

WESTERN REGION COMMUNITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2011

PRESENT: Councillor Stephen Adams, Chair
Councillor Reg Rankin
Councillor Peter Lund

REGRETS: NONE

STAFF: Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Adams, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. in the Elections Office, 2nd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 18, 2010 and November 2, 2010

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Lund that the minutes of October 18th and November 2nd, 2010, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: 12.1 Appointments to the Grants Committee
12.2 Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee Report

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Lund that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

4.1 Status Sheet

4.1.1 Sambro Fishery

No update at this time. To remain on the Status Sheet.

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE

10. REPORTS

10.1 Staff

10.1.1 Case 16445: Rezoning – 651 ketch Harbour Road, Portuguese Cove

A report dated November 30, 2010 was before Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Lund that the Western Region Community Council give first reading to the rezoning of 651 Ketch Harbour Road, Portuguese Cove from the P-2 (Community Facility) Zone to the R-1 (Single Unit Dwelling) Zone, as identified in Attachment A of the November 30, 2010 staff report, and; schedule a public hearing for Monday, February 28, 2010. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. MOTIONS - NONE

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Councillor Appointment to the Grants Committee

This item was discussed during an earlier In Camera session and was now before the Community Council for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Adams that Councillor Lund be appointed to the Grants Committee as the Western Region Community Council representative. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee

A report dated January 21, 2011 was before the Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Lund that the Western Region Community Council:

- 1. Request an update on the Herring Cove Sewer and Water Project that would include a response to the following concerns:**
 - **The project was to be done in three phases with no delay between phases. Why is the project not complete and what is the reason for the delay?**
 - **Is Legal Action to be taken in regard to the project not being completed in three uninterrupted phases as promised.**
 - **Clarification to be provided in regard to the financing of the project and an explanation as to why the funding ran out after Phase 2. What is being done to obtain financing to complete Phase 3.**
 - **What are the alternatives to underground infrastructure for sewer services that could be introduced for development in rocky areas?**
 - **When and where will the water tower be installed?**

- 2. Request that HRM combine the funding that would be used to demolish the existing Fire Hall and the funding that would be used to rebuild the Fire Hall to save the existing structure for use as a Herring Cove Community Centre and that HRM negotiate a Management Agreement with the Community Centre similar to the Spryfield Lions Rink agreement.**

3. **Request that HRM commence negotiations to take municipal ownership of the Herring Cove Breakwater, and;**
 - a) **Negotiate a Management Agreement with the Community of Herring Cove, similar to the Spryfield Lions Rink agreement, in regard to decision making and upkeep of the Breakwater.**
 - b) **Provide clarification on the issue of liability if HRM were to take ownership of the Breakwater considering that the Government Wharf would be in close proximity as well as the federally owned and maintained Navigation Light.**
 - c) **Provide alternative options to financing the maintenance/upkeep of the Breakwater, including exploring contributions from other levels of government/organizations, rather than implementing an area rate at this time.**

4. **Request that HRM staff present the proposed revisions to the Herring Cove Area Settlement and Servicing Strategy to the Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee and that the Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee be permitted to put forward additional or alternative revisions.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Lund that the Western Region Community Council send a letter of appreciation to the Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee in recognition of their work. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 Councillor Lund

“Take notice that at the next regular meeting of the Western Region Community Council to be held on Monday, February 28, 2011, I intend to propose a motion requesting that staff initiate the process to appropriately rezone properties within the Birch Bear Woods Subdivision generally bounded by St. Margaret’s Bay Road, Lewis Lake, Birch Hill Lake and Holland Lake to reflect a low density residential development form.”

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE – Monday, February 28, 2011

16. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Chris Newson
Legislative Assistant

INFORMATION ITEMS - NONE