




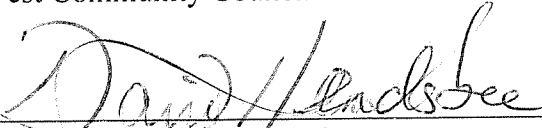
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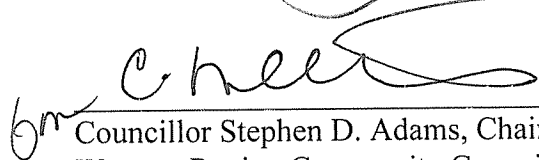
Item No. 11.1.4
Halifax Regional Council
December 15, 2009
January 12, 2010

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


for Councillor Bob Harvey, Chair
North West Community Council


Councillor David Hendsbee, Chair
Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council


Councillor Stephen D. Adams, Chair
Western Region Community Council

DATE: December 9, 2009

SUBJECT: Amendments to Administrative Order Number Two (2) Respecting the Creation of the North West Community Council, Administrative Order Number Twenty-Six (26) Respecting the Creation of Western Region Community Council and Administrative Order Number Thirty-Four (34) Respecting the Creation of Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council

ORIGIN

North West Community Council meeting of November 25, 2009 and the December 8, 2009 joint meeting of North West Community Council, Western Region Community Council and Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council.

RECOMMENDATION

North West Community Council, Western Region Community Council and Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council recommend to Halifax Regional Council:

1. Amend Administrative Order Number Two (2) Respecting the Creation of North West

Recommendation Continued

Community Council to include that portion of District 2 that falls within the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and that portion of District 23 that falls within the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy;

2. Amend Administrative Order Number Twenty-Six (26) Respecting the Creation of the Western Region Community Council, to delete that portion of District 2 that falls within the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy; and
3. Amend Administrative Order Number Thirty-Four (34) Respecting the Creation of the Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council, to delete that portion of District 23 that falls within the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy.
4. Direct staff to prepare the appropriate amendments to the Administrative Orders.

BACKGROUND

Section 24 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter provide for the establishment of Community Councils as follows.

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter - Bill No. 179, Section 24

- (1) The Council may, by policy, establish a community council for an area.*
- (2) A policy establishing a community council must define the boundaries of the community and the community must include the whole, or part of, at least three polling districts.*
- (3) The number of electors in a community must be at least twice the average number of electors per polling district in the Municipality.*
- (4) The community council for each community consists of the councillors elected from the polling districts included, in whole or in part, in the community.*

The North West Regional Community Council was established November 2, 2004 under Administrative Order Two. Polling districts 19, Middle & Upper Sackville - Lucasville, 20, Lower Sackville and 21, Bedford are currently included within the Community Council area.

North West Community Council considered an amendment at their November 25, 2009 meeting.

DISCUSSION

North West Community Council approved the recommendation to add polling district 2, Waverley - Fall River - Beaver Bank and polling district 23, Hammonds Plains - St. Margarets.

During discussion it was noted that having District 2 and District 23 included within North West Community Council would be a move in the right direction. There are synergies between the Hammonds Plains, Beaver Bank and Upper Sackville zone which falls within District 2 and the undeveloped lands around the Cape Lakes within the existing North West Community Council area. Effective communication is difficult due to the fact that these areas are in different Districts and there is no common Community Council.

It was noted that if amendments are made to the Administrative Order Number Two Respecting the Creation of North West Community Council, Councillor Barry Dalrymple and Councillor Peter Lund would join the North West Community Council as full voting members on all issues.

Subsequent to the November 25, 2009 meeting, staff noted that should Council choose to approve the amendments to the Administrative Order Number Two, amendments would be required to Administrative Order Number Twenty-Six (26) Respecting the Creation of the Western Region Community Council and Administrative Order Number Thirty-Four (34) Respecting the Creation of the Marine Drive Valley and Canal Community Council.

A joint meeting was held on December 8, 2009 and the recommendation of the joint meeting is as set out in the Recommendation section of the December 9, 2009 report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications to the recommendation.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Council may choose to approve the amendments to Administrative Order Number Two (2) Respecting the Creation of the North West Community Council, Administrative Order Number Twenty-Six (26) Respecting the Creation of the Western Region Community Council and Administrative Order Number Thirty-Four (34) Respecting the Creation of the Marine Drive Valley and Canal Community Council. This is the recommended alternative.

2. Council may choose not to accept the recommendation of North West Community Council, Western Region Community Council and Marine Drive, Valley Canal Community Council to amendment Administrative Order Number Two (2) Respecting the Creation of the North West Community Council, Administrative Order Number Twenty-Six (26) Respecting the Creation of the Western Region Community Council and Administrative Order Number Thirty-Four (34) Respecting the Creation of the Marine Drive Valley and Canal Community Council. This is not the recommended course of action.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Extract of North West Community Council Draft Minutes of November 25, 2009.
2. Extract of North West Community Council, Western Region Community Council and Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council Draft Minutes of December 8, 2009.
3. Map 1

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Extract of North West Community Council Draft Minutes - November 25, 2009

10.2.2 Councillor Harvey - Amendment of Terms of Reference

MOVED BY Councillor Outhit, seconded by Deputy Mayor Johns, that the North West Community Council request that Halifax Regional Council amend Administrative Order Number Two Respecting the Creation of North West Community Council, to include that portion of District 2 that falls within the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and that portion of District 23 that falls within the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy.

Deputy Mayor Johns noted that having District 2 and District 23 included within North West Community Council would be a move in the right direction. There are synergies between the Hammonds Plains, Beaver Bank and Upper Sackville zone which falls within district 2 and the undeveloped lands around the Cape Lakes within the existing North West Community Council area. Effective communication is difficult due to the fact these are in different districts and there is no common Community Council.

Councillor Harvey advised that if amendments are made to the Administrative Order Number Two Respecting the Creation of the North West Community Council, that Councillor Barry Dalrymple and Councillor Peter Lund would join the North West Community Council as full voting members on all issues.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Extract of the Joint Meeting of North West Community Council, Western Region Community Council and Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council Draft Minutes - December 8, 2009

4. AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS 2, 26, AND 34

- Extract of North West Community Council Draft Minutes dated November 25, 2009 was before the Community Councils.
- Map 1 illustrating the portions of District 2 and District 23 which would be included in the North West Community Council was circulated.

Councillor Harvey provided an update to the Councillors of each Community Council advising that the reason for meeting. The objective is to move forward to Regional Council with a motion to consider the inclusion of those portions of District 2 and District 23 which falls within the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy being include in the North West Community Council.

Councillor Lund requested clarification whether all matters relating to the Hammonds Plains Road would be considered by the North West Community Council. Councillor Harvey confirmed that this would be the case.

The Councillors reviewed the map of District 2 and District 23 that indicated the areas that would be included in the North West Community Council.

Councillor Rankin noted that this is an alignment of the planning areas.

Councillor Harvey advised that there would still be the same number of Community Councils as there is currently, however, Councillors from District 2 and District 23 would sit on two Community Councils.

Due to lack of quorum, the Community Councils agreed to reconvene the meeting in the Council Chambers following Committee of the Whole.

The Community Councils recessed at 9:17 a.m.
The Community Councils reconvened at 12:09 p.m. with quorum in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

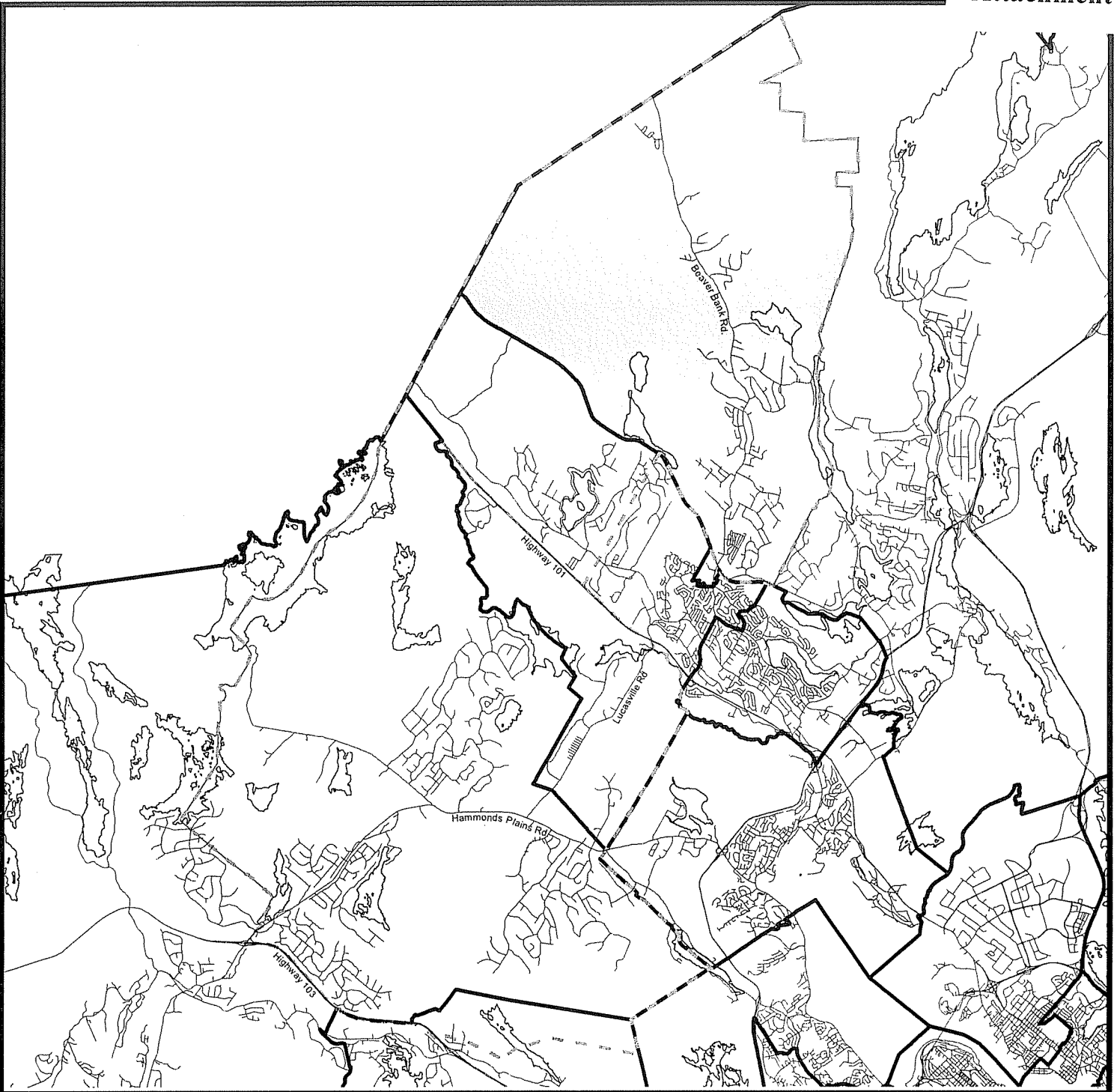
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Johns, seconded by Councillor Lund, that North West Community Council, Marine Drive, Valley and Canal Community Council and Western Region Community Council recommend to Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Amend Administrative Order Number Two (2) Respecting the Creation of North West Community Council to include that portion of District 2 that falls within the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and that portion of District 23 that falls within**

the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy;

- 2. Amend Administrative Order Number Twenty-Six (26) Respecting the Creation of the Western Region Community Council, to delete that portion of District 2 that falls within the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy; and**
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MOTION PUT AND PASSED.



Map 1

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□ Existing North West Community Council Boundary

□ Portion of Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville Plan Area in District 23

□ Portion of Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville Plan Area in District 2

