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Peninsula Community Council  
June 13, 2011

**TO:** Chair and Members  
Peninsula Community Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** *Original signed*  
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Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

**DATE:** June 1, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Peninsula Community Council Annual Report

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### 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.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since June 2010 Peninsula Community Council has held eleven meetings. It dealt with five public hearings, including two joint public hearings with Regional Council, and one joint public hearing with Chebucto Community Council. Community Council heard ten Variance Appeals, and received five presentations from the public and three from staff.

## DISCUSSION

Peninsula Community Council consists of District 11 (Councillor Jerry Blumenthal) – Halifax North End; District 12 (Councillor Dawn Sloane) – Halifax Downtown; District 13 (Councillor Sue Uteck) Northwest Arm – South End; and District 14 (Councillor Jennifer Watts) Connaught Quinpool).

Peninsula Community Council met 11 times between June 2010 and May 2011. The following will provide detail of Peninsula Community Council's business for the past year:

### Planning Applications:

June 14, 2010

- **Case 01356: MPS Amendment and Development Agreement - 2579 Windsor Street, Halifax** (Development Agreement was approved; joint public hearing with Regional Council on the MPS Amendment was held on September 14, 2010, and the Amendment was approved)
- **Case 01248 - MPS/LUB Amendments and DA - Cedar Street In-fill, Halifax** (Development Agreement was approved)

November 8, 2010

- **Case 01214: Amendments to the Accessory Building Requirements of the Halifax Peninsula LUB** (Joint Public Hearing with Chebucto Community Council was held and Amendments to the Halifax Peninsula Land Use Bylaw were approved)
- **Case 01339: Heritage Development Agreement – 5757 Inglis Street** (Public Hearing held and Community Council approved a Development Agreement to allow for two additions and the conversion of the existing municipally registered heritage property into a thirteen unit residential building)
- **Case 01356: MPS Amendment & Development Agreement – 2579 Windsor Street, Halifax** (Development Agreement to permit an office was approved)

December 13, 2010

- **Case 15937: Fenwick Tower Redevelopment: MPS / LUB Amendments and Development Agreement** (recommendation to hold joint public hearing with Regional Council approved; joint public hearing with Regional Council held February 1, 2011 and amendments to the Halifax MPS and Halifax LUB approved; Community Council approved the Development Agreement April 11, 2011)

January 10, 2011

- **Case 16248: Amendments to Development Agreement, Gladstone Ridge, Gladstone and Almon Streets, Halifax** (approved amendments to the Development Agreement to include additional property at 6136 Almon Street--former CNIB site--in order to permit a mixed-use, residential/commercial building)

Variance Appeals:

September 13, 2010

- **2487 Davison Street** (Community Council overturned the decision of the Development Officer, and granted the variance)
- **6583 Quinpool Road** (Community Council overturned the decision of the Development Officer and refused the variance)
- **1747 Rosebank Avenue** (Community Council upheld the decision of the Development Officer to approve the variance)
- **1590 Walnut Street** (Community Council overturned the decision of the development officer and refused the variance)
- **1545 Henry Street** (Community Council upheld the decision of the Development Office to approve the variance)

October 4, 2010

- **6127/6129 Shirley Street** (Community Council overturned the decision of the Development Officer and granted the variance)

November 8, 2010

- **5516 Stairs Street** (Community Council overturned the decision of the Development Officer and granted the variance)
- **1234 Edward Street** (Community Council upheld the decision of the Development Officer to refuse the variance)

December 13, 2010

- **2692 Belle Aire Terrance** (Community Council upheld the decision of the Development Officer to refuse the variance)

February 7, 2011

- **5643 Fenwick Street** (Community Council upheld the decision of the Development Officer to approve the variance)

Presentations from the Public:

June 14, 2010

- **Khyber Arts Society** – presentation made in regard to recommendations contained in the TCI Consultant's Report (Community Council passed a motion endorsing the Society's recommendation for Option C of the report)

April 11, 2011

- **Tennis Nova Scotia** – presentation provided in regard to efforts to develop a year round not-for-profit tennis facility that will become a focal point for community tennis programming in HRM and Nova Scotia. (Community Council request staff follow up with regard to whether the project fits within the Community Facility Master Plan)
- **Linda Felix** – information presentation provided on Spay Day, held May 1, 2011.

May 9, 2011

- **Halifax Urban Greenway Association-** presentation provided on an update of the Association's activities (Community Council passed a motion supporting the Halifax Urban Greenway as important infrastructure for Peninsular Halifax, and recommending that land acquisition negotiations with CN be expedited.
- **Business Improvement District** – Agricola/Gottingen/Hydrostone – presentation provided by Bernard Smith on an initiative to create a business improvement district for the Agricola/Gottingen/Hydrostone area.

Presentations from Staff:

October 4, 2010

- **Regional Parking Strategy and Winter Park Solutions** – Ken Reashor, Director of Transportation and Public Works provided a presentation on the Regional Parking Strategy and on the 2010/11 winter parking strategy.

December 13, 2010

- **One-way Streets** – Dave McCusker, Manager, HRM Regional Transportation provided a presentation on street network changes in the downtown of Halifax, targeted for implementation in June 2011.

January 10, 2011

- **Economic Analysis of Major Concerts and HRM Major Concerts Decision Making Process Information Report** – Mike Gillett, Senior Events Coordinator presented the information report and responded to questions from Community Council.

Public Participation (Items Brought Forward):

- Concept of urban hens
- Concerts on the Common
- Absentee landlords and student tenants
- Skating Oval on the Common
- Communication of recycling information to the public

Additional Matters Raised by Councillors (Staff Reports Pending)

- Westmount Subdivision – Community Meeting
- Recurring Curbside Garbage Dumping on the Peninsula
- Policy to Manage request for Upgrades to sports fields in HRM parks on the Peninsula
- Sustaining Minor Baseball on the Peninsula
- District 12 PAC Membership - Evolution of the process RE Design Review Committee and District 12 Planning Advisory Committee
- Impact of a bylaw amendment to legalize parking lots in R2A zone

**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**

Peninsula Community Council meetings are held on the second Monday of every month in the Council Chamber, City Hall. Meetings are open to the public and contain a Public Participation portion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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