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Item No.

TO: Chair and Members of Peninsula Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: _____
Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

DATE: December 4, 2009

SUBJECT: **2010 Peninsula Community Council Meeting Schedule**

ORIGIN

Municipal Clerk's Office

RECOMMENDATION:

That Peninsula Community Council approve the following meeting schedule for 2010:

- January 11
- February 8
- March 8
- April 12
- May 10
- June 14
- September 13
- November 8
- December 13

BACKGROUND

Each year Community Council reviews and approves its meeting schedule for the upcoming year. The schedule is created in accordance with Peninsula Community Council's Rules of Procedure (attached). According to the Rules of Procedure, Community Council will hold ten (10) regular meetings each year on the second Monday of the month, except during July and August; and, if the second Monday falls on a holiday, that regular meeting is not held.

DISCUSSION:

In 2010, the October meeting would fall on the Thanksgiving holiday, therefore, according to the Rules of Procedure Community Council would not meet. In the past, there have been issues come forward which Community Council felt needed to be dealt with in a timely manner and, therefore, it scheduled an alternate meeting date. Community Council may want to consider scheduling an alternate date for an October meeting. Additionally, if Community Council is aware of any meeting dates that are in conflict, then those dates can be noted, and the Legislative Assistant can prepare a revised schedule.

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, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES:

None provided.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 'A': Peninsula Community Council's Rules of Procedure.

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be adopted by the Peninsula Community Council as its Rules of Procedure and that when and if the same are adopted, the Secretary of the Community Council be instructed to file a certified copy hereof with the Clerk of the Municipal Council.

December 10, 2001

**PENINSULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RULES OF PROCEDURE**

DEFINITIONS:

1. In this resolution,
 - (a) "Community Council" means the Peninsula Community Council consisting of the members of the Halifax Regional Council elected in polling district 11, Halifax North End, polling district 12, Halifax Downtown, polling district 13, Northwest Arm-South End, and polling district 14, Connaught-Quinpool.
 - (b) "Member" means a member of a Community Council.
 - (c) "Chair" means the Chair of the Community Council.
 - (d) "Vice-Chair" means the Vice-Chair of Community Council.

CHAIR:

2. (1) The Community Council shall annually elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from among its members in accordance with the requirements of the *Municipal Government Act*. A Vice-Chair shall be initially elected at the meeting on December 10, 2001.
 - (2) The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Community Council.
 - (3) In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall preside.
 - (4) In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, a Chair shall be appointed from the members present.

MEETINGS:

3. (1) There shall be ten (10) regular meetings of the Community Council in each year to be held on the second Monday in each month, **except during the months of July and August** and except that if the second Monday shall fall on a holiday, that regular meeting shall not be held. The Community Council may, by resolution, establish a summer meeting schedule if desired.

(2) At the written request of three members of the Community Council, the Clerk shall call a special meeting of the Community Council for the purpose and at the time mentioned in the request, on at least three days' notice.

(3) The Chair, upon the request of two (2) or more members, may cancel a regular meeting of the Community Council for lack of business or other valid reason.

(4) The meetings shall commence at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

(5) The Community Council shall annually by resolution establish a schedule of meeting sites if desired.

QUORUM:

4. A majority of members of the Community Council, including the Chair, shall constitute a quorum.

PROCEDURE:

5. Except as otherwise provided in this resolution, the procedure applicable to meetings of the Council of the Municipality, including the procedures prescribed by the Procedure of Council Administrative Order, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to meetings of the Community Council, with the exception of the Order of Proceedings set out in Section 22 thereof and in the stead thereof, the Order of Proceedings of the Community Council shall be:

- a) Call to Order
- b) Minutes of the previous meeting
- c) Approval of the Order of Business and Approval of Additions and Deletions
- d) Business Arising Out of the Minutes
- e) Motions of Reconsideration
- f) Motions of Rescission
- g) Consideration of Deferred Business
- h) Public Hearings
- i) Correspondence, Petitions and Delegations
- j) Reports
- k) Motions
- l) Added Items
- m) Notices of Motion
- n) Public Participation
- o) Next Meeting Date
- p) Adjournment

MINUTES:

6. (1) If necessary, the Secretary of the Community Council may appoint a recording secretary to assist the Secretary in taking the minutes of each session of the Community Council.
- (2) The minutes of each session will be circulated to each Community Council member preceding the next session at which time the minutes, by resolution, will be approved.
- (3) Once approved, the minutes will be available for public distribution.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

7. (1) Regular scheduled meetings of the Community Council will include at the end of its agenda the opportunity for public participation.
- (2) During public participation all questions are to be directed through the Chair with the speaker providing his/her name and address.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. Public Hearings will be held as required.

REPRESENTATION AND PRESENTATION TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

9. (1) Interest groups or delegations wishing to make a presentation are required to advise the Secretary of the Community Council two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting at which they would like to present.
- (2) The Community Council will endeavour to hear the presentation on the date the delegation requested, but, if not possible, at the next regular meeting.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above Rules of Procedure were adopted by motion at a Peninsula Community Council meeting duly held on the 10th day of December, 2001.

GIVEN under the hand of the Secretary of the Peninsula Community Council this _____ day of December, 2001.

Vi Carmichael
Municipal Clerk