



**HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 17, 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor Stephen D. Adams, Chair
Councillor Waye Mason, Vice Chair
Councillor Russell Walker
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Richard Zurawski
Councillor Lindell Smith

STAFF: Ms. Karen Brown, Senior Solicitor
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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*The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. and recessed at 6:31 p.m.
. Community Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 6:33 p.m. Community
reconvened at 6:43 p.m. Community Council adjourned at 6:46 p.m.*

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 14, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the minutes of December 14, 2016 be approved.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. HEARINGS

10.1 PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

10.2 VARIANCE APPEAL HEARINGS - NONE

11. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

11.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was submitted in regard to item 13.1.1.

11.2 Petitions - None

11.3 Presentation - None

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Rodent Control

The following was before Community Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 21, 2016.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

- THAT Halifax and West Community Council recommend Regional Council direct staff to:**
- 1. Continue to bait for rodent control, as required, on municipal property; and,**
 - 2. Investigate options for voluntary compliance with the construction community for a period of 10 to 14 days prior to demolition or major construction.**

Councillor Mason explained that he noticed an increase of rodent complaints from residents in his district, and this was particularly significant in the summer of 2016. He expressed appreciation to staff for the submitted report, and advised that in his view the staff recommendation was not sufficient and that he was asking Community Council to defeat the motion on the floor and he would then put forward the alternative in the report. Councillor Mason noted that with large development projects, developers are required to meet with the community and present their plan for mitigating potential problems arising from the construction and, in his view, rodent control should be included in a construction mitigation plan.

A discussion ensued with Mr. Bruce Zvaniga, Director, Transportation and Public Works responding to questions. During discussion, it was noted that, for environmental reasons, Halifax Water does not bait storm sewers and drains. Concern was expressed that unless Halifax Water baited regularly, the problem would not be adequately addressed, and it was suggested that staff engage in discussion with Halifax Water on this issue. In addition, Community Council emphasized the importance of public education in dealing with rodents and suggested that the Municipality consider increasing public awareness and education in this regard. In concluding discussion, Community Council was in agreement that, with the amount of construction activity occurring in the downtown area, more stringent efforts are required to deal with the problem, and that amending the Administrative Order to include a plan for rodent control was a step in the right direction toward addressing the issue

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

- THAT Halifax and West Community Council recommend Regional Council direct staff to:**
- 1. Continue to bait for rodent control, as required, on municipal property; and**
 - 2. Amend Administrative Order 2016-003-ADM, Respecting Construction Site Management to include rodent control in the form of pre-baiting for a period of 10-14 days prior to demolition or major construction.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS - NONE

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT Community Council convene In Camera (In Private).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Community Council recessed to meet In Camera (In Private) at 6:31 p.m.

Community Council reconvened at 6:43 p.m.

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

15.1 Personnel Matter:

15.1.1 Citizen Appointments to the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board

This matter was dealt with in camera, and Community Council ratified its motion in the public session as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Walker

That Halifax and West Community Council

- 1) Confirm the recommendation for citizen appointment to the Regional Watersheds Advisory Board for a term to November 2018, as outlined in the December 5, 2016 Private and Confidential staff report and approved in the In camera (in private) session held on this date.**
- 2) It is further recommended that the citizen appointment be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidate.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.1.2 Citizen Appointments to the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee

This matter was dealt with in camera, and Community Council ratified its motion in the public session as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

That Halifax and West Community Council:

- 1) Confirm the recommendation of the four citizen appointments to the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee for a term to November 2018 as outlined in Attachment #1 of the Private and Confidential staff report dated December 5, 2016, and approved in the In Camera (in private) session held on this date.**
- 2) It is further recommended that the citizen appointment be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidate.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.1.3 Citizen Appointments to the District 7 and 8 Planning Advisory Committee

This matter was dealt with in camera, and Community Council ratified its motion in the public session as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

That Halifax and West Community Council:

- 1) Confirm the recommendation of the three citizens appointed to the District 7 and 8 Planning Advisory Committee for a term to November 2018 as outlined in Attachment #1 of the Private and Confidential staff report dated**

December 19, 2016, and approved at the In Camera (in private) session held on this date.

- 2) It is further recommended that the citizen appointment be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidate.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. **ADDED ITEMS – NONE**
17. **NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**
18. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE**
19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, February 14, 2017**
20. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant