

MARINE DRIVE, VALLEY AND CANAL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 27, 1998

Goffs Fire Hall

PRESENT: Councillor David Hendsbee, Chair
Councillor Bill Dooks
Councillor Gordon R. Snow

STAFF: Mr. John MacKay
Mr. Bruce Fisher
Mr. Ron Lowerison
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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1. INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that the minutes of April 22, 1998 be approved as circulated.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED

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

Additions

Councillor Snow requested "Fire"
Councillor Hendsbee requested "Les Collins Avenue"
Councillor Dooks requested "Sandcastle"

Deletions

Councillor Snow requested item 10.4 be deleted

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Councillor Hendsbee submitted a petition from the residents of Les Collins Avenue advising, two thirds of the residents had signed the petition equating to more than 50% of the assessed value of the properties on the road. He advised he would submit the petition at the next meeting of Regional Council

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council

recommend that the Municipality proceed with the tender preparations, survey work and moving ahead with the required work to do the road improvements before December 1, 1998. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. REPORTS

10.1 Sidewalk Snow Clearance Area Rates by District

Mr. John MacKay outlined the staff report advising staff was seeking input on how the Councillors wished to finance sidewalk snow clearing either by an individual District rate, a Community Council rate or an urban/suburban rate.

Councillor Snow stated the snow plowing in Fletchers Lake and Fall River would have to be done by the community rate. He stated he was in favour of the recommendation for 1.3 cents for his area.

Councillor Hendsbee stated that the only sidewalk in his district was in front of a school. The Councillor stated the residents of North Preston may have a concern with the cost. He also stated he was in favour of the 1.3 cents being applied.

Mr. Fisher advised that if the catchment area was changed, the rates would change accordingly and noted that if there was a common area rate for the urban areas the rate would be 1.1 cent.

Councillor Snow noted that the rates have increased from last year and questioned why the same rate could not be applied this year. In response Mr. Fisher advised the rate charged in the previous year did not cover the complete bill.

Councillor Snow stated he was requesting the actual cost figures for District 2. The Councillor asked if it would be possible to have 1.0 cent applied to the sidewalks in Fall and 0.4 cent applied to those in Waverley.

The Councillors agreed to use individual discretion as to how the rates should be applied in individual Districts.

10.2 Terms of Reference – Planning Advisory Committee

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that the amended Terms of Reference of the Marine Drive Valley and Canal Planning Advisory Committee be adopted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 Summer Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that there be no meeting of the Community Council during the

months of July and August with the exception that a special meeting can be called if required. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.4 Access-A-Bus – Councillor Snow

This item was deleted at the beginning of the session.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that Halifax Regional Municipality take whatever initiatives possible for establishment/continuation of the Access-A-Bus service during the transit strike. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.5 Community Boundaries – Councillor Snow

Councillor Snow stated that community historical boundaries are very important to the residents of a community specifically when there is to be an area rate imposed. He stated the boundaries of District 2 have been established for over one hundred years and the community does not want the historical boundaries changes for purposes such as 911 or mailing addresses by Canada Post. He advised he will be meeting in each community, with a map, and determine community boundaries to be brought forward to the Community Council for ratification as the official community boundary map.

Mr. Ron Lowerison advised that boundary maps are drawn differently for different uses.

Councillor Snow stated he wanted the map as Fletchers Lake has a project they want to be charged an area rate for.

Mr. Lowerison advised that if boundaries are moved in one community they may have to be adjusted for all communities. On further question, Mr. Lowerison advised there are mailing addressed and location addresses which may be different.

11. MOTIONS – NONE

12. ADDED ITEMS

12.1 Correspondence re Holland Road Wellington

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the correspondence be received. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 Sidewalk Cost Estimate – Portobelo Road

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the report be received. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 Fire – Councillor Snow

Councillor Snow advised he was requesting a letter be sent to Gary Greene asking for a written report of why, since the merger of Zone 4, the district is not getting the same service that was provided prior to amalgamation. He stated the communities are now left vulnerable with only two men in Fall River and Goffs on Fridays with no one in Waverley manning the boat for the lakes. He stated that all firemen for zone 4 work out of Goffs and from here to the end of the Rocky Lake, Portobelo and Lakeview Road there is significant distance to be travelled in the event of a fire. He stated the service being provided is unacceptable and requested a report. He stated if they have to do a training session on a Tuesday night then pay them extra to do such. He stated there is no reason to have everyone in one fire hall at any given time. That is not the mandate of the firemen that was given by the residents.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the report as outlined be requested. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 Sandcastles – Councillor Dooks

Councillor Dooks advised that each year the village of Lake Charlotte, Clam Harbour, Clam Bay put on an event that is attended by residents of HRM and people from across Canada and the US. He stated these people come to build sand sculptures on the beach and the event brings revenue into the community. He advised new regulations have been set out and the Sandcastle Committee now has to pay for their own security and other associated costs. He advised the community needs funding to pay for these costs.

Councillor Hendsbee suggested the Lake Charlotte Leisure Society make an application to the Tax and Grants Committee and the Community Council request assistance from the Tourism Budget.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks that the Marine Drive Valley and Canal request \$3,000.00 from Special Events and Tourism towards this event. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident, on behalf of the Keltic Gardens Homeowners Association, advised there are changes taking place, advising the organization is up and running and there are changes and improvements in the roads.

15. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

16. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Julia Horncastle
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL CLERK