

Meeting Notes
Bedford Waterfront VIC Meeting
Jan 27 2010 Bedford Junior HS Library

1. In attendance:

Tim Outhit, Terry Drisdelle, Ali Cinar, Harvey Doane, Victoria Dymond
Sharon Mccready, Mark Ward, Doug Kolmer Chair

Regrets:

Shannon and Mark Gavin, Allan McIver, John Merrick, Paul Morgan,
Ellis O'Neill, Rosemarie Sampson

2. The July 6, 2009 and the Oct 28, 2009 meeting notes approval were to be handled at the Dec 9, 2009 meeting which was cancelled due to the inclement weather. These notes will be handled at the next VIC meeting.

3. Remarks from Councillor Outhit

- Tax reform - voted against the status-quo option
- Is now a member of the Boundary and Governance Review Committee
- The possible location for the new HS (replacing C.P. Allen) was discussed and it will likely be in Bedford West (Innovation Dr or Gary Martin Dr)
- The zoning applicable to the infill water lot on Moirs Pond is being examined
- The report on the traffic study that was undertaken in December will be completed and distributed in the spring of 2010
- This information will also be used in the Harbour Link Business case

Several other developments both planned and ongoing were discussed as they have potential to impact the implementation of the vision – fact sheets for the proposed Hwy 113 were reviewed; Halifax regional council will ask HRM staff to study the cost of a commuter train service into downtown Halifax; and a new initiative regarding a new arts centre in association with the proposed new high school in Bedford West.

4. Design Study Update – Terry Drisdelle WDCL

Terry identified that substantial progress has been made by the consultants in working out a financially feasible phasing for the overall implementation of the vision. The only outstanding issue with the study is obtaining the second access from the Bedford Highway. Much open-ended discussion ensued regarding the various mechanisms that could be used to acquire the second access land. WDCL does not want to put the draft of the report out until this issue is resolved so as not to raise false expectations in the minds of the public.

Items 5. and 6. were formally deferred until the next meeting.

7. Mark Ward provided a briefing on the project to develop a skate park for Bedford. Mark is the chair of the Bedford Skate Park Action Team (B-SPAT). An HRM Project Manager will be addressing their committee at the next meeting Feb 3, 2010 to provide an outline of the steps involved in seeing this project through.

8. Next Steps

Action: Terry will look into arranging for the draft report to be 'previewed' by members of the VIC, while the second access issue is worked on.

Action: Doug to circulate how to access the Municipal Planning Strategy for Bedford and identify the sections pertaining to the waterfront so Task Group members can begin to familiarize themselves with the current direction.

Action: all VIC members please review the meeting Notes from July 6th so we can finalize them at the next meeting. Any comments on the draft notes please send them to Paul Morgan directly by Feb 15th.

9. Next Meetings

We have secured the Bedford Jr. HS Library for the next three meetings as follows: Wed. Feb 24th, Wed. March 31st and Wed. April 28th. All meetings will start at 7pm.