

**CHEBUCTO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

July 30, 2007

PRESENT: Councillor Mosher, Chair
Councillor Wile
Councillor Adams
Councillor Hum
Councillor Walker

STAFF: Mr. Brian White, Planner
Mr. Randolph Kinghorne, Solicitor
Ms. Chrissy White, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Keshen Goodman Library, 330 Lacewood Drive, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Wile, seconded by Councillor Walker, that the minutes from the July 9, 2007 meeting be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: 12.1 Chebucto Community Council Policy and Procedures

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the order of business be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Status Sheet Items:

4.1.1 Bus Service - Stoneridge

No update. To remain on status sheet.

4.1.2 Welcome to Halifax Sign - St. Margaret's Bay Road

Councillor Mosher requested staff investigate a previous request from Chebucto Community Council dating December 2005 to provide capital funding for improvements to the St. Margaret's Bay Road. It was further requested that funds be allocated for this project in the 2008/09 budget. To remain on status sheet.

4.1.3 Rock Pile -182 Milsom Street

Councillor Mosher advised that the President of the Halifax Regional Water Commission and the Chief Engineer have been consulted regarding the above noted project. She further advised that she will be using some of her Capital District Funds to assist in the completion of this project. To remain on status sheet until resident satisfaction is received.

4.1.4 Appeal of Ralston Street Area Rezoning

No update. To remain on status sheet.

Councillor Mosher expressed concern regarding outstanding status sheet items and the amount of time taken for staff response. She suggested consulting the CAO Review Committee for assistance in resolving this issue. She also advised that she will contact the Municipal Clerk for assistance.

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - None

6. MOTIONS OF RECISSION - None

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS: None

8. HEARINGS:

8.1 Public Hearings:

8.1.1 Case 00943: Amending Development Agreement - Governors Brook, Halifax

- A staff report dated June 8, 2007 was before Community Council
- A letter dated July 8th, 2007 from Ms. Melanie J. Dobson, Vice-president, Williams Lake Conservation Company Ltd. was before the Community Council

Mr. Brian White, Planner, Western Region presented the report.

Mr. White advised that the above noted report outlines a development agreement by Kimberly-Lloyd Developments to amend the Governors Brook Development Agreement, located off Dartmouth Road and Drysdale Road, Halifax. This amendment will enable the replacement of 48 multi-family units with single/or semi-detached dwelling units within the comprehensive residential development. He advised that after staff examination, it has been concluded that this amendment will have no negligible effects on traffic.

The Chair opened the public hearing by advising of the rules and regulations.

Melanie Dobson, Williams Lake Conservation Company

Ms. Dobson advised that she is the President of the Williams Lake Conservation Company which is a non-profit organization. She advised that she has been in negotiations with Kimberly Lloyd Developments and supports the amendment. She noted that although she does not approve of damaging development, she believes this amendment provides a low risk solution to a very sensitive area. Ms. Dobson thanked Kimberly Lloyd, and noted that she hopes to be involved in any future negotiations.

Patricia Manuel, Halifax

Ms. Manuel thanked Kimberly Lloyd Developments for working with the community and Williams Lake Conservation Company to make improvements.

Robert MacPherson, Kimberly Lloyd Developments

Mr. McPherson spoke in favour of the amendment and thanked the Williams Lake Conservation Company for working with Kimberly Lloyd to achieve solutions. He advised that he is open to discussion through continued phases of construction and further amendments if necessary.

The Chair Called three times for any additional speakers. Hearing none, the following motion was placed:

Moved by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker, that the Public Hearing close. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker that the Chebucto Community Council:

1. **Approve the amending development agreement, as contained in Attachment "A."**
2. **Require that the development agreement be signed within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the applicant, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising thereunder shall be at an end.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.2 **Variance Appeal Hearings: None**

9. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: None**

10. **REPORTS: None**

11. **MOTIONS: None**

12. **ADDED ITEMS:**

12.1 **Policy and Procedures for Chebucto Community Council**

Councillor Wile assumed the Chair at this time. Councillor Mosher brought forward the following motion for consideration:

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Adams that, in accordance with Section 3(1) of the Chebucto Community Council Rules of Procedure in regard to a summer meeting schedule, when a meeting of Community Council has been cancelled, for whatever reason, and; after notice has been given of the cancellation, that no request be made to recall the Community Council until their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Councillor Mosher explained that Chebucto Community Council approved their 2007 meeting schedule on January 8, 2007 and noted that, in accordance with Section 3(1) of the Rules of Procedures, no meetings would be held in July and August. She expressed concern that in some circumstances proper notification for meetings had not been provided to the public which resulted in inadequate time for them to plan to attend a meeting. She further noted that reports from staff should be sent to the Municipal Clerks Office in a timely manner for distribution and if staff fail to do so, the meeting should not take place.

Councillor Mosher added that if a meeting has already been cancelled, it should remain that way. She advised that she will also bring this issue to the Chief Administrative Officer's attention.

Councillor Walker commented that he will not support the motion noting that he will remain flexible during the summer months to ensure proper approvals can be made in a timely manner.

Councillor Adams advised that although he appreciates the intent he is opposed to the motion. He explained that the decision was made to reschedule the July 9th public hearing to July 30th as Regional Council would be meeting that week and Councillors would be available.

Councillor Hum commented that she will not be supporting the motion. She noted that July 30th was an appropriate time to schedule this meeting as the majority of members agreed to be present. She added that she is open to reviewing individual situations in regard to setting a meeting date.

Without a vote being taken on the motion on the floor, it was **Moved by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Adams, that Chebucto Community Council will determine at their June meeting, with staff input on forthcoming issues, whether or not a summer meeting will be required.**

Councillor Adams advised that Chebucto Community Council has the ability to re-schedule meetings when necessary.

Councillor Walker noted that all Councillors are on call for emergencies. He considered this item appropriate for calling a meeting.

Councillor Mosher advised that she will not participate in any meetings that do not properly or adequately include the public.

MOTION DEFEATED.

13. **NOTICES OF MOTION:** None

14. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no comments from members of the public at this time.

15. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date is Monday, September 10, 2007

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Chrissy White
Legislative Assistant