:

Councillor Nicoll - Petition with 224 signatures of residents opposed to the application for development of the lands adjacent to the Grace Lutheran Church (Case 17343: Gracehaven Seniors Housing Complex, 40 Caldwell Road, Cole Harbour).

April 5, 2012:

Mr. Wayne Pitman submitted a petition with 7 signatures by residents of Ainslie Crescent opposed to the variance application for Case 17477, which was submitted during the variance appeal hearing at this meeting.

May 3, 2012:

Councillor Nicoll - Petition signed by approximately 74 residents of Parkway Drive, Atholea Drive, Landsdown Drive, and Beaver Crescent, Cole Harbour, requesting HRM Traffic to work with Clayton Developments to consider safety concerns and to find an alternate route for heavy truck traffic other than the Atholea Drive/Parkway Drive corridor for the Colby South development project.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Speaker concerned with cycling damage and lack of maintenance to Leighton Dillman Park.
- Speaker concerned with developers making non-conforming alterations to buildings, instead of going through the proper avenue of applying for an amendment.
- Speaking commenting on the need for a crosswalk at the Portland Hills Transit Terminal.
- Speaker introducing a delegation of representatives from St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, in attendance with a representative from the Canadian Urban Institute, Toronto.
- Speaker in support of Community Council's decision to forward a negative recommendation to Industry Canada in relation to a proposed telecommunication tower at 1000 Cole Harbour Road.
- Speaker thanking Community Council for approving amendments to the Stage II Development Agreement for Kings Wharf.
- Speakers in favour, and against Case 16898: 307 Prince Albert Road Development Agreement, Monaco Investments.

- Speaker promoting the 'Epic Dartmouth' Triathlon Race.
- Speaker concerned about golf balls from Brightwood Golf Course landing in neighbouring residential properties.
- Speaker in support of the Dartmouth Canal Greenway Project.
- Speaker in favour of a playground on the Starr Manufacturing site.

VARIANCE APPEAL HEARINGS:

July 7, 2011:

Appeal of Site Plan Approval & Variance Approval – 78 Shore Road, Dartmouth

Variance hearing held and closed. Development Officer's decision upheld to approve the site plan for a three unit townhouse dwelling and grant the variance.

August 8, 2011:

Appeal of Variance Approval – Corner of Lakewood Court and Lakewater Court, PID 41329202, Dartmouth

Variance hearing held and closed. Development Officer's decision upheld to approve the variances.

April 5, 2012:

Case 17477: Appeal of Variance Refusal, 17 Ainslie Crescent, Eastern Passage

Variance hearing held and closed. Development Officer's decision upheld to refuse the variance.

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

Harbour East Community Council meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month (unless otherwise stated) in the Council Chamber at 90 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public and include an opportunity for Public Participation at the end of each meeting.

Minutes, agendas, and reports are available on the HRM website and from the Clerk's Office.

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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