

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 5, 2011

PRESENT: Councillor Robert Harvey, Chair
Councillor Tim Outhit, Vice Chair
Councillor Barry Dalrymple
Councillor Peter Lund

REGRETS: Councillor Brad Johns

STAFF: Ms. Krista Tidgwell, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room of the BMO Centre, 61 Gary Martin Drive, Bedford.

Regrets were provided from Councillor Brad Johns, as he is attending the Annual General Meeting for the Sackville Heights Community Centre this evening.

2. TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

An annual report dated April 19, 2011 was before Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Lund, that North West Community Council table the Annual Report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public came forward at this time to speak on the annual report.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – April 5, 2011 (*special meeting*)

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Lund, that the special meeting minutes of April 5, 2011 be approved, as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 14.1 Case 16418 – Development Agreement – 70 First Lake Drive, Sackville
- 14.2 Case 16763 – Development Agreement at 137 Walker Avenue, Sackville

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Lund, that the Order of Business be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

6.1 STATUS SHEET REVIEW

6.1.1 Sign Requirements for Home Based Businesses within R1 Zones in Districts 19, 20 & 21

It was noted that a staff information report will be provided to the Community Council for their May 26, 2011 meeting. Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

6.1.2 Extend Water Service Area to Fenerty Road, Springfield Lakes

No update, item to remain on the Status Sheet.

6.1.3 Hammonds Plains Road – Street Lighting & Speed Limits

(i) Information Report dated April 11, 2011 re: Request for Street Lighting – Hammonds Plains Road

(ii) Submission from Greater Hammonds Plains Communities Association Transportation Committee dated April 18, 2011 re: Street Lighting along Hammonds Plains Road

(iii) Information Report dated April 21, 2011 re: Hammonds Plains Road Street Lighting

Councillor Lund requested that the Information Reports dated April 11th and 21, 2011, as well as the submission from the Greater Hammonds Plains Communities Association Transportation Committee be provided to the Hammonds Plains Homeowners Associations sub-committee for their information.

MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that Item 6.1.3 be removed from the Status Sheet. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6.1.4 Intersection of Pockwock Road and Hammonds Plains Road

Councillor Lund provided an update, noting that improvements have been made to the signage.

MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that Item 6.1.4 be removed from the Status Sheet. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6.1.5 Trails Update

A copy of the correspondence to the Honourable Charlie Parker, Minister of Natural Resources, dated April 12, 2011 respecting the Community Council's request for designation of park land was before the Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Lund, that Item 6.1.5 be removed from the Status Sheet. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6.1.6 Request for Over Head Pedestrian Lights at the Walker Connector Road and Old Sackville Road, Lr. Sackville

No update, item to remain on the Status Sheet.

6.1.7 Request for Bus Route Highway 103 from Hammonds Plains Road to Bedford

This matter was referred back to the North West Transit Advisory Committee during the Community Council's March 24, 2011 meeting. The Community Council is awaiting a response respecting their request to seek further clarification on the NWTAC's recommendation.

6.1.8 Rezoning options for Hartland Village and Waterstone Village

A staff information report dated April 15, 2011 was before the Community Council.

It was noted that planning cases have been generated and staff are proceeding forwarded to public participation.

MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that Item 6.1.8 be removed from the Status Sheet. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6.1.9 Crosswalk Request – Smokey Drive and Glendale Drive

A staff information report dated April 13, 2011 was before the Community Council.

Councillor Harvey provided an update, noting concerns for senior citizens' safety while crossing the street and requested that this matter remain on the Status Sheet.

6.1.10 Highway 107 Bedford/Burnside Bypass

Councillor Outhit requested that this matter remain on the Status Sheet.

6.1.11 Case 01311 – Papermill Lake CCDD MPS Amendment, Bedford (see Item 12.1.2)

Matter addressed under Item 12.1.2, see page 8.

Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

6.1.12 Cushing Hill Comprehensive Development (CCDD)

A staff report will be provided to the Community Council in the near future. Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

6.1.13 Area Rate for Implementing a Sidewalk within the Sunset Ridge and Twinbrooks Subdivisions

The Community Council requested that this matter remain on the Status Sheet to allow Councillor Johns to address at the next meeting.

- 7. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**
- 8. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**
- 9. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**
- 10. HEARINGS – NONE**

- 11. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**
- 11.1 Correspondence – None**
- 11.2 Petitions – None**

Councillor Dalrymple entered the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

11.3 Presentations

11.3.1 Ujamaa re: Sustainability of the African Nova Scotian Community Strategy

A copy of Ujamaa's presentation, along with briefing notes of Ujamaa's discussions with some of HRM's Councillors was before the Community Council.

Dr. Rocky Jones introduced himself and Ms. Carol Anne Write Parks of the Greater Halifax Partnership, and delivered a presentation to the Community Council. Highlights were as follows:

- Ujamaa is presently speaking with the three levels of government
- opportunity to support the development of framework for the African Affairs function within HRM; define framework for HRM's Office of African Affairs to ensure synergy, alignment of mandates and avoid duplication of effort
- Councillors and Regional Council may want to consider the formation of a sub-committee to provide oversight and guidance to the Office function
- meeting with HRM staff (Community Development) to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will work to increase HRM's engagement with the African Nova Scotian community in HRM
- the MOU should aim to provide greater alignment to the business units within HRM, particular emphasis on the work of the Community Development Division

12. REPORTS

12.1 NORTH WEST PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.1.1 Case 15894: MPS/LUB Amendments, Westwood Hills Subdivision, Upper Tantalion

A staff report dated April 6, 2011 was before the Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that North West Community Council recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Give First Reading to the proposed amendments to the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law as provided in Attachments C and D of the staff report dated March 11, 2011, and schedule a public hearing; and**
- 2. Approve the proposed amendments to the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law as provided in Attachments C and D of the staff report dated March 11, 2011.**

Councillor Lund advised that this matter has also been reviewed by the Western Region Community Council, of which a recommendation to Give First Reading has been forwarded to Regional Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Case 01311 – Plan Amendment for Paper Mill Lake CCDD (i) staff supplementary report

The following was before the Community Council:

- A report from the North West Planning Advisory Committee dated April 6, 2011.
- A staff supplementary report dated April 14, 2011.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Lund, that North West Community Council:

- 1. Refer Case 01311 back to staff and request a report outlining options and a process for a traffic and public transportation study for the Bedford Highway and Hammonds Plain Road, prior to this or any other proposed plan policy changes related to this development project, moving forward;**
- 2. That staff include in the report suggested policy guidelines and a process in order for HRM to implement a Capital Cost Charge policy for all future**

development in this area of Bedford. With the CCCs being designed to assist with all infrastructure charges, including the cost of providing the facilities and infrastructure required to improve public transit and road infrastructure in this area; and

- 3. Further, that staff go back to the community to consult with Bedford residents on the changes implemented in regard to density and permitted land uses for this development since the previous public meeting, as well as to seek input on traffic, public transportation and the proposed CCCs model for this and future development projects within Bedford.**

Councillor Outhit expressed concern with traffic density, congestion and public transportation within the Bedford community. He suggested that staff consult with the developer and residents to plan for additional growth within the Bedford community.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. ADDED ITEMS

14.1 Case 16418 – Development Agreement – 70 First Lake Drive, Sackville

A report from the North West Planning Advisory Committee dated May 4, 2011 was before the Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Lund, that North West Community Council Give First Reading to consider the proposed development agreement as provided in Attachment A of the staff report dated April 18, 2011, and schedule a public hearing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Public Hearing scheduled for May 26, 2011.

14.2 Case 16763 – Development Agreement at 137 Walker Avenue, Sackville

A report from the North West Planning Advisory Committee dated May 4, 2011 was before the Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that North West Community Council Give First Reading to consider the proposed development agreement as provided in Attachment A of the staff report dated April 8, 2011, and schedule a public hearing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Public Hearing scheduled for May 26, 2011.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Nick Antoff, Chair, Waterstone Neighbourhood Association expressed concern regarding inconsistencies in the speed limits along the Hammonds Plains Road in respect to the new Yield to Transit Bus Legislation. He made reference to the following clause that *drivers will only be required to yield to transit buses where the posted speed limit is 60 km/h or less*. He noted that portions of the Hammonds Plains Road have posted speed limits of 70 km/h, making it difficult for buses to get back onto the road. He suggested that either the 70 km/h speed limits along the Hammonds Plains Road be reduced to 60 km/h, where applicable or the Legislation be increased to 70 km/h or less.

MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that the North West Community Council contact the appropriate Provincial department and HRM Traffic Authority respecting concerns raised regarding inconsistencies in the Hammonds Plains Road speed limits in respect to the Yield to Transit Bus Legislation. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mr. Ross Evans, Pockwock Road, reviewed photos he had taken respecting a pothole at the intersection of Hammonds Plains Road and Pockwock Road. He expressed concern with water collecting in the hole and washing away the fill used to patch the hole. He commented that a permanent solution needs to be found to fix the hole. It was noted that Councillor Lund would follow up with staff and report back to the Community Council.

17. NEXT MEETING DATE – May 26, 2011

The May 26, 2011 meeting will be held at the Sackville Heights Community Centre 50 Plus Room, 45 Connolly Road, Sackville from 7- 9 p.m.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS – NONE

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