

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
DISTRICT 18 COMMUNITY MEETING
WILLIAM KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
OCTOBER 14, 2009

A meeting was held at the William King Elementary School in Herring Cove on October 14, 2009 to discuss the recent announcement for a new fire hall. There were approximately 75 residents in attendance.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with an outline of the agenda.

The meeting was arranged to satisfy one of four conditions put forth by Andy Sullivan and Tom Cooper in order for them to complete forms for title of the property which were necessary for HRM to build. The other conditions were to ensure a new fire hall was built, the recreation centre would remain (with upgrades) and the Ketch Harbour station was to remain open. These were requested to ensure complete transparency and protection for the community.

During ensuing discussion, much concern was raised over the events of 2002 regarding HRM Fire Services treatment of the Herring Cove volunteers. Comments also suggested that HRM was trying to “back the community into a corner”, and that “this was being done too quickly”.

An explanation was provided that although there was extensive talk from Ottawa that stimulus monies were to be distributed, details were scarce. HRM only learned that our project was approved on September 13th. Further, the funds had to be expended by April 2011, or our project, or any others, would not qualify.

Additional concerns were raised with regard to the lack of drawings showing the design and layout of both the fire hall and recreation centre. Since the announcement was made only a month previously, plans have yet to be developed. When they become available, the Councillor advised he would ensure they are posted. When additional information regarding timelines is available, another community meeting will be held.

A motion made by Fred Martin to approve the transfer was put and passed.

A question was raised regarding the cost of heat, lights, maintenance and insurance, etc. and who would pay. The Councillor advised he did not have this information but would ask staff to provide.

The Councillor noted HRM staff visited the recreation centre on the morning of October

15th to assess the hall and amenities, and advised he will be meeting with them in November to discuss upgrades and budget.

Mr. Brian Dempsey then made a presentation regarding Latters Lake, and showed drawings of the site. The Herring Cove Community Liaison Committee allocated \$100,000.00 to this project, and HRM contributed \$50,000.00.

As we progress, updates will be provided. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.