

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

March 29, 2012

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Outhit, Chair
Councillor Robert Harvey
Councillor Peter Lund
Councillor Brad Johns

REGRETS: Councillor Barry Dalrymple, Vice Chair

STAFF: Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the BMO Centre Multi-purpose Room, 65 Gary Martin Drive, Bedford.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 23, 2012

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Lund that the minutes of February 23, 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 Harvey, seconded by Councillor Johns that the Order of Business be approved, as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

4.1 STATUS SHEET REVIEW

A copy of the Status Sheet was before the Community Council for review.

4.1.1 Request for Street Light Installation – Hammonds Plains Road

Councillor Lund advised that he followed up with staff on the February 16, 2012 information report that was before the Community Council on February 23, 2012. Staff indicated that they follow the standard for street lighting established in 2009, regardless of whether it is in an urban, suburban or rural boundary; the Hammonds Plains Road meets this standard. He further noted that the street lights on Lucasville Road and Kearney Lake Road pre-date amalgamation and requested staff attend their April meeting to provide further clarification on the 2009 lighting standard. Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.2 Case 01311: Paper Mill Lake CCDD MPS Amendment, Bedford

No update, item to remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.3 Request for Report from Halifax Water – Status of Flooding at Intersection of Hammonds Plains Road and Blue Water Road

A staff response dated March 12, 2012 was before Community Council.

Councillor Lund advised he is awaiting a response from staff as whether under normal heavy rain fall events there is sufficient grade to carry water away to avoid further reoccurrence of flooding. Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.4 Petition - Request for playground in park area near Legacy Court

A staff memorandum dated March 20, 2012 was before Community Council. Item removed from the Status Sheet.

4.1.5 Rain Event of August 2, 2011 and the property at 327 Lakeview Avenue, Sackville

A staff response dated March 29, 2012 was before Community Council. Item removed from the Status Sheet.

4.1.6 Bedford Waterfront Design Study

No update, item to remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.7 Funding for Hammonds Plains Common Area Rate

Councillor Lund advised that HRM has submitted a funding request to the Province for 1/3 construction cost of the baseball field. Item to remain on the Status Sheet pending confirmation from the Province and a staff report back to the Community Council.

4.1.8 Request for Update re: Traffic Lights at Intersection of Hammonds Plains Road and Glen Arbour

Correspondence from M. Sooriyakumaran of Annapolis Group dated March 23, 2012 respecting traffic signal at Hammonds Plains Road and Glen Arbour Way was circulated to the Community Council.

Mr. Mark McGonnell, Development Engineer, Community and Recreation Services provided an overview of the March 23, 2012 correspondence, indicating that a traffic signal is warranted at the intersection of Hammonds Plains Road and Glen Arbour Way. Staff will engage Genivar to revise the traffic signal design and report back to the Community Council. Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.9 Request for Update on Soil and Grading By-law

The Clerk advised that a report is being prepared to the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee, with an update to be provided to North West Community Council in this regard. The Community Council requested the Clerk research the origin of this item being raised at Community Council in the past. Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

4.1.10 Area Rate for Implementing a Sidewalk within the Sunset Ridge and Twin Brooks Subdivisions

Councillor Johns advised that he will be meeting with staff on this matter. Item to remain on the Status Sheet.

- 5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**
- 6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**
- 7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**
- 8. HEARINGS – NONE**

- 9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**
 - 9.1 Correspondence – None**
 - 9.2 Petitions – None**
 - 9.3 Presentations – None**

10. REPORTS

10.1 North West Planning Advisory Committee

10.1.1 Case 17532 – Non-Substantive Amendment for Signage for General Commercial in Bedford South, Bedford

A report from the North West Planning Advisory Committee dated March 7, 2012 was before Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, second by Councillor Lund that North West Community Council:

- 1. Approve the proposed Amending Agreement as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated February 1, 2012, to enable additional facial wall signage in the General Commercial area of Bedford South; and**
- 2. Require the Amending Agreement be signed by the property owners within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 Members of North West Community Council

10.2.1 Councillor Johns – Discussion re: Crosswalk on Sackville Drive from Sunset Ridge to Twin Brooks

MOVED by Councillor Johns, second by Councillor Lund that North West Community Council request a report outlining a request for installation of a crosswalk on Sackville Drive at the intersection of Sunset Ridge and Twin Brooks. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.2 Councillors Harvey and Johns – Allocation of Funds from the Sackville Landfill Community Compensation Fund

A motion memorandum with attached request for funding from the Navy League of Canada Sackville Branch was before the Community Council.

Councillors Harvey and Johns provided an overview of the motion memorandum for request for funding from the Sackville Landfill Community Compensation Fund.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, second by Councillor Johns that North West Community Council provide funding for the following items from the Sackville Landfill Community Compensation Fund:

- **\$5,000 transferred to the Bursary Fund**
- **\$5,000 transferred to the Sackville Navy Canadian League Cadet Program**
- **\$25,000 transferred to the Hartland Village Environmental Park project**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.3 Councillor Lund – Request for Review of By-law T-400 – Truck Routes

A motion memorandum was before the Community Council.

Councillor Lund noted an addition to the motion to include:

- e) *to provide clarification on respective roles and responsibilities of HRM, the Province and RCMP for enforcement and signage along said routes;*
- f) *and request staff to work with the Province and RCMP on establishing an education initiative directed to truck drivers along said routes.*

Councillor Lund noted that Nick Antoft of the Greater Hammonds Plains Communities Association/Transportation and Traffic Committee was in attendance to assist with questions of clarification, if needed. He further thanked Mr. Antoft for bringing this initiative forward to the Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Lund, second by Councillor Johns that North West Community Council request staff to review By-law T-400 Truck Routes and propose amendments necessary:

- a) **to ensure successful prosecutions under By-Law T-400;**

- b) to better enable proper enforcement preventing through truck traffic along
Kearney Lake Road, Lucasville Road and Hammonds Plains Road;**
- c) to enable appropriate signage along said roadways to deter through truck traffic;**
- d) to provide clarification of the Urban Core Service Boundary applicable under By-Law T-400;**
- e) to provide clarification on respective roles and responsibilities of HRM, the Province and RCMP for enforcement and signage along said routes;**
- f) and request staff to work with the Province and RCMP on establishing an education initiative directed to truck drivers along said routes.**

Further, that North West Community Council request the Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Transportation requesting the removal of directional signage along Highway 103 related to Blue Acres Industrial Park.

Councillor Lund noted that there is confusion from truck drivers traveling from Bridgewater and assuming they have to turn off at Exit 5, travel along Hammonds Plains Road to enter into Blue Acres Industrial Park. Wherein, drivers could travel straight through to Kearney Lake Road without losing a large amount of time.

Councillor Harvey related to concern around the confusion of directional signage in District 23, noting that the Old Sackville Road is a non-truck route; however, there are still old Provincial signs in place. Residents have questioned whether an Acadia Lines bus that travels along the Old Sackville Road, shortcutting down to Petro Canada Station to pick up passengers at Cobequid Road is permitted. The Community Council agreed to add Councillor Harvey's concern to the letter to seek investigation of this signage.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 Office of the Municipal Clerk

10.3.1 Discussion of timing and location of Annual Meeting

A brief discussion was held on the timing and location of the Community Council's annual meeting. The Community Council agreed to hold their annual meeting with their regularly scheduled May meeting at the Sackville Heights Community Centre at 7 p.m.

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

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Walter Regan, Sackville Rivers Association raised the following:

- With the upcoming budget deliberations that consideration be given to allocating \$5 million toward trail construction
- Requested a status update on “Brad’s Brook” (brook located in District 19; name unknown)
- Requested a status update on the upgrades to the Sackville Drive culvert

It was noted that Councillor Johns would seek an update from staff on the status of the brook for the next regular meeting.

It was Councillor Harvey’s understanding that the upgrades to the culvert are in the 2012 work plan.

Mr. Ross Evans, Pockwock commented that in 1996 his father and a group of concerned citizens raised concern with the Minister of Transportation respecting the flooding at Hammonds Plains and Blue Water Road. The Minister had indicated that the Province would be cutting through the hill and building up the stretch of the road, which Mr. Evan noted has not happened to date.

Mr. Nick Antoft, Waterstone thanked the Community Council in relation to their recommendation on By-law T-400. He reminded Community Council that there are truck issues throughout HRM, suggesting that when the By-law is updated that it should be enforceable throughout the Municipality.

Mr. Antoft further highlighted the discussions between himself, Councillor Lund, HRM staff, RCMP and vehicle compliance in relation to By-law T-400 following the February 23rd Community Council meeting.

On behalf of the Community Council, Councillor Johns expressed appreciation to residents that raise issues at Community Council, as well as offer suggested solutions for the Community Council’s consideration.

In response to a request made by Mr. Keith Ayling, Masthead News on the status of construction of Margeson Drive (ie. seeding and sodding), Councillor Johns advised that there are no funds currently budgeted and it would be up to developers to complete the second set out to Waterstone. However, he did not foresee any movement on this for another few years. Mr. Mark McGonnell, Development Engineer, Community and Recreation Services estimated a timeline of approximately four years.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE – April 26, 2012

The Community Council requested the April meeting be held at the Sackville Library Fenerty Room, if available.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Krista Vining
Legislative Assistant

INFORMATION ITEMS – NONE