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Item No.
Peninsula Community Council
December 12, 2011

TO: Councillor Watts, Chair, and Members of Peninsula Community Council

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

DATE: December 5, 2011

SUBJECT: Peninsula Community Council 2012 Meeting Schedule

ORIGIN

Annual report for Peninsula Community Council's approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That Peninsula Community Council:

1. Approve the following regular meeting dates for 2012:
 - January 9
 - February 13
 - March 12
 - May 14
 - June 11
 - September 10
 - November 12
 - December 10
2. Approve a rescheduled April meeting date (either April 2 or April 16), in lieu of the Easter Monday holiday.
3. Approve a rescheduled October meeting date (either October 1 or October 15), in lieu of the Thanksgiving holiday.
4. Set a summer meeting date (July 9 or August 13).

BACKGROUND

Each year Peninsula Community Council reviews and approves its meeting schedule for the upcoming year.

DISCUSSION

Peninsula Community Council's Rules of Procedure, Sec. 3 (1) states that 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.

In 2012, two of Community Council's meeting dates fall on holidays (Easter Monday and Thanksgiving). If these are not rescheduled and if Community Council does not schedule any summer meetings, then the requirement as set out in the Rules of Procedure to hold 10 regular meetings a year will not be met. Community Council should consider rescheduling the April and October meetings to either the 1st or 3rd Monday (i.e. April 2 or April 16; October 1 or October 15). Also, in the past there have been matters arise in the summer which requires Community Council to address, and a meeting has been scheduled for either July or August. Community Council may want to consider setting a summer meeting for either July 9 or August 13.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None.

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

Not applicable with this report.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives with respect to the meeting schedule have been addressed in the Discussion section.

ATTACHMENTS

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

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 11 day of December, 2001.



Vi Carmichael
Municipal Clerk