



**NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 11, 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Outhit, Chair
 Councillor Matt Whitman, Vice Chair
 Deputy Mayor Steve Craig
 Councillor Steve Streach
 Councillor Lisa Blackburn

STAFF: Roxanne MacLaurin, Senior Solicitor
 Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., and adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Bedford-Hammonds Plains Community Centre, 202 Innovation Drive, Bedford.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 17, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the minutes of July 17, 2017 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Two-third majority vote required.

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

10.1.1 Case #20996 - Amendments to the Existing Development Agreement for Bedford West Sub Area 9, Bedford and Halifax

The following was before Community Council:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 23, 2017
- A memorandum submitted by the Chair of the North West Planning Advisory Committee dated April 10, 2017
- An extract of the North West Planning Advisory Committee April 5, 2017 minutes
- Staff presentation

Melissa Eavis, Planner II presented the application by Cresco Holdings Inc. for amendments to the existing development agreement for Bedford West sub area 9 to enable the development of hotel/motel/guest house uses within general commercial areas of the development. Correction maps 1 and 2 incorrect is substantial amendment.

The Chair read the rules of procedure with respect to public hearings, opened the public hearing and invited the applicant to speak.

The Applicant was in attendance but did not wish to speak.

The Chair called three times for speakers, there were none.

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Craig

THAT the public hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Craig

THAT North West Community Council:

- 1. Approve the proposed amending agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated June 3, 2017; and**
- 2. Require the amending agreement be signed by the property owner within 120 days, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of the property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, which is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.**

It was noted that Halifax and West Community Council would be holding its Public Hearing for Case #20996 on Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 VARIANCE APPEAL HEARINGS – NONE

11. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

11.1 Correspondence – None

11.2 Petitions – None

11.3 Presentation – None

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF – NONE

13.2 MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

13.2.1 Councillor Blackburn – Signage at Public Boat Launches in HRM Encouraging Safe Boating Speed/Practices

The following was before Community Council:

- A request for North West Community Council consideration form from Councillor Blackburn

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Craig

THAT North West Community Council request a staff report outlining options to ensure public safety on HRM lakes, specifically Springfield Lake in District 14, through methods such as posting safe boating signage at public boat launches; enforcement of safe boating speeds/practices and possible monitoring of lake activity.

Members spoke monitoring boat activity on all HRM lakes to ensure public safety, through methods such as posting signage and enforcement. It was asked that the staff report identify how safe boating speeds/practices would be enforced and who would be responsible (i.e. Municipal, Provincial or Federal). It was also noted that this is a regional issue and not specific to one district.

A friendly amendment was requested that the motion read *all HRM lakes*, to which the mover and members agreed.

The motion now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Craig

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MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ross Evans, Pockwock Road commented to motorists being unsure where to turn left to enter Vernon's Thunderbird Diner on the Hammonds Plains Road, suggesting the placement of directional road markings to reduce confusion.

Tim Chesnutt, Event Director of Epic Dartmouth spoke to the events that took place over Canada Day weekend, noting that the Epic Dartmouth Run was the largest running event in Canada. A handout was circulated and submitted for the record showing partnership opportunities for other racing events around the world to take part in the Epic Dartmouth Run in 2018 and the promotional and tourism benefits. The speaker looked to integrate the event with the Municipality's Canada Day events. They also recognized and thanked Councillor Austin for assisting with the flag raising on the MacDonald Bridge. In response to a question raised about the Epic Dartmouth Run being on the same day as the Kids Triathlon in Bedford, the speaker commented to other running events throughout the Province happening on the same day but that discussions are happening on the possibility of moving the Epic Dartmouth events to the weekend before and have it as a two-week event.

Brian Murray, Hammonds Plains Road asked that recommendations from the North West Planning Advisory Committee (NWPAC) be included as part of staff's presentation, noting that it has been past practice but was not done for Case 20996. The speaker suggested that this would aid the public in knowing what the Planning Advisory Committee had recommended, which could be different from staff's recommendation. They also spoke to the meeting held May 31, 2017 for the moratorium on Schedule J for Hammonds Plains Road/Beaver Bank, indicating that they would be following up with community council members soon on the reply they received. Brian Murray further noted that the 60-day timeline for the Farm Practices Board to respond on the definition of intensive agriculture in relation to Memento Farm on the Lucasville Road will be up this week. They explained that intensive agriculture is not permitted in an MU-1 zone and the need to determine what the definition of intensive agriculture. They anticipated hearing from the Board by next week. In response to the speakers comment on the NWPAC recommendations, the Legislative Assistant advised that these, along with minute extract for Case 20996 was part of the public table copies at the meeting.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 6, 2017

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Krista Vining
Legislative Assistant