



NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
September 22, 2005
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Councillor Brad Johns, Chair
Councillor Robert Harvey
Deputy Mayor Len Goucher

STAFF AND OTHERS:

Mr. Andrew Bone, Planner
Ms. Thea Langille-Hanna, Planner 11
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Betty MacDonald, Director, Governance and Strategic
Initiatives
Mr. Fred Morley, Vice President & Chief Economist, Greater
Halifax Partnership

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m in the Fenerty Room, Sackville Library, Sackville.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Goucher, the minutes of August 25, 2005 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 12.1 Case 00753 - Area Advisory Committee for the Paper Mill Lake Lands under Development Agreement - Bedford
- 12.2 Case 00808 - Building Height Limits - Sackville Drive Secondary Planning Strategy (SPS) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB)
- 12.3 District 19 Building Community Fund (Councillor Johns)

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Harvey, the agenda as amended be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

4.1 STATUS SHEET ITEMS:

4.1.1 Shopping Cart Bylaw Report

No update was provided. This item is to remain on the status sheet.

4.1.2 Transit for Lucasville

Councillor Johns advised that the North West Transit Advisory Committee will be meeting the following week, and will address this matter at that time. To remain on the status sheet.

4.1.3 Letter from Sackville Drive Business Association - Height Restrictions

Report received (*see item 12.2*). To be removed from the status sheet.

4.1.4 Springfield Lake Watch (Information Report)

An Information Report dated September 15, 2005 was submitted. It was agreed that the report be forwarded to the Springfield Lake Watch Committee for review and advise that

they can bring the matter back to Community Council if they wish. This item is to remain on the status sheet until Community Council hears back from the Springfield Lake Watch group.

4.1.5 Judy Avenue Pathway

No update. This item is to remain on the status sheet.

4.1.6 Purchase of Land for Springfield Lake Rec Centre

Councillor Johns noted that the property in question has recently been put up for sale, and advised, therefore, it was urgent that staff respond. The Legislative Assistant was requested to follow up with staff on this matter. This item is to remain on the status sheet.

4.1.7 Union Street Flooding

Deputy Mayor Goucher advised that the tender was issued recently to SGE acres. This item is to remain on the status sheet until a report is received.

**4.1.8 Policy P-71, Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville MPS
- Information Report dated June 28, 2005**

Councillor Johns advised that he discussed with staff the costs associated with implementation, and he was also informed that this matter is moving forward in the Regional Plan. Community Council suggested Springfield Lake Watch put this item on their next agenda for discussion. This item is 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 Hearings: None

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

9.1 Correspondence:

9.1.1 Letter of Resignation from NWPAC - Robert Batherson

- A letter dated September 9, 2005 from Mr. Rob Batherson was submitted.

Referring to the submitted letter, the Chair advised that Mr. Batherson has resigned from the North West Planning Advisory Committee because he has moved out of North West Community Council's jurisdiction.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Goucher that North West Community Council forward a letter to Mr. Robert Batherson accepting his resignation, with regret, and thanking him for his work with the Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 Petitions: None.

9.3 Presentations:

9.3.1 HRM Economic Development Strategy - Betty MacDonald and Fred Morley

Ms. Betty MacDonald, Director, Governance and Strategic Initiatives, and Mr. Fred Morley, a representative of the Economic Development Strategy Committee, addressed Community Council and provided a presentation on HRM's Economic Development Strategy. The presentation involved outlining the first draft of the economic strategy; reviewing the goals and vision of the Advisory Committee, and briefly elaborating on the composition of the Committee. Mr. Morley advised that the Committee anticipates providing the draft to Council in mid-October, and will request Council's input. In November, pending Council's approval, the Strategy would be printed and the implementation process would begin thereafter.

Mr. Morley and Ms. MacDonald responded to questions from Community Council and members of the public.

10. REPORTS:

10.1 Councillors:

10.1.1 Councillor Harvey: Storm Drain Issue - Cavalier Drive

Councillor Harvey referred to a storm drain that empties into Second Lake, which is located next to a sewer pumping station at 145 Cavalier Drive, and explained that work was done to stabilize the area around the pumping station and the storm drain, however erosion has occurred to the incline and resulted in several large gullies. As well, garbage is coming through the storm drain and going down the incline, and soil erosion has ended up in the lake. The Councillor indicated this has been ongoing for some time—approximately 15 to 20 years—and the matter has come up again because the Second Lake Park Association have cut out a trail and it has to cross the gullies, which ice up in the winter and, therefore, is very expensive to deal with.

Councillor Harvey requested Community Council's support in a request to ask staff to liaise with the Second Lake Park Association and Department of Natural Resources to see if solutions can be found. Councillor Harvey also asked that this matter be placed on the Status Sheet.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Goucher that North West Community Council request staff liaise with the Second Lake Park Association and Department of Natural Resources to determine solutions for the storm drain issue

on Cavalier Drive and report back to Community Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.1.2 Councillor Harvey: Signage for Bicentennial Drive - Letter to Department of Transportation and Public Works

Councillor Harvey advised that he received a call from a resident noting that most people do not know the background regarding the naming of Bicentennial Drive, and suggested that signage should be erected explaining that Bicentennial Drive was named to mark the occasion of the 200th anniversary of Representative Government in Nova Scotia.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Goucher that North West Community Council forward a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Public Works requesting that signage be erected which provides information regarding the naming of Bicentennial Drive. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 Staff: None

10.3 Boards and Committees:

10.3.1 Report from North West Planning Advisory Committee: Case 00495: Development Agreement - Sackville Cross Road, Sackville (Notice of Motion and Schedule Public Hearing)

- A report from the North West Planning Advisory Committee dated September 8, 2005 with an attached staff report dated August 30, 2005 was submitted.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Goucher that North West Community Council Give Notice of Motion to consider the proposed development agreement to permit the construction of townhouse buildings at (PID #40282790) Lot 4A, Sackville Cross Road, and schedule a public hearing for October 27, 2005.

In moving the motion, Councillor Harvey advised that he was moving the staff recommendation and recommendation 2(b) of the report from the North West Planning Advisory Committee report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. MOTIONS: None

12. ADDED ITEMS:

12.1 Case 00753 - Area Advisory Committee for the Paper Mill Lake Lands under Development Agreement - Bedford

- A staff report dated September 8, 2005 was submitted.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Goucher, seconded by Councillor Harvey that North West

Community Council appoint the following members to the Paper Mill Lake Developments Advisory Committee:

Don Lowther and Kevin Dean (Bedford Waters Advisory Board)
Gloria Lowther and Joel Matheson (North West Planning Advisory Committee)
Sharon Hawboldt, Robert Kerr, and Bill Walsh (Members-at-Large)

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 Case 00808 - Building Height Limits - Sackville Drive Secondary Planning Strategy (SPS) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB)

- A staff report dated September 8, 2005 was submitted.

Ms. Langille-Hanna, Planner II advised that the staff report was in response to a request by North West Community Council last May to re-evaluate height restrictions along Sackville Drive. She indicated that an additional item which came up was parking requirements, and suggested that it would be reasonable to look at parking regulations at the same time.

In response to a question by Councillor Harvey, Ms. Langille-Hanna advised that she was not aware at this time if the parking requirements was something that would fall under Regional Council or Community Council jurisdiction. She added that she would investigate further, and suggested that, in the event it was something under Regional Council's jurisdiction, Community Council may want to include it in the motion should the staff recommendation be approved.

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Goucher that North West Community Council:

1. **Recommend that Regional Council approve the initiation of the process to amend the Sackville Drive Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to re-evaluate the height restrictions along Sackville Drive; and**
2. **Recommend that Regional Council request staff to follow the Public Participation Program as approved by Council in February 1997.**
3. **Include a review of the parking requirements in the Sackville Drive Secondary Planning Strategy.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 District 19 Building Community Fund (Councillor Johns)

At this time, Councillor Johns turned the Chair over to Deputy Mayor Goucher.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Harvey that North West Community Council approve the allocation of the District 19 Building Community

Fund as follows:

- \$10,000 Sackville Heights Community Centre - for security, i.e. cameras**
- \$ 5,000 Fencing, various pathways in District 19 and, in particular, fencing adjacent Sackville Heights Elementary School**
- \$10,000 To be designated either to the Springfield Lake Tot Lot (Springfield Lake Road) or development of a pathway along the sewer easement in Millwood.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Johns resumed the position of Chair.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION: None

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Don Lowther, representing Bedford Waters Advisory Board advised that the contractor carrying out the work on the Shore Drive bridge has been doing a great job, and he wanted to pass his comments on to staff. Mr. Lowther noted that since the work has started, residents have been attending on a daily basis to observe the contractor, and are pleased with the work. He noted that the contractor is ensuring that no silt or garbage is going into the Basin. Mr. Lowther suggested that the quality of work by the contractor may be, in part, a result of the specifications drawn up by HRM staff.

Mr. Walter Regan, representing the Sackville Rivers Association questioned if the engineering study on the Beaverbank Road bridge and Sackville Road bridge was completed and, if so, would he be able to get a copy.

Mr. Regan questioned if there was any movement with regard to acquiring the Church next to the Sackville Heights Community Centre for a concert hall. In response, Councillor Johns advised that this was not at the municipal level yet, and indicated that there were three groups who have expressed interest, and they have yet to meet.

The Chair recognized Ms. Michelle Champniss who was in attendance this evening, and advised that she was with the Sackville Drive Business Association.

Mr. Walter Regan advised that there were few garbage cans along Sackville Drive, and in response, Councillor Johns advised that, he, Councillor Harvey, HRM staff, Ms. Champniss and other members of the Sackville Drive Business Association recently met. He explained that the Sackville Drive Business Association is in the process of purchasing 69 garbage cans and 47 benches and these will be placed along Sackville Drive.

In response to a question by Mr. Regan regarding the Pinehill site, Councillor Harvey advised that staff has acknowledged that they are looking into the matter.

15. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

October 27, 2005. Deputy Mayor Goucher requested the meeting be held in Bedford if Regional Planning intends to make a presentation.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant