

HALIFAX & WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

February 4, 2013

PRESENT: Councillor Linda Mosher, Chair  
Councillor Wayne Mason, Vice Chair  
Deputy Mayor Reg Rankin  
Councillor Jennifer Watts  
Councillor Stephen Adams  
Councillor Russell Walker

STAFF: Ms. Karen MacDonald, Solicitor  
Mr. Kurt Pyle, Supervisor of Planning Applications  
Ms. Maureen Ryan, Senior Planner  
Ms. Jillian MacLellan, Planner  
Mr. Ted Aubut, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at the Canada Games Centre, 26 Thomas Raddall Drive, Halifax.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 21, 2013**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Mason that minutes of January 21, 2013 be approved, as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Additions:

12.1 Deputy Mayor Rankin – Childcare Facilities in Timberlea

Deletions:

11.2 Councillor Mason – District 7&8 Planning Advisory Committee

The Community Council agreed to discuss items 12.1, 10.1, 10.2 and 9.1 before item 8.1.

The agenda was approved, as amended.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**4.1 Status Sheet Review**

No updates were requested relative to the items on the status sheet.

**5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

**6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE**

**7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

**12. ADDED ITEMS**

**12.1 Deputy Mayor Rankin – Childcare Facilities in Timberlea**

Deputy Mayor Rankin explained that a number of residents have expressed concern over the restrictive number of children allowed at Timberlea childcare facilities operating

in semi-detached dwellings. He asked that Community Council direct staff to explore the option of relaxing the current policy.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Adams that Halifax & West Community Council request staff to explore the feasibility of increasing the number of children permitted in Timberlea daycare facilities housed in semi-detached dwellings.**

Later in the meeting, Mr. Kurt Pyle, Supervisor of Planning Applications explained that in 1996, Halifax County, as a result of concerns raised by residents, changed the regulations for childcare facilities in Timberlea, Eastern Passage and Cole Passage. Under the new regulations, which continue to apply, a daycare facility located in a semi-detached home can accommodate up to 3 children as opposed to 14, previously.

Deputy Mayor Rankin expressed interest in raising the maximum from 3 to 5 and requested that the original motion be changed to that effect. With the agreement of Community Council, he withdrew his original motion and put the following on the floor:

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Adams that Halifax & West Community Council request staff to explore the feasibility of increasing, from 3 to 5, the number of children permitted in Timberlea area daycare facilities housed in semi-detached dwellings. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## 10. REPORTS

### 10.1 Staff Reports

#### 10.1.1 Slaunwhite Request to allow further subdivision of land without road frontage in Terence Bay

Councillor Adams asked that Community Council vote on the alternative recommendation, outlined on page 3 of the staff report, instead of the recommendation outlined on page 1.

Councillor Watts observed that Councillor Adams' request is contrary to the recommendation proposed by staff. Given this, she cautioned Community Council about the implications of continued subdivision of lands without road frontage, adding that the case in question could be precedent-setting.

Councillor Adams indicated that Ms. Slaunwhite's property is unique and, in this context, asked that Community Council proceed on a case by case basis instead of applying policy uniformly.

Deputy Mayor Rankin, former Councillor for the area, clarified that Ms. Slaunwhite's request will only apply to Planning District 4, which has a unique type of housing. He felt

that the further subdivision of land in this area would not increase demand for municipal services and, on those grounds, felt comfortable supporting the motion.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker that Halifax & West Community Council direct staff to initiate the process to amend the Halifax Regional Subdivision By-Law to allow additional subdivision of lands without road frontage.**

At a later point in the meeting, Ms. Maureen Ryan, Senior Planner, advised members that approving Ms. Slaunwhite's request for further subdivision of land without road frontage would require an amendment to the Regional Subdivision By-law *and* to the Municipal Planning Strategy for Planning District 4.

To this, Mr. Pyle added that such amendments would require approval of Regional Council.

Recognizing that the initial motion was incomplete, Councillor Adams, with the agreement of Community Council, withdrew it and moved the following motion:

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Mason that Halifax & West Community Council direct staff to initiate the process to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy for Planning District 4 and the Halifax Regional Subdivision By-Law to allow further exemptions for subdivisions without road frontage in the mixed-use designation of Planning District 4. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **10.1.2 Case 17973: Rezoning, 485 Herring Cove Road, Halifax**

A staff report dated January 23, 2013 was before Community Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Mason that Halifax & West Community Council give first reading to the proposed rezoning of 485 Herring Cove Road, Halifax, from the R-4 (Multiple Dwelling) Zone to the P (Park and Institutional) Zone, as contained in Attachment A of the staff report dated January 23, 2013 and schedule a public hearing. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

After a brief discussion on the date of the public hearing, the Community Council requested that staff consider the number of cases coming forward in March and, based on the workload, propose an appropriate date for the hearing.

Subsequent to the meeting, the public hearing was set for March 18, 2013.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

### **9.2 Petitions**

Councillor Walker tabled a petition, containing 26 signatures, in support of the proposed development in Rockingham South (Case 17002).

## **8. HEARINGS**

### **8.1 Public Hearings**

#### **8.1.1 Case 17002: LUB Amendment and Stage 1 Development Agreement for Rockingham South, Halifax Mainland**

The following documents were before Community Council:

- A staff report dated December 18, 2012
- Revised page 10 of staff report dated December 18, 2012
- Correspondence from Christopher Jabbour dated February 4, 2013
- Correspondence from Steven Helpard dated February 4, 2013
- Correspondence from Scott Sullivan dated February 4, 2013
- Correspondence from B. Schatz dated February 4, 2013
- Correspondence from George Stappas dated February 4, 2013
- Correspondence from Christopher Salah dated February 4, 2013
- Correspondence from Joe Swann dated February 3, 2013
- Correspondence from Laurence Arab dated February 3, 2013
- Correspondence from Jamie Rygiel dated February 3, 2013
- Correspondence from Nick Stappas dated February 3, 2013
- Correspondence from Nigel Collinson dated February 1, 2013
- Correspondence from John Salah dated February 1, 2013
- Correspondence from Jean Alphonse dated February 1, 2013
- Correspondence from Josephine Abihanna dated February 1, 2013
- Correspondence from Rita Francis dated February 1, 2013
- Correspondence from Margo Arab dated February 1, 2013
- Correspondence from Tracy McHarg dated February 1, 2013
- Correspondence from Maynard Brown on behalf of Effie Brown dated February 1, 2013
- Correspondence from Donald Mason dated January 30, 2013
- Correspondence from Patricia Gaudet dated January 29, 2013
- Correspondence from Robert Wright dated January 25, 2013

Ms. Jillian MacLellan, Planner, delivered a presentation on Case 17002, an application by W.M. Fares Ltd. to rezone the former Transmitter Lands off Tremont Drive to enable consideration for a mixed residential and commercial development by way of a Stage 1 development agreement.

She explained that the application is to rezone the Transmitter Lands to Schedule K and then to move into a development agreement for mixed-use development. If the rezoning is approved, then Stage 1 of the development agreement will set the overall concept of the project while Stage 2 will deal with specific criteria, like the look of the larger buildings and landscaping. She reminded Community Council that tonight's discussion is limited to the first two: rezoning and Stage 1 of the development agreement.

Ms. Maclellan provided an overview of the lands, noting that they are made up of a large property off Dunbrack Street and a smaller parcel at the end of Tremont Drive. Both are located next to Tremont Plateau Park, which is owned by HRM. Next, she explained that Schedule K refers to mixed-use residential and can be applied to vacant properties in the Halifax area. She felt that it was appropriate to add the property to Schedule K because it is located within an established residential neighbourhood. It will ensure that there are proper land use controls applied to the properties to provide a smooth transition between the existing neighbourhood and the new development.

Ms. MacLellan explained that the proposed mixed-use development will accommodate 2,245 people and incorporate many types of residences, including single, two-unit and multi-unit dwellings along with townhouses. To blend in with the existing neighbourhood, single-unit dwellings will be adjacent to existing low density areas. Townhouses, she continued, will be designed similarly to the single and two-unit dwellings and each unit will have access to the street to give a pedestrian feel to the development. As for the multi-unit dwellings, they will have a maximum of 7 storeys and will incorporate features, such as recesses and colour, to break up the massing of the buildings. Finally, Ms. MacLellan noted that the development includes commercial and community facilities but that these will be limited.

She explained that the Stage 1 development agreement includes provisions to extend Tremont Plateau Park by 2.34 acres with the goal of improving access. Parking spaces will be developed on the added parcel of parkland and on nearby streets. Ms. MacLellan also noted that the applicant received approval from the Province to alter the majority of the wetlands on the property, though the two largest ones will be protected.

On the matter of roads and traffic, Ms. MacLellan indicated that four minor collector roads will converge at a round-about on the southern portion of the property. The proposed roads will provide access to Dunbrack Street and provide a connection between Knightsridge Drive and Wentworth Drive. Ms. MacLellan emphasized that the walkway proposed for Tremont Drive would be open to vehicles, like fire trucks, only in the event of an emergency. Citing the traffic impact study, she indicated that the road network envisaged would not have a significant effect on traffic in the area.

On density, Ms. MacLellan explained that the Mainland North Servicing Strategy of 1982 had assigned a density of 20.2 persons per acre to the assigned property. At 36.38 persons per acre, the proposed development is well above this level. Despite this, she noted a number of reasons why staff saw merits in reviewing the application, including a desire to promote more density closer to the Regional Centre. To facilitate this, some

upgrades will be needed to sanitary infrastructure. Public transit needs will be reviewed at Stage 2 of the development agreement.

As for timelines, she noted that the development will be completed in 10-15 years. Phase 1 will involve the construction of roads, two multi-unit buildings, and the walkway on Tremont Drive. Parklands will also be developed in this phase.

Ms. MacLellan then outlined a number of changes that had taken effect since the Public Information Meeting in March 2012, such as the following:

- Originally, a multi-unit building was to be constructed next to low density units. This is no longer the case.
- Townhouses are now planned along Road B.
- Some of the trails near the wetlands have been removed from Phase 1 and will be reviewed as part of Phase 2.
- At the request of the Halifax Watershed Advisory Board, a 20 metre buffer will be applied to all watercourses and wetlands and stormwater flow will be managed such that wetlands are not adversely affected.

In her concluding remarks, Ms. MacLellan reiterated the benefits of adding the lands to Schedule K and emphasized the improvements that will be made to Tremont Plateau Park as a result of this development.

The Chair thanked Ms. MacLellan for this presentation and asked members of Community Council if they had questions of clarification.

Councillor Watts thanked Ms. MacLellan for outlining changes made since the Public Information Meeting. She asked for clarification around Phase 2, specifically the role of Community Council and the opportunities available for public comment.

Ms. MacLellan indicated that there would be no public hearing at Phase 2. However, Council could raise concerns when staff presents Phase 2 recommendations.

Councillor Watts wished to know if density could be debated at the next stage.

Ms. MacLellan replied that density is established in Phase 1 of the development agreement. Stage 2 will focus on parking, landscaping and the look of buildings.

Councillor Watts asked for clarification around the addition of parking spaces. Specifically, she wanted to know if the parcel of land being added to the park will be used for parking.

Ms. MacLellan responded that 150 parking spaces will be created, but not all of these will be added to the parcel. Many parking spaces will be on nearby streets.

Councillor Adams acknowledged the presence of former Councillor Bill Stone.



There being no further questions of clarifications, the Chair invited the applicant, Caesar Saleh, to give a presentation

Mr. Saleh explained that he is an engineer with W.M. Fares Group, which is the applicant and proposed developer. He thanked Ms. MacLellan for the thorough overview provided, noting that his presentation will focus on the concerns raised at the Public Information Meeting of March 2012.

One of the concerns raised at this meeting was the compatibility of existing single-family homes and the proposed multi-unit residential buildings. He explained that this had been resolved by replacing high density housing with townhomes and by constructing single family homes behind existing single family homes. He noted, further, that the 7 storey buildings will be built in the centre of the site, to provide a transition between existing and new.

A second concern raised at the Public Information Meeting was around the cat shelters that are currently on the property. Mr. Saleh reiterated his commitment to working with Ms. Tracy McHarg to relocate them, if relocation is indeed necessary. He pointed out, however, that the cat shelters were built on private lands of which Ms. McHarg and her volunteers are not owners.

Next, Mr. Saleh addressed the issue of minor encroachments near Torrington Avenue and confirmed his commitment that the extent of the encroachments will be surveyed.

On access to Tremont Drive, Mr. Saleh explained that his company plans to complete the cul-de-sac at top of the street, add a gate, and allow emergency vehicle access only. He believed this to be a good safety measure, as fire trucks could more easily reach the area. He reassured residents that this would be outlined in a legal agreement. If, in the future, HRM wanted to remove the gate, then the matter would have to go through a public process and all residents of Tremont Drive would have the opportunity to provide input.

Finally, Mr. Saleh commented on his company's plans to improve Tremont Plateau Park, which currently suffers from poor access, visibility, parking and frontage. He indicated that 380 feet of additional frontage, 2 new access points, and up to 150 parking spaces will be added. To do this, some of the single unit dwellings were relocated and townhouses redesigned to allow more street parking. He requested that HRM earmark the cash-in-lieu of land provided by his company to Tremont Plateau Park improvements.

The Chair thanked Mr. Saleh for his presentation and invited members of Community Council to ask questions of clarification.

Councillor Watts asked Mr. Saleh if steps had been taken to ensure that the development attracted people from diverse income levels. She also asked that he comment on active transportation amenities and on traffic.

Mr. Saleh explained that it is difficult to write affordability into the clauses of the agreement, and that it will remain difficult so long as there is no clear policy direction. Instead, W.M. Fares is proposing a variety of dwelling options that will appeal to people of different income levels. As for traffic, he clarified that not all of it will be coming and going from the same entrance. Instead, there will be a number of entry points to the subdivision.

There being no further questions of clarification, the Chair reviewed the rules for public hearings and invited residents, for or against the application, to the microphone.

**Mr. Bob McDonald** of Warwick Lane expressed concern over the lack of parklands, noting that the property exceeds 55 acres yet only 2.34 acres are being added to Tremont Plateau Park. He felt that HRM policies, which allow developers to provide cash in lieu of land, are poor mechanisms to increase parkland and conservation lands. At the very least, the applicant's cash in lieu of land should go to improving Tremont Plateau Park instead of being spent elsewhere. Next, Mr. McDonald expressed concern over the loss of wetlands on the property. While he was pleased that two would be retained, and that there would be a 20 metre buffer around them, he worried that the construction of a road over a wetland would put it at risk. He indicated that he had raised this very point at the Public Information Meeting. He requested that the road be stopped before it encounters wetland W1.

**Ms. Wendy McDonald** of Warwick Lane thanked Councillor Watts for raising the issue of active transportation. She found that the proposed density to be high and would have liked to have seen community garden space included. Referring to page 10, she asked for confirmation that the signalized crosswalk would remain. She also identified an error on page 6, noting that Trailwood Place, not Knightsridge Drive, has vehicular access to Tremont Plateau Park. Finally, she joined Mr. McDonald in requesting that the cash in lieu of land be directed towards improving the park.

**Ms. Cheryl Walker** of Flamingo Drive wished to know if the proposal included a community centre. She explained that there is a lack of meeting space in the neighbourhood. She also wondered where the children of this subdivision would go to school, noting that the three local schools, including Park West, are already at capacity.

**Ms. Paddy Muir** of Tremont Drive, who also spoke on behalf of Ford Doolittle, thanked Mr. Saleh for proposing the access point on Tremont Drive but asked that it remain an emergency access point only.

**Ms. Barbara Shafe** of Tremont Drive also expressed concern over vehicular access to that street. She wished to know who would have the key to open the gate and if trucks would use Tremont Drive to access the subject property during construction.

Ms. MacLellan replied that traffic to and from the construction site will likely come from Dunbrack Street.

**Mr. Brian Wilson** of Trailwood Place thanked the developer for relocating certain buildings and asked for clarification on the number and location of parking lots. Ms. MacLellan indicated that the exact location of the parking lots will be decided by parkland planners during Phase 2 of the project.

Mr. Wilson indicated that there should be 30 km/h speed limits in this area and suggested that a camera be installed in the parking lot of the Tremont Plateau Park to curb drug dealing.

Councillor Mosher indicated that a camera has been purchased and she will ask that it be installed on the site.

**John Christie** of Torrington Drive indicated that many homes in the area are right up against the property line. He asked that the developer consider privacy setbacks for dwellings on the north-east corner of the development.

**Collin O'Neil** of Camelot Lane was generally supportive of the development. However, he found it unfortunate that a road would be constructed through a wetland. As for the two wetlands that would be retained, he wondered if the Province should step in to manage them, noting that few charitable organizations do this, in part because of liability issues. He also found it unfortunate that a waterway, running through the property, will be buried.

Councillor Mosher noted that Ducks Unlimited runs wetland management programs.

**Ms. Barbara Claw** of Tremont Drive expressed concern over access to her street, reiterating that it is steep and home to a school. Instead of a gate and walkway, she preferred that a house be constructed at the end of the street as it would permanently solve the matter. She was similarly concerned about the lack of opportunity to provide input at Phase 2 of the development agreement.

**Mr. Keith Bone** of Amberwood Court noted his concern over increased traffic flow to and from the property. He wished to know if additional traffic lights would be installed and if public transit would be rerouted through the development. Furthermore, he asked for clarification on the density of the development relative to the density of adjacent neighbourhoods.

**Mr. Samir Kalifa** wished to know why the applicant had chosen to incorporate commercial space in the development.

**Mr. Syd Catton** expressed concern over density and compatibility, especially of the 7 storey buildings. Moreover, he was not pleased that there would be no future opportunity for public input. As for Tremont Drive, it was his understanding that Council had committed to *not* opening access.

**Ms. Heather Curry** of Douglas Crescent explained that she, and many others in the neighbourhood, had been surprised when the site was bulldozed and left barren without any explanation. As the project moves forward, she was particularly concerned about traffic, especially along Dunbrack Street. She wished to know if new traffic lights would be installed at the corner of Dunbrack and Ross streets, and at Dunbrack Street and Wentworth Drive. Finally, she wished to know which schools the children of this subdivision would attend, noting that local schools are already full.

**Mr. Jim Naugler** of Douglas Crescent explained that there had been traces of PCBs, or industrial chemicals, on the site. He wished to know if these issues had been addressed. He also expressed concern over traffic at the corner of Dunbrack and Ross streets and along Trailwood Place. As for increased density, he felt it was okay as long as it is similar to that of Clayton Park West and the Larry Uteck Drive area. Finally, he asked if a senior's residence was part of the development project.

**Mr. Bill Stone** of Swan Crescent congratulated the developer for listening and responding to concerns raised at the Public Information Meeting, including concerns around the height of the buildings. He explained that Tremont Plateau Park lacks a community building with amenities, like washrooms. He suggested that this be constructed, with bleacher seating around its exterior, near the soccer field. He was pleased that additional parking spaces were being proposed as the more the park is used, the safer it will be. He asked that the public be able to comment on these aspects at Phase 2 of the development.

**Mr. Roman Cook** Torrington Drive reiterated that there should be privacy setbacks between existing homes and the new homes.

There being no further speakers, it was **MOVED by Councillor Walker and seconded by Councillor Watts that the hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The Chair invited the applicant to provide closing remarks.

Mr. Saleh thanked residents for their comments and provided the following answers to their questions:

- The project meets the 10% parkland dedication requirement. A parcel of parkland will be added to Tremont Plateau Park, thereby improving access to the existing park. The rest of the requirement will be met by providing cash in lieu of land.
- The issue of vehicular access to Trailwood Place will be addressed at Phase 2.
- A community centre with washrooms, storage space and administrative offices, in or near the park, would be a welcome improvement. Mr. Salah recommended that the cash in lieu of land be directed towards such improvements.
- The site has many, small wetland areas. The largest two will be preserved. Road A will only clip the edge of one of the wetlands.
- Development plans, including the number of people projected to live on the site, were submitted to the Halifax Regional School Board for review.

- The proposed density is 36.38 persons per acre. By comparison, there are 125 persons per acre on the Peninsula and 75 persons per acre in Mainland Halifax.
- Tremont Drive will not be used by construction crews as there is better access from Dunbrack Street.
- What is being proposed for Tremont Drive is gravel access with a gate and landscaped strip. It will look like a pedestrian walkway rather than an emergency access. He believed this access to be advantageous to residents in the event of a fire.
- Buffers and easements, to ensure the privacy of residents, will be addressed during Phase 2 of the project.
- There are no traffic lights planned for the corner of Wentworth Drive and Dunbrack Street. The traffic study found that they were not warranted.
- There will be limited commercial space at Dunbrack and Farnham Gate Road, the goal being to inject density to support existing commercial activities in the area.
- The essential elements, such as building types and height as well as road layout are being decided during Phase 1, which has been in public process for 3 years.

Ms. MacLellan similarly clarified a number of points, including the following:

- The development requires 10% park dedication either through land or cash in lieu of land. The applicant opted for both, approximately half in land and half in case in lieu of land.
- The application was reviewed by the Halifax Regional School Board. Based on types of units, it is estimated that the development will generate 180 new students. The School Board felt that neighbourhood schools could accommodate this.
- The applicant is proposing a walkway and gate on Tremont Drive. If in the future HRM wanted to change this, then it would have to launch another public process and get approval from Council.
- Public input is allowed at Phase 2: residents can submit correspondence to HRM staff and/or Councillors.
- The density of the neighbourhood adjacent to the site is 20 persons per acre.

The Chair thanked Mr. Saleh and Ms. MacLellan for their concluding remarks and noted that all written correspondence received had been circulated to members of Community Council in advance of this meeting.

Councillor Mason asked that the applicant address the issue of PCBs on the property.

Mr. Saleh indicated that a clean-up process took place on the property before it was sold to the current owner.

Councillor Watts wished to know what would be done with the open water course that Mr. O'Neill had mentioned. She also asked if the cash in lieu of land could be used for facilities. Her understanding was that it could only be spent on lands.

Ms. MacLellan replied that Regional Council, in consultation with park planners, would have to decide if the monies could be spent in that way. There is nothing in the Development Agreement that would imply that the money would go towards a community building. As for the open water course, she offered to look into this matter further.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Halifax & West Community Council approve the proposed rezoning as contained in Attachment A of the staff report dated December 18, 2013**

Councillor Walker indicated that he was pleased that so many of the concerns were addressed. He agreed that the park needs major work and saw no reason why vehicular access to the park should be kept open on Trailwood Place. He noted that he would gladly work with residents of Torrington Drive on the issue of easements. As for Phase 2 of the development, he reminded residents that they can always contact him to bring their concerns forward to Council.

Councillor Watts acknowledged that HRM does not have mechanisms in place around affordable housing but hoped that by the time the development is complete that this would no longer be the case. She was pleased that the developer was open to engaging with HRM on this matter moving forward. As for concerns raised about public transit, she indicated that HRM is reviewing its transit plan, including cycling and pedestrian movement. She concluded by asking that provincial documents related to Case 17002 be posted to the HRM website.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Community Council recessed at 9:10 pm.

The meeting resumed at 9:20 pm.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**9.1 Correspondence**

**9.1.1 Presentation Request from Ferguson's Cove Neighbourhood Association dated January 31, 2013**

Correspondence dated January 31, 2013 was before Community Council.

The Clerk was instructed to contact the neighbourhood association to clarify whether they wished to present new material or provide an update on the presentation delivered to Chebucto Community Council in 2012.

**9.3 Presentations - NONE**

**11. MOTIONS**

**11.1 Councillor Mason**

Councillor Mason withdrew his motion relative to a Planning Advisory Committee for Districts 7 and 8.

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**

**14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Mr. Don Sinclair** of Edward Street requested that by-law enforcement officers be available on weekends. He explained that students living in his neighbourhood often put out garbage well before or after garbage day. As a result, it sits on the street for days before being picked up.

The Chair indicated that extended by-law enforcement is currently being reviewed by the Executive Standing Committee.

Mr. Sinclair wished to know what was happening with the Wanderers Grounds.

Councillor Mason explained that he lives just around the corner from Mr. Sinclair and understands the issues around garbage collection. He thanked Mr. Sinclair for bringing this forward and committed to seeing it resolved. As for the Wanderers Grounds, he noted that a Parks Master Plan is in development and will be complete in approximately 18 months.

**15. IN CAMERA**

**MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Watts that Halifax & West convene in camera to consider appointments to the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The Community Council recessed at 9:40 pm to convene in camera.

**15.1 Citizen Appointments to Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee**

This matter was dealt with in camera.

The Community Council reconvened in public session at 9:45 pm.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Mason that Halifax & West Community Council ratify the motion made in camera relative to appointments to the Point Pleasant Advisory Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**16. NEXT MEETING DATE – February 18, 2013 (City Hall)**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 pm.

Ted Aubut  
Legislative Assistant