

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be adopted by the Western Region Community Council as its Rules of Procedure and that when and if the same are adopted, the Secretary of the Community Council be instructed to file a certified copy hereof with the Clerk of the Municipal Council.

June 24, 2002

**WESTERN REGION COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RULES OF PROCEDURE**

DEFINITIONS:

1. In this resolution,

(a) "Community Council" means the Western Region Community Council consisting of the members of the Halifax Regional Council elected in polling district 22, Hammonds Plains-Timberlea, polling district 23, Prospect-St. Margaret's Bay and that part of polling district 18, Spryfield-Herring Cove which was situated within the boundaries of the former Halifax County Municipality prior to April 1, 1996.

(b) "Member" means a member of a Community Council.

(c) "Chair" means the Chair of the Community Council.

CHAIR:

2. (1) The Community Council shall, at its first meeting, elect a Chair. The first Chair shall hold office until the meeting of Community Council to be held in November, 2002, at which meeting the Community Council shall elect a Chair from among its members for a term of one year. Thereafter, the Community Council shall annually elect a Chair from among its members in accordance with the requirements of the *Municipal Government Act*.

(2) The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Community Council.

(3) In the absence of the Chair, a Chair shall be appointed from the members present.

MEETINGS:

3. (1) There shall be ten (10) regular meetings of the Community Council in each year to be held on the fourth Monday in each month, except during the months of July and August and except that if the fourth Monday shall fall on a holiday, that regular meeting shall not be held. The Community Council may, by resolution, establish a summer meeting schedule if desired.

(2) At the written request of two (2) or more members of the Community Council, the Clerk shall call a special meeting of the Community Council for the purpose and at the time mentioned in the request, on at least three days' notice.

(3) The Chair, upon the request of two (2) or more members, may cancel a regular meeting of the Community Council for lack of business or other valid reason.

(4) The meetings shall commence at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon or as otherwise by resolution agreed.

(5) The Community Council shall annually by resolution establish a schedule of meeting sites if desired.

QUORUM:

4. A majority of members of Community Council, including the Chair, shall constitute a quorum.

PROCEDURE:

5. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this resolution, the procedure applicable to meetings of the Council of the Municipality, including the procedures prescribed by the Procedure of Council Administrative Order, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to meetings of the Community Council, with the exception of the Order of Proceedings set out in Section 22 thereof and in the stead thereof, the Order of Proceedings of the Community Council shall be:

- a) Call to Order
- b) Minutes of the previous meeting
- c) Approval of the Order of Business and Approval of Additions and Deletions
- d) Business Arising Out of the Minutes
- e) Motions of Reconsideration
- f) Motions of Rescission
- g) Consideration of Deferred Business
- h) Public Hearings
- i) Correspondence, Petitions and Delegations
- j) Reports
- k) Motions
- l) Added Items
- m) Notices of Motion
- n) Public Participation
- o) Next Meeting Date
- p) Adjournment

(2) Notwithstanding any provisions of the Procedure of Council Administrative Order or any other rules of procedure relied upon, the Chair may move and second motions both substantive and procedural for consideration by the meeting.

MINUTES:

6. (1) If necessary, the Secretary of the Community Council may appoint a recording secretary to assist the Secretary in taking the minutes of each session of the Community Council.
- (2) The minutes of each session will be circulated to each Community Council member preceding the next session at which time the minutes, by resolution, will be approved.
- (3) Once approved, the minutes will be available for public distribution.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

7. (1) Regular scheduled meetings of the Community Council will include at the end of its agenda the opportunity for public participation.
- (2) During public participation all questions are to be directed through the Chair with the speaker providing his/her name and address.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. Public Hearings will be held as required.

REPRESENTATION AND PRESENTATION TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

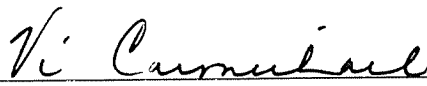
9. (1) Interest groups or delegations wishing to make a presentation are required to advise the Secretary of the Community Council two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting at which they would like to present.
- (2) The Community Council will endeavour to hear the presentation on the date the delegation requested, but, if not possible, at the next regular meeting.

REPEAL

10. The Rules of Procedure adopted on April 23, 2001 are hereby repealed.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above Rules of Procedure were adopted by motion at a Western Region Community Council meeting duly held on the 24th of June, 2002.

GIVEN under the hand of the Secretary of the Western Region Community Council this 22 day of July, 2002.



Vi Carmichael
Municipal Clerk