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Item No. 2
Halifax and West Community Council
December 16, 2015

TO: Chair and Members of Halifax and West Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
Andrew Reid, Legislative Assistant

DATE: December 7, 2015

SUBJECT: Halifax & West Community Council – 2015 Annual Report

ORIGIN / LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

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. The powers and duties of Community Councils are outlined in section 25 of the Halifax Charter.

Halifax and West Community Council requested that the Legislative Assistant maintain a record of the Community Council's business for the first annual meeting held in 2013 and annually held thereafter.

BACKGROUND

Halifax and West Community Council was established on December 3, 2012 by Administrative Order 48, Respecting the Creation of Community Councils.

Halifax and West Community Council includes the following polling districts:

- District 7 - Halifax South – Downtown (Councillor Waye Mason)
- District 8 – Halifax Peninsula North (Councillor Jennifer Watts)
- District 9 – Halifax West Armdale (Councillor Linda Mosher)
- District 10 - Halifax - Bedford Basin West (Councillor Russell Walker)
- District 11 - Spryfield - Sambro Loop - Prospect Road (Councillor Stephen Adams)
- District 12 - Timberlea - Beechville - Clayton Park West (Councillor Reg Rankin)

DISCUSSION

Halifax & West Community Council met fourteen (14) times between December 16, 2014 and November 18, 2015 which included five (5) special meetings. All regular meetings of Halifax and West Community Council held in 2015 took place in Council Chambers, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street Halifax.

The following dates will be covered in this report:

1. December 16, 2014

2. January 20, 2015
3. January 28, 2015 (special)
4. February 17, 2015
5. April 21, 2015
6. April 28, 2015 (special)
7. May 13, 2015
8. June 3, 2015 (special)
9. June 24, 2015
10. July 21, 2015 (special)
11. August 4, 2015 (special)
12. September 15, 2015
13. October 14, 2015
14. November 18, 2015

Halifax & West Community Council's Business for the period of December 16, 2014 to November 18, 2015 include the following:

- 35 staff reports
- 3 reports from Boards and Committees
- 9 public hearings
- 4 variance appeal hearings
- 7 requests for reports brought forward by members of Community Council (independent from matters before Community Council)
- 1 pieces of correspondence (independent from matters before Community Council)
- 1 petitions
- 2 presentation from a community group
- 4 speakers during public participation
- 4 information reports
- 2 other items

The following will highlight Halifax & West Community Council's Business for the period of December 16 to November 18, 2015.

STAFF REPORTS

December 16, 2014

Citizen Appointments to the Districts 7 & 8 Planning Advisory Committee / Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee

A motion of ratification was passed that Halifax and West Community Council appoint:

1. Four Citizens to the District 7 & 8 Planning Advisory Committee as outlined in the private and confidential staff report.
2. Three citizens to the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee as outlined in the private and confidential report with a request to Regional Council to waive the limit on maximum length of service of one member for a term to November 2016.
3. That the citizen nominations be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidates

January 20, 2015

Case 19293 - Development Agreement for 5599 Fenwick Street, Halifax (Fenwick Tower Property)

First reading given, public hearing scheduled.

January 28, 2015

Case 18514 – Amendments to the Bedford South, Wentworth and Bedford West Secondary Planning Strategies for Sub Area 9 of Bedford West and Wentworth (Cresco Lands), Bedford and Halifax.

Staff recommendation approved.

February 17, 2015

Case 18548 – LUB Amendment and Development Agreement – 2215 Gottingen Street, Halifax

Staff recommendation approved.

Case 18547 – LUB Amendment and Development Agreement – 2183 Gottingen Street, Halifax

Staff recommendation approved.

Case 17174 – Amendments to the Halifax MPS and Halifax Peninsula LUB, and a Development Agreement - 1017 & 1021 Beaufort Avenue, Halifax

Staff recommendation approved.

April 21, 2015

Case 19595 - R-2A (General Residential Conversion) Zone Amendments, Halifax Peninsula Land Use Bylaw

First reading given, public hearing scheduled.

Case 18270 - Development Agreement – 5885 Spring Garden Road, Halifax

Notice of motion given, public hearing scheduled.

Case 19050 - Development Agreement Amendment – 5881 & 5883 Spring Garden Road, Halifax

Notice of motion given, public hearing scheduled.

Supplementary Information Report from the director of Parks and Recreation dated February 23, 2015 re: Western Common Advisory Committee

A motion passed to defer consideration of the Western Common Advisory Committee supplementary report pending a staff recommendation.

May 13, 2015

Case 19646 Non-Substantive Amendments to the Development Agreement for St. Joseph's Square, Gottingen St., Halifax

A motion passed that the matter be deferred to the June 3, 2015 meeting of Community Council.

Case 19136: Classic Open Space Design Development Agreement – Whites Lake

Notice of motion given, public hearing scheduled.

Case 18510: MPS/LUB Amendments and Development Agreement, 3400 Dutch Village Road and 3343 Westerwald Street, Halifax

Staff recommendation approved.

A supplementary report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated April 23, 2015, re: Western Common Advisory Committee

Staff recommendation defeated. An alternate motion passed that Halifax and West Community Council recommend that Regional Council:

- Direct staff to draft an Administrative Order to create an advisory committee to advise Council

through the Halifax and West Community Council on the implementation of the Western Common Master Plan.

- The terms of reference to reflect a mandate to advise, monitor and report on the phased development of the Western Common.
- The composition to be made up to a maximum of 8 members nominated by HWCC and appointed by Regional Council in accordance with the Public Appointment Policy adopted by Regional Council.
- To meet no less than twice annually and to provide an annual progress report through the HWCC on the community perspective on the implementation of the Western Common.
- To refer the recommendation to the Audit & Finance Standing Committee prior to going to Regional Council to determine, on the recommendation of staff, a source of funding for support of the Committee.

June 3, 2015

Case 19646: Non-Substantive Amendments to the Development Agreement for St. Joseph's Square, Gottingen St., Halifax

Staff recommendation approved.

Case 19533: Amendments to the Halifax Mainland Land Use By-law for the C-2A Zone within the Bedford Highway Secondary Plan area

First reading given, public hearing scheduled.

June 24, 2015

Case 18120: MPS and LUB Amendments for 348 Purcell's Cove Road, Halifax

Staff recommendation approved.

Case 17174: Amendments to the Halifax MPS and Halifax Peninsula LUB, and a Development Agreement - 1017 & 1021 Beaufort Avenue, Halifax – Supplemental Report

Staff recommendation approved.

Case 19112: Telecommunication Tower – Land Between 90 Donaldson Avenue and Dunbrack Street, Halifax

Staff recommendation approved.

Case 19311: Development Agreement, 2287 Prospect Rd, Hatchet Lake

Notice of motion given, public hearing scheduled.

Case 19413: Slaunwhite Request to allow further subdivision of land without road frontage in Terence Bay

First reading given, public hearing scheduled.

A staff recommendation report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated June 15, 2015, re: Service Dog Park

A motion passed that the matter be deferred until July 21, 2015 at a special meeting of Community Council.

Citizen Appointments to Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee

A motion passed in open session to appoint two Citizens at Large on the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee as outlined in the report dated June 3, 2015.

July 21, 2015

A supplementary information report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated July 13,

2015, re: Service Dog Park

A motion passed that Halifax & West Community Council approve the location of Ardmore Park, 6424 Almon Street, Halifax, for a service dog park to replace the existing service dog park at Cogswell Street.

Citizen appointment to the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board

A motion passed in open session that Halifax & West Community Council appoint one Citizen Representative on the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board as outlined in Attachment #1 of the report dated July 13, 2015.

Citizen appointment to the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee

A motion passed in open session that the Halifax & West Community Council:

- 1) Appoint one Citizen at Large on the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee as outlined in Attachment #1 of the report dated July 13, 2015.
- 2) Approve the leave of absence described in Attachment #1 of the report dated July 13, 2015.

August 4, 2015

Case 18510: Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Amendments and Development Agreement, 3400 Dutch Village Road and 3343 Westerwald Street, Halifax – Supplemental Report

A motion passed as amended that Halifax and West Community Council:

1. Approve the proposed development agreement as set out in Attachment A of the July 22, 2015 report; and
2. Require the development agreement be signed by the property owner within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted 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.
3. That Section 3.12 of the proposed development agreement be amended by adding the following sentence to the end of Section 3.12: 'A minimum of 24 parking spaces shall be provided within the underground parking garage.'

September 15, 2015

Staff Recommendation Report from the Director of Planning and Development dated August 17, 2015 re: Fence Permit 143599 – 2242 Maynard Street

A motion passed that Halifax and West Community Council approve Permit Application 143599 for construction of fencing in excess of 6.5 feet at 2242 Maynard Street, Halifax.

Staff Recommendation Report from the Director of Planning and Development dated August 17, 2015 re: Fence Permit 145853 – 1877 Seldon Street

A motion passed that Halifax and West Community Council approve Permit Application 145853 for construction of fencing in excess of 6.5 feet at 1877 Seldon Street Halifax.

Case 19809: Development Agreement Time Extension, Vernon Street, Halifax

Staff recommendation approved.

Case 19690: Development Agreement Time Extension, 10 Kirk Road, Halifax

Staff recommendation approved.

Case 20067: Non-Substantive Amendments to an Existing Development Agreement for 372 Washmill Lake Drive, Halifax

Staff recommendation approved.

November 18, 2015

Case 18514: Amendments to the Bedford South, Wentworth and Bedford West Secondary Planning Strategies for Sub Area 9 of Bedford West and Wentworth (Cresco Lands), Bedford and Halifax

Staff recommendation approved.

Councillor Appointments – Districts 7 & 8 Planning Advisory Committee

Staff recommendation approved.

Ratification of Citizen Appointments – Districts 7 & 8 Planning Advisory Committee / Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee

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 2. Four citizens to the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee as outlined in the private and confidential staff report.
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REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

February 17, 2015

Memorandum from the Districts 7 & 8 Planning Advisory Committee dated September 23, 2014, re: Case 19293

June 3, 2015

Memorandum from the Districts 7 & 8 Planning Advisory Committee dated January 28, 2015, re: Case 19646

October 14, 2015

Recommendation report from the Chair and Members of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee, dated September 9, 2015 re: Point Pleasant Park Comprehensive Long Term Plan and By-Law Review

A motion passed that Halifax and West Community Council request a staff update on the review of the Point Pleasant Park comprehensive long term plan and bylaws.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

December 16, 2014

Case 19185 – Development Agreement – 5826 South Street, Halifax

Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

Case 19165 – Amendments to the Land Use By-law for Halifax Peninsula regarding Rooftop Mechanical Penthouses for University uses

Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

February 17, 2015

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Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

May 13, 2015

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Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

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Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

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Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

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September 15, 2015

Case 19311: Development Agreement 2287 Prospect Rd, Hatchet Lake

Public hearing held and closed. Staff recommendation approved.

VARIANCE APPEAL HEARINGS

January 20, 2015

Case 19063: Appeal of Variance Refusal - 5236 Kent Street, Halifax

A motion passed that the Appeal of Variance Refusal be defeated. Staff recommendation upheld.

May 13, 2015

Case 19633: Appeal of Variance Refusal – 2808 Connolly Street, Halifax

Appeal hearing held and closed. A motion passed that the Appeal of Variance Refusal be defeated. Staff recommendation upheld.

Case 19666: Appeal of Variance Approval – 918 South Bland Street, Halifax

Appeal hearing held and closed. A motion passed that the Appeal of Variance Approval be defeated. Staff recommendation upheld.

September 15, 2015

Case 19213: Appeal of Variance Approval – 7171 Clinton Avenue, Halifax

Appeal hearing held and closed. A motion passed that the Appeal of Variance Approval be defeated. Staff recommendation upheld.

MOTIONS/MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

December 16, 2014

Councillor Mosher – Request for Staff Report – Increase of Notification Area for Variance Appeals

That Halifax and West Community Council recommend that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding the implications of increasing the notification distances for variance appeals from the current 30 meter radius to a 50 - 100 meter radius including potential amendments to the Halifax Municipal Charter

Councillor Mosher – Request for Staff Report – Parking on Quinpool Road

A motion passed that Halifax & West Community Council recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Request a staff report investigating potential opportunities for the installation of a temporary pay and display parking lot with the property managers of the former service station at the intersection of Quinpool Road and Harvard Street to augment limited parking in the area. And;
2. Assess any temporary parking opportunities with the Quinpool Catchment Area.

July 21, 2015

Councillor Mosher – Request for Staff Report – Exterior Lighting at 7067 Chebucto Road

A motion passed that the Halifax and West Community Council request a staff report with respect to the allowance of additional exterior lighting at 7067 Chebucto Road. The report should include a legal opinion regarding the intent of the Development Agreement approved by Halifax & West Community Council.

September 15, 2015

Councillor Watts – Request for a Staff Report – Regulation of Rooming and Lodging Houses

A motion passed that the Halifax and West Community Council direct that staff prepare a report reviewing the regulation of rooming and lodging houses in the Land Use By-law for Halifax Peninsula and, if the result of the review identifies areas where the language could be strengthened, draft amendments to the land use by-law for Community Council consideration.

October 14, 2015

Councillor Adams - Lease Agreement with Province for White Rock Park, River Road (Fourth Lake), Terence Bay

A motion passed that Halifax & West Community Council requests that Halifax Regional Council requests a staff report on negotiating a lease agreement with the provincial Department of Natural Resources permitting HRM to lease the former White Rock Park lands on River Road (Fourth Lake), Terence Bay for \$1 per annum to re-establish the White Rock Community Park & Playground in Terence Bay and that this report return in 30 days.

Councillor Mason - Halifax Peninsula LUB amendment regarding RC1 zone

A motion passed that Halifax & West Community Council request a staff report outlining potential amendments to Peninsula Land Use By-law RC1 zone that will define grocery and pharmacy use, and limit hours of operation in the RC1 zone.

November 18, 2015

Councillor Mosher – Request for a Staff Report – Chain of Lakes Field

A motion was passed to request a staff report for consideration of a BMX Bike Park on the Chain of Lakes field and bridge pass to connect to the Chain of Lakes trail.

CORRESPONDENCE/PETITIONS

October 14, 2015

- Correspondence was received from the McIntosh Run Watershed Association dated September 25, 2015 and circulated to Community Council.
 - Councillor Walker submitted a petition containing 10 signatures from residents of Cedarbrae Lane regarding a winter parking ban.
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PRESENTATIONS

June 24, 2015

- Deputy Chief Bill Moore presented the 2015-2025 Halifax Regional Police Strategic Plan.

October 14, 2015

- Financial Policy and Planning Staff presented the 2016-2017 Budget Consultation Process. Following the presentation, a public participation session was held.
 - Mr. Peter Henry, resident of Halifax, encouraged the Municipality increase the budget for cycling, cycling education, and cycling infrastructure.
- Mr. Nick Langley, Canadian Federation of Independent Business, presented a proposal to change the commercial tax structure, highlighting the tax burden for small businesses in the Municipality.

November 18, 2015

- McIntosh Run Watershed Association presented regarding the License Agreement for Singletrack Recreational Trails and requested that the agreement be approved as soon as possible. This matter was referred to staff.
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

January 20, 2015

A resident raised concern for an uneven sidewalk south of Cornwallis St. near the Halifax dockyard.

April 21, 2015

A resident described flooding and drainage issues on Saskatoon Avenue and Hamshaw Drive and the impact on property owners, requesting that the problem be addressed immediately.

May 13, 2015

Five Bridges Wilderness Trust described the current state of the Western Commons and outlined future plans.

November 18, 2015

- A resident highlighted flooding and drainage issues on Saskatoon Drive. He requested that the matter

- be addressed by infrastructure changes.
 - A resident of Kearney Lake Drive noted road maintenance and infrastructure issues, including edges of roads dissolving, potholes, and streetlights not attached to a civic address being burnt out.
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INFORMATION REPORTS

December 16, 2014

Memorandum from the Director of Parks & Recreation dated December 5, 2014 re: Public Washrooms, change facilities and showers at Chocolate Lake Beach

February 17, 2015

Memorandum from the Director of Halifax Transit dated February 7, 2015 re: Installation of a Bus Shelter – 1746 St. Margaret's Bay Road

April 21, 2015

Information Report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated February 13, 2015 re: Point Pleasant Park - Park Survey Solutions

June 24, 2015

Information Report from the Chief of Halifax Regional Police dated June 11, 2015 re: Halifax Regional Police Strategic Plan 2015-2025

OTHER ITEMS

February 17, 2015

A motion passed to request all outstanding status sheet items, including community councils prior to Halifax be brought forward to the next meeting.

October 14, 2015

A motion passed that Item 13.3 the request to present made by the McIntosh Run Watershed Association as per the memorandum dated October 12, 2015 be accepted for the November 18th, 2015 meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Council meetings are open to the public, unless otherwise stated on the agenda. Each regular meeting includes a Public Participation portion at the end of each agenda, which provides an opportunity for citizens to pose questions or provide comments to Councillors, through the Chair. Minutes, agendas and reports are available on the HRM website and from the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

ALTERNATIVES

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

None

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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