

HALIFAX AND WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Lindell Smith, Chair Councillor Kathryn Morse, Vice Chair Councillor Waye Mason Councillor Shawn Cleary Councillor Iona Stoddard Councillor Patty Cuttell

STAFF:

Meg MacDougall, Solicitor Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant Hannah Forsyth, Legislative Support

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., and adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and turned the meeting over the Legislative Assistant.

1.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of Halifax and West Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded Councillor Mason

THAT Councillor Lindell Smith be nominated for the position of Chair of Halifax and West Community Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Legislative Assistant called three times for any further nominations. There being none, Councillor Smith was declared Chair of Halifax and West Community Council.

Councillor Smith assumed the Chair and called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of Halifax and West Community Council.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Councillor Kathryn Morse be nominated for the position of Vice Chair of Halifax and West Community Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair called three times for any further nominations. There being none, Councillor Morse was declared Vice Chair of Halifax and West Community Council.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 24, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the minutes of September 24, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Councillor Mason requested an item be added to discuss in-person meetings and broadcasting at the end of the agenda (Item 7.2.1). In accordance with Section 10, Administrative Order One respecting special meetings, all members of Community Council agreed to the addition.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE

5. HEARINGS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

The Legislative Assistant noted that correspondence was received for items 6.1.1 and 7.1.3. This correspondence was circulated to the Committee.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

6.1.1 Wendy McDonald re: Access and Trail Development in Hemlock Ravine Park Area

The correspondence was accepted, and no further action was taken.

6.2 Petitions – None

7. REPORTS

7.1 STAFF

7.1.1 Case 22617: Timberlea / Lakeside / Beechville Land Use By-law amendment for 207 and 209 Greenhead Road, Lakeside

The following was before Community Council:

• A staff recommendation report dated September 30, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Halifax and West Community Council give First Reading to consider approval of the proposed amendment the Land Use By-law for Timberlea / Lakeside / Beechville, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated September 30, 2020, to enable the expansion of an existing commercial garage at 207 and 209 Greenhead Road, Lakeside, and schedule a public hearing.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.2 Case 22851: Non-substantive amendments to an existing development agreement for 2250-2260 Maitland Street, Halifax

The following was before Community Council:

• A staff recommendation/information report dated May 26, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Halifax and West Community Council give notice of motion to consider the proposed amending development agreement, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated May 26, 2020, to allow a non-substantive amendment to an existing development agreement extending the commencement and completion dates for development.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.3 Case 22332: Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Amendments for the R-4 Zone near Dunbrack Street, Halifax

The following was before Community Council:

• A staff recommendation/information report dated October 15, 2020

• Correspondence from Bruce E. Smith

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the matter be deferred to the next meeting in order for the new Councillor to be fully briefed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.4 Review of Report Requests

The following was before Community Council:

• A staff recommendation/information report dated October 26, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Halifax and West Community Council review the attached list of report requests, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated October 26, 2020 and bring forward any items recommended to be withdrawn.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the report request entitled: Rationale for Corridor Designation of 6024 Charles Street, be withdrawn.

The motion now reads:

THAT the Halifax and West Community Council review the attached list of report requests, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated October 26, 2020 and bring forward any items recommended to be withdrawn:

• Item 3 Rationale for Corridor Designation of 6024 Charles Street.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2 COMMUNITY COUNCIL

7.2.1 Discuss In-person Meetings and Broadcasting

The Community Council discussed the current process for public hearings and public participation at meetings under the new COVID-19 protocols. The Council shared concerns surrounding public access when meetings are not being broadcasted live and suggested options such as in-person meetings at the Halifax Forum with multiple cameras for a broadcast, filming with an iPhone, or through Facebook Live.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Halifax and West Community Council ask the Chair to meet with the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate to discuss live broadcasting, public engagement and inperson public hearings at Community Councils.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 9, 2020

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Hannah Forsyth Legislative Support