

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MAY 28, 1998

THOSE PRESENT: Councillor Barnet, Chairman
 Councillor Harvey
 Councillor Kelly

ALSO PRESENT: Bruce Fisher, Budget Coordinator
 Julia Horncastle, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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1. **INVOCATION**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with an Invocation at the new Upper Sackville Recreation Facility, 2476 Sackville Drive, Upper Sackville.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 23, 1998**

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Kelly to approve the Minutes of meeting held on April 23, 1998 as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Councillor Barnet: Condition of Field House - Met Field
Offer from Springfield Lake Recreation Association to maintain and operate the Upper Sackville Recreation Facility
Establishment of an advisory committee to provide advice on matters related to the Upper Sackville Recreation Facility
Millwood Commons Project
Request for Funding - Springfield Lake Recreation Centre

Councillor Harvey: North West Planning Advisory Committee
North West Transit Advisory Committee

Councillor Kelly: Traffic Studies while school still in session

Information Items: Glendale Avenue/Duke Street
Metro Transit Transfer Collection

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Harvey to approve the Order of Business as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

4.1 **Information re Landfill Monies**

No information was available at this time.

4.2 **Request for Grant from Sackville Rivers Association**

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Kelly to ratify the recommendation from Committee of the Whole for funding for Sackville Rivers Association in the amount of \$5,000 to come from the unexpended interest from the Landfill account, under the conditions outlined in the request from Sackville Rivers Association.

Councillor Kelly asked if Sackville Rivers Association was likely to secure cost sharing dollars. In reply, Councillor Harvey advised this was one of the conditions, that cost sharing dollars be forthcoming. Walter Regan, Sackville Rivers Association also confirmed that he believed the cost sharing dollars could still be obtained, at the same ratio as previously outlined.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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** - None

10. **REPORTS**

10.1 **Sidewalk Snow Clearance Area Rates by District**

A Memorandum dated May 4, 1998 from staff re the above was before Community Council.

Bruce Fisher, Budget Coordinator was in attendance in this regard. He advised that Regional Council had set up the Sidewalks Snow Clearance Review Committee and staff had been requested to obtain comments from Community Councils to be forwarded to the Committee since the general tax rate has been passed and sidewalk snowplowing was not included.

Councillor Kelly asked if the report included actual costs or cost ratios. In reply, Mr. Fisher advised there had been difficulties tracking costs. Subsequently, Councillor Kelly asked where the numbers would have come from then. Replying, Mr. Fisher provided information on known costs from which costs per District were obtained as well as other costs which

were included. Councillor Kelly then requested that staff go back three years to find out prorated costs of what actual costs would be. He added that he was a member of the Committee set up by Regional Council.

Councillor Barnet asked if the costs included sidewalks abutting HRM property. In reply, Mr. Fisher advised that sidewalks abutting HRM property were covered by the general rate. Councillor Barnet then pointed out he thought the amount of \$60,000 was quite a significant amount of money considering there were not that many sidewalks in his District, particularly in comparison to District 20. In reply, Mr. Fisher said he was surprised himself when he saw the amount.

Councillor Harvey said he was also surprised at the cost for District 20. It would be helpful to have a column showing the actual kilometres per District to compare. He expressed concern that the cost for District 20 - 1.9 cents - was two and a half times what was paid last winter. He said he would also be interested in knowing the actual costs, like Councillor Kelly, before he came to a conclusion.

Councillor Harvey asked for clarification that commercial sidewalks would be included as part of the cost. In reply, Mr. Fisher advised that under the HRM Act it was only possible to tax residential sidewalks. In many cases, it did not make sense to lift the blade and drive around a commercial property if you were in a mixed area. Councillor Harvey pointed out that Sackville Drive, for instance, was mostly commercially zoned property and he felt that there should be a contribution from the general rate to top up for commercial properties; otherwise, the commercial properties would have their sidewalks plowed free. He did not advocate lifting the plow either, however. Mr. Fisher agreed to provide information on how much the contribution would be relative to commercial properties.

Councillor Harvey then asked if it was intended to come up with a rate by District or by Community Council area. In reply, Mr. Fisher advised staff was seeking input on this. He outlined what had transpired with other Community Councils. Councillor Harvey subsequently said he would support a Community Council rate but wanted to see actuals first over the last few years and would be looking for a commercial contribution to drive the rate down somewhat.

Councillor Kelly said it was important to go back and find out the actual costs, find out what was mandatory clearing and what was optional, the ratio differential if commercial was charged back. He did not want, however, a Community Council rate as he did not want to subsidize anyone - it should be done by District so that the District pays the actual costs.

Councillor Barnet pointed out that District 22 was no longer included in this Community Council. He then asked what was the time frame for any decision or comments. In reply,

Mr. Fisher advised staff wanted to have the matter resolved fairly quickly as tax bills would be printed in a few weeks.

Councillor Kelly asked where the tax bills were being prepared and mailed from. Mr. Fisher agreed to find out.

It was agreed to defer to the next meeting - June 11, 1998 - pending receipt of the information requested.

11. **MOTIONS** - None

12. **ADDED ITEMS**

12.1 **Condition of Field House - Met Field**

Councillor Barnet advised there has been a great deal of vandalism over the past year and confusion with respect to who was responsible for the field house itself and for general maintenance and upkeep of the facility.

Councillor Harvey advised that \$1,000 has been allocated for the staircase but there were other things that needed to be done and a Staff Report would provide information as to what else needs to be done and who is responsible.

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Kelly to request a Staff Report on the condition of the field house at Met Field and responsibility for repairing and maintaining the facility. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 **Offer from Springfield Lake Recreation Association to Maintain and Operate the Upper Sackville Recreation Facility**

A letter dated May 8, 1998 from Springfield Lake Recreation Centre outlining a management proposal for the Upper Sackville Recreation Facility was before Community Council.

Councillor Barnet provided background information which resulted in the management proposal coming forward, outlined the proposal as contained in the letter and asked for support from Community Council.

Councillor Kelly asked for clarification as to where the funds would be obtained. Councillor Barnet explained that \$1 million had been loaned to the Municipality to build the Library. The interest from the \$1 million develops an operating fund and the funds would come

from that. The operating fund reduces over 20 years as the loan pays off but the first year was in the vicinity of \$70,000.

Councillor Barnet, having provided further information on funding, advised that his request was for agreement in principle so that Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Dan English could be requested to review the proposal and develop some sort of agreement between HRM and the Association. The term of the agreement would be one-year, renewable with the option of renegotiating parts of the agreement, if necessary.

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Kelly that subject to favourable review by Deputy CAO Dan English, the management proposal from Springfield Lake Recreation Centre to manage the Upper Sackville Recreation Facility be accepted. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 Establishment of Advisory Committee to Provide Advice on Matters Relating to Upper Sackville Recreation Facility

Councillor Barnet explained the proposal to create an Advisory Committee to play an advisory role with respect to this facility. He hoped that staff would assist him and, as well Community Council, in establishing Terms of Reference and composition of the Committee to be able to move forward. In his opinion, the best thing to do would be to establish Terms of Reference through staff before advertising for residents to serve on the Committee.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Harvey to request staff assistance in the establishment of an advisory committee to provide advice on matters relating to the Upper Sackville Recreation Facility and that staff be requested to provide draft Terms of Reference and composition of the Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 Millwood Commons Project

Councillor Barnet advised this project was started before amalgamation and was a combination of landfill funds, HRM funds and provincial funds. The province has supplied its component and there has been a tender for sports facilities. He was looking for a timetable on when this particular phase will be done and when the project will be completed.

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Kelly to request an update and time table for the completion of the Millwood Commons Project.

12.5 **Request for Funding - Springfield Lake Recreation Centre**

A letter dated May 20, 1998 was before Community Council requesting consideration for a list of projects under the Landfill Compensation Fund for Springfield Lake Recreation Centre.

Councillor Barnet suggested that a Committee of the Whole meeting should be arranged, with staff members such as Shirley McCarthy and Nancy Ellwood from Finance to deal with general issues surrounding the Landfill Compensation Fund.

Councillor Kelly asked for clarification on the amount the Springfield Lake Recreation Centre was asking for as it was not clear in the letter. Councillor Barnet advised he would have to check.

Councillor Kelly asked for clarification as to staff involvement in the Landfill funds. In reply, Councillor Barnet advised that staff managed the funds but the Councillors from Sackville directed how the funds should be spent. Staff provided a breakdown of Landfill funds on a regular basis.

Councillor Kelly said he did not see why the management of the funds was so complicated. Responding, Councillor Barnet explained that it was complex because there were actually two funds creating two sets of interest. He thought it would be wise to sit down with staff to get a clear understanding of the funds for future requests for funding.

Councillor Harvey said it would be useful for Community Council to go over the spread sheet to see exactly where we are and find out what monies are available, considering the pending expenditures regarding Sackville Heights Junior High School. He supported holding a meeting before the end of June.

Councillor Barnet agreed to arrange a meeting.

12.6 **Glendale Avenue/Duke Street (Former Captain John Gorham Boulevard)**

As well as the Information Report dated April 24, 1998, a subsequent Memorandum dated May 28, 1998 was received in this respect providing the latest update.

Councillor Kelly stated that Community Council had already made it very clear that the decision was that Duke Street would remain Duke Street to the centre and Glendale would remain Glendale to the centre. The province could leave the overpass unnamed but the two streets should remain as they were. It had been made very clear that Community Council did not intend to debate or discuss any further. He suggested advising staff that

subject to Community Council's previous resolution, staff should follow through and if there was no desire to name the overpass, it should be left.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Harvey that correspondence be sent in this respect including any former motions. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.7 Metro Transit Transfer Collection

A Memorandum dated May 22, 1998 was before Community Council in response to Community Council having sent on the recommendation from North West Transit Advisory Committee for a transfer study.

Councillor Harvey pointed out it did not appear that a copy of this Memorandum had been sent to the Transit Advisory Committee. He recommended sending it on to the Transit Advisory Committee and, if the Committee had any further comments or recommendations, they could report back.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Harvey to forward the correspondence to North West Transit Advisory Committee for review and comment, if deemed advisable. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.8 North West Planning Advisory Committee

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Kelly that as to the mandate of North West Planning Advisory Committee, henceforth this Committee will deal with applications and matters relating to Districts 19, 20 and 21 exclusively. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Harvey requested that staff ensure that members of PAC are advised of this motion as soon as possible.

12.9 North West Transit Advisory Committee

Councillor Barnet advised that he had spoken to staff at Metro Transit who advised it would be appropriate as well to redefine the North West Transit Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Councillors Harvey and Kelly that the Transit Advisory Committee be focused on issues for Districts 19, 20 and 21 henceforth. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Harvey requested that a copy of the motion be sent to members of the Committee and to staff. As well, Transit Advisory Committee should be requested to review the Terms of Reference regarding membership and make a recommendation regarding additional membership.

12.10 **Request for Traffic Studies**

Councillor Kelly advised that he had requested counts last year and they had been close. In his opinion, counts should be carried out during school time frames to make them more accurate. Before school ends, and hopefully within the next two weeks, he requested that staff carry out traffic studies in the following areas:

Ridgevale Drive and Dartmouth Road
Basinview Drive and Hammonds Plains Road
Duke Street and Rocky Lake Drive
Wardour Street, North Street and Dartmouth Road

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Harvey that the traffic studies as outlined be carried out before the end of the school year. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. **NOTICES OF MOTION** - None

14. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Walter Regan, Sackville Rivers Association raised the following points:

- He asked if there was going to be an official opening of the Upper Sackville Recreation Facility. In reply, Councillor Barnet provided information on what was taking place in this regard.
- He asked for an update on Second Lake Park. In reply, Councillor Harvey said he expected there would be initiatives underway over the next several months in an effort to secure parkland. At this time, he was much more encouraged than he had been over the last several years. There were no specifics at this time, however.
- He expressed appreciation for the Grant provided through the Landfill funds.
- He provided information on clean up efforts for the Sackville River - May 30 and June 6.
- The 10th Annual General Meeting would take place on June 4 at Cobequid

Multi Service Centre.

- He asked for an update re signs for the Sackville River as there were some locations that did not have any. Councillor Barnet advised he was not aware of any further signage.
- He asked for an update re a Silt Inspector. He was provided with a copy of the Information Report dated April 24, 1998 re same.
- He asked for an update on the Tree By-law. In reply, Councillor Barnet advised he was not sure of the status at this time but hoped to see something in the next few months.
- He asked for confirmation that the Jack Lake property was up for sale. In reply, Councillor Kelly advised it was not up for sale but action was being taken with regard to the property by a federal government department. That was all the information he could provide at this time.

15. **NEXT MEETING** - June 11, 1998

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion from Councillor Harvey, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Assistant Municipal Clerk