

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HARBOUR EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

January 13, 2011

PRESENT: Councillor McCluskey, Chair  
Deputy Mayor Smith  
Councillor Barkhouse  
Councillor Nicoll  
Councillor Karsten  
Councillor Fisher

REGRETS: None

STAFF: Ms. Melody Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor McCluskey called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the Invocation being led by Councillor Fisher.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December, 2, 2010**

Approval of the meeting schedule should not include Councillor Nicoll.

**MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Fisher, that the minutes of December 2, 2010 be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

12.1 Proposed Project - Waterfront Living Brochure Update

12.2 Councillor Karsten – Temporary Shelters

**MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Fisher, that Harbour East Community Council, that the Order of Business be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**4.1 Status Sheet**

**4.1.1 Sculpture Park - Dartmouth Watershed**

No update received, to remain on the status sheet.

**4.1.2 Applications for beverage rooms, lounges, & cabarets**

No update received, to remain on the status sheet.

**4.1.3 Development Agreement Timelines**

No update received, to remain on the status sheet.

**4.1.4 Urban Gardening on residential properties**

No update received, to remain on the status sheet.

- 5. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**
- 6. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**
- 7. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**
- 8. **HEARINGS**
  - 8.1 **Public Hearings - None**
  - 8.2 **Variance Appeal Hearings - None**
- 9. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**
  - 9.1 **Correspondence - None**
  - 9.2 **Petitions - None**
  - 9.3 **Presentation**
    - 9.3.1 **Active Transportation & HRM Trails**

Ms. Holly Woodill, Chair, Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association and the Halifax Trails Association provided a presentation to Council regarding Active Transportation and HRM Trails.

- 10. **REPORTS**
  - 10.1 **Staff Reports**
    - 10.1.1 **Case 01367: Downtown Dartmouth View planes & Building Heights and Form Provisions**

A staff report dated December 10, 2010 was before Council.

Mr. Mitch Dickey, Planner, presented the report to Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that Harbour East Community Council recommend that Regional Council initiate the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) amendment process in order to:**

- 1. **Revise and expand the designated view planes from the Dartmouth Common**
- 2. **Eliminate the view plane from Brightwood Golf Course; and**

**3. Review policies and standards pertaining to building height and form in the Downtown Business and Waterfront designations as outline in the report dated December 10, 2010.**

Mr. Dickey advised Council, in response to a question by Councillor Karsten, that the initial process will take approximately three to four months.

Deputy Mayor Smith raised the following issues as discussion ensued:

- During the public meeting, most in attendance did not agree to have view planes from private properties
- Some of the Kings Wharf site does fall under the existing view plane
- It is anticipated that HRMbyDesign guidelines could be implemented in Dartmouth at some point noting that this amendment would be refinements to the existing policy and will work with HRMbyDesign guidelines

Mr. Dickey advised that the highest building in the area is approximately 140-150 feet. He added that there is a fairly aggressive tree planting program for the Common land, however, the landscaping work can be modified.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**10.2 Members of Council**

**10.2.1 Deputy Mayor Smith - Memorial Ball Hockey Rink**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that Harbour East Community Council request a staff report regarding possible repairs and future use of the Memorial Ball Hockey Rink on Leaman Drive in Dartmouth. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11. MOTIONS**

**12. ADDED ITEMS**

**12.1 Proposed Project - Waterfront Living Brochure Update**

A Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board report dated October 28, 2010 was received by Harbour East Community Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Barkhouse, that Harbour East Community Council grant permission to the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board to pursue the proposed project to update the Federal Government "Waterfront Living" brochure in consultation with HRM Sustainable Environment Management Office and the Federal Fisheries and Oceans Department under the following parameters:**

1. That Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board only provides information under the area and jurisdiction of the Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board.
2. That a copy of the brochure be distributed to members of the Harbour East Community Council before final print.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.2 Councillor Karsten – Accessory Shelters**

**MOVED** by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that Harbour East Community Council request staff to initiate a report to address the issue of Temporary Fall/Winter Shelters as currently applied under the Land Use By-Law and to initiate the process to examine the opportunity to amend the By-Law to expand site location of a temporary shelter on a property. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public came forward to address Council at this time.

**15. NEXT MEETING DATE - February 3, 2011**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Melody Campbell  
Legislative Assistant