



**HARBOUR EAST-MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 24, 2022**

PRESENT: Councillor Tony Mancini, Chair
Councillor Trish Purdy, Vice Chair
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Becky Kent
Councillor Sam Austin

STAFF: Joshua Judah, Q.C., Solicitor
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant
Liam MacSween, Elections and Special Projects Manager

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., and recessed at 8:16 p.m. Community Council reconvened in at 8:26 p.m. Community Council moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 8:46 and reconvened at 8:50 p.m. Community Council adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

1.1 TABLING OF 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

The following was before Community Council:

- Staff recommendation report dated October 21, 2022

Public Participation

The Chair opened the floor for members of the public to speak to the 2022 Annual Report; there were none.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council table the 2022 Annual Report as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 13, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the minutes of July 13, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

As provided for in Section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, Council requested that item 18 – Public Participation be considered prior to item 15 – In Camera (In Private).

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

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 – NONE

11. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

11.1 Correspondence – None

11.2 Petitions – None

11.3 Presentations – None

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 District Boundary Review – Phase Two Presentation

The following was before Community Council:

- Staff Presentation dated October 24, 2022

Liam MacSween, Elections and Special Projects Manager, Pamela Brennan and Russell Walker, members of the District Boundary Resident Review Panel gave a presentation on Phase 2 of the District Boundary Review and responded to questions of clarification from Community Council.

Public Participation

The Chair opened the floor for members of the public to speak to Phase Two – District Boundary.

David Nantes, Cole Harbour recognized the work of the District Boundary Resident Review Panel. Nantes expressed difficulties engaging with the online survey. The speaker expressed that regarding the boundaries of Cole Harbour, greater efforts should be made to ensure their continuity to reduce confusion to the residents regarding their representation and to foster their sense of community.

Lyssa Clack, Dartmouth recognized the work of the District Boundary Resident Review Panel. The speaker expressed difficulties engaging with the online survey. Clack recognized the proposed boundaries maintain community integrity of Craighburn Drive and Port Wallace. The speaker expressed concerns regarding the combination of urban and suburban communities within proposed District E. Clack expressed concerns regarding the scope of data regarding future growth relative to the date of the next district boundary review.

Glenn Bowie, Dartmouth expressed concerns regarding the combination of urban and suburban communities within proposed District E, and the need to ensure the proposed boundaries represent the fabric of existing communities. Bowie also expressed that with the new and current Business Improvement Districts, it would be valuable to work to maintain their integrity within proposed district boundaries.

Alan Blair, Dartmouth (District 5) spoke about their personal experience witnessing the growth and urban revitalization of downtown Dartmouth over 13 years as a resident. Blair expressed that they prefer a boundary which would keep the Dartmouth downtown core within one district.

Lindsay May, (District 5) spoke about their personal experience as a resident of downtown Dartmouth since 1983. May expressed that they prefer a boundary which would keep the Dartmouth downtown core within one district. May also expressed concerns regarding the size of proposed District A noting that it

would be difficult for an elected Councillor to represent several distinct communities spread across the large geographic area.

Colin May, Dartmouth (District 5) spoke about their personal experience as a resident of downtown Dartmouth. May expressed that they prefer a boundary which would keep the Dartmouth downtown core within one district but noted that they recognize that voter parity and population growth within the area may not make this a feasible option. May also expressed concerns regarding the size of proposed District A noting that it would be difficult for an elected Councillor to represent the large number of communities spread across the large geographic area. May stated that there will be frustrations expressed from most communities regarding the proposed changes, but it is important to let the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board review the proposal and make their decision.

Carolyn Judd, Cole Harbour expressed concerns regarding proposed Districts B and C, specifically the division of Cole Harbour between proposed districts and the risk that this will divide the existing community. Judd suggested that there may be confusion if people reside in one district and own a business in another district, explaining that the prospective Cole Harbour Business Improvement District would likewise be divided between two districts. Judd also expressed concern with the shape of proposed District B which the speaker described as relatively non-contiguous. Judd expressed difficulties engaging with the online survey.

Paul Currie, Dartmouth expressed concerns regarding proposed Districts A and E. Currently, as a resident of District 1 located on Waverly Road, though the speaker accesses amenities within their community, their voting and polling location is located far away due to the size of the district. Currie emphasised the value of convenience to residents and community fabric when considering proposed district boundaries.

Stewart Sparks, North Preston expressed concerns regarding the extent of community consultation conducted. While acknowledging that a consultation session was held within the Lake Loon and Cherry Brook area, Sparks explained that sessions should have been held closer to the centre of the African Nova Scotian communities of North Preston. Sparks suspected that this may have reduced participation. Sparks stated that they hoped the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board would extend the deadline to ensure community participation continues.

Gary Giles, Cole Harbour spoke about their experience as a community resident with seventh-generation roots. Giles expressed concerns regarding dividing Cole Harbour between proposed Districts B and C.

Christ Mont, Cole Harbour expressed concerns regarding dividing Cole Harbour between proposed Districts B and C, stating that this would undue past work to unify the community.

Vivian Lamar, Downtown Dartmouth expressed concerns regarding the size of some of the proposed districts. Lamar stated that if the municipality's population is growing, then the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board should increase the number of districts, as otherwise it will be impossible for a single councillor to represent proposed District A.

Ray Gilmour, a resident of District 5 spoke about the importance of districts aligned with community fabric. Gilmour stated that they are a fourth-generation resident of their home and community and their experiences highlight the importance of avoiding dividing established communities as part of proposing new district boundaries.

Cheryl Scotland, Dartmouth expressed difficulties engaging with the online survey and the process generally. Scotland expressed a desire for a fuller community consultation process. Scotland expressed concerns regarding the previous inclusion of the Craighburn Estates community's inclusion within District 1, which had little in common with Middle Musquodoboit. Scotland noted that many neighbours did not vote in the previous municipal election due to challenges visiting their district's remote polling locations.

Scotland stated that experiences like those they mentioned made them sympathetic to residents of proposed districts in Cole Harbour.

Gerry Olwyn, Cole Harbour expressed concerns regarding the division of Cole Harbour between proposed districts and the risk that this will divide the existing community. The speaker noted that they were an intervener in 2012 during the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board's previous review of the district boundaries. Olwyn suggested for similar reasons residents of Cole Harbour should seek intervener status if the proposed districts are submitted for review to the review board, as these would raise similar issues.

The Chair called three times for any further speakers and there were none. The Chair closed public participation.

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk, responded to questions of clarification from Community Council.

13.1.2 Councillor Nominations by Community Councils to Standing Committees

The following was before Community Council:

- Staff Report dated October 14, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Appoint the Councillors to Boards, Committees and Commissions for a term to November 30, 2024, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the October 14, 2022 report; and**
- 2. Appoint the Councillors to Boards, Committees and Commissions who are the successful candidates, after a vote by secret ballot, for a term to November 30, 2024.**

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Councillor Austin be nominated for an appointment to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Austin accepted the nomination.

Ross-Siegel called three times for any further nominations. There being none, Councillor Austin was appointed to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT nominations be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Councillor Mancini be nominated for an appointment to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Mancini accepted the nomination.

Ross-Siegel called three times for any further nominations. There being none, Councillor Mancini was appointed to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT nominations be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Councillor Hendsbee be nominated for an appointment to Appeals Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Hendsbee accepted the nomination.

Ross-Siegel called three times for any further nominations. There being none, Councillor Hendsbee was appointed to Appeals Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT nominations be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Councillor Kent be nominated for an appointment to Appeals Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Kent accepted the nomination.

Ross-Siegel called three times for any further nominations. There being none, Councillor Kent was appointed to Appeals Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT nominations be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Councillor Hendsbee be nominated for an appointment to Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Hendsbee accepted the nomination.

Ross-Siegel called three times for any further nominations. There being none, Councillor Hendsbee was appointed to Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT nominations be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Councillor Austin be nominated for an appointment to Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Austin accepted the nomination.

Ross-Siegel called three times for any further nominations. There being none, Councillor Austin was appointed to Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT nominations be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Councillor Mancini be nominated for an appointment to Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Mancini accepted the nomination.

Ross-Siegel called three times for any further nominations. There being none, Councillor Mancini was appointed to Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT nominations be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Councillor Purdy be nominated for an appointment to Transportation Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Purdy accepted the nomination.

Ross-Siegel called three times for any further nominations. There being none, Councillor Purdy was appointed to Transportation Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT nominations be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Councillor Purdy be nominated for an appointment to the Grants Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Purdy accepted the nomination.

Ross-Siegel called three times for any further nominations. There being none, Councillor Purdy was appointed to the Grants Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT nominations be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council recommend that Halifax Regional Council appoint:

- 1. Councillors Austin and Mancini to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission for a term to November 30, 2024;**
- 2. Councillors Hendsbee and Kent to the Appeals Standing Committee for a term to November 30, 2024;**
- 3. Councillor Hendsbee to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee for a term to November 30, 2024;**
- 4. Councillor Austin to the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee for a term to November 30, 2024;**
- 5. Councillor Mancini to the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee for a term to November 30, 2024;**
- 6. Councillor Purdy to the Transportation Standing Committee for a term to November 30, 2024; and**
- 7. Councillor Purdy to the Grants Committee for a term to November 30, 2024, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the October 14, 2022 report.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.3 Case 23928: Development Agreement for 386 Cow Bay Road, Eastern Passage

The following was before Community Council:

- Staff Report dated September 16, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council give notice of motion to consider the proposed development agreement, as set out in Attachment A of the September 16, 2022 report, to allow a two-storey, 12-unit multiple unit building in Eastern Passage and schedule a public hearing.

Thea Langille, Principal Planner responded to questions of clarification from Community Council.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL – NONE

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 15.1 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.1 PERSONNEL MATTER

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as discussed in Camera; and**
- 2. Direct that the staff report dated August 10, 2022 be maintained as private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lindsay May, Dartmouth (District 5) spoke about concerns regarding the shared active transit paths within and around Dahlia Street. May expressed concern regarding pedestrian and cyclist collisions and the need for regulations regarding speeds and motorized mobility uses on these trails.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 3, 2022

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant