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Item No. 2
North West Community Council
December 11, 2017

TO: Chair and Members of North West Community Council

Original Signed

SUBMITTED BY:

Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

DATE: November 27, 2017

SUBJECT: North West Community Council Annual Report

ORIGIN

Section 27 (1) of the HRM Charter states:

“A community council shall hold an annual public meeting in the community in each year to report to the public concerning its activities and to receive the views of the public respecting all matters within its mandate. The powers and duties of Community Councils are outlined in section 25 of the HRM Charter.

North West Community Council requested that the Legislative Assistant maintain a record of the Community Council’s business for the first annual meeting held in 2013 and annually held thereafter.

BACKGROUND

The North West Community Council was established on December 3, 2012. Community Councils consider local matters such as planning applications or variance appeals, make recommendations to Regional Council, and provide opportunities for public input.

North West Community Council includes the following polling districts:

- District 1: Waverly – Fall River – Musquodoboit – (Councillor Steve Streach)
- District 13: Hammonds Plains – St. Margaret’s Bay – (Councillor Matt Whitman)
- District 14: Middle/Upper Sackville – Beaver Bank – Lucasville – (Councillor Lisa Blackburn)
- District 15: Lower Sackville – (Councillor Steve Craig)
- District 16: Bedford –Wentworth – (Councillor Tim Outhit)

DISCUSSION

On November 27, 2012 Regional Council passed a motion to create the three new Community Councils. Initially, the North West Community Council was known as the Central Community Council. The new Central Community Council passed a motion on December 13, 2012 to change the name from Central to North West Community Council to better reflect the communities contained in the Community Council boundaries.

North West Community Council met thirteen (13) times in various locations within the five districts between January 9, 2017 and November 20, 2017. Community Council met on the following dates:

- January 9, 2017
- January 24, 2017 (Special Meeting)
- February 6, 2017
- February 21, 2017 (Special Meeting)
- March 27, 2017
- April 20, 2017
- May 8, 2017
- June 12, 2017
- June 20, 2017 (Special Meeting)
- July 17, 2017
- September 9, 2017
- October 16, 2017
- November 20, 2017.

North West Community Council's business for the period January 9, 2017 to November 20, 2017 includes the following:

- 31 staff reports (including supplementary reports)
- 2 motions from Community Council members
- 15 public hearings
- 0 variance appeal hearings
- 0 reports from boards and committees
- 2 requests for staff reports brought forward by members of Community Council (independent from matters before Community Council)
- 1 information item brought forward
- 18 speakers during public participation
- 3 in camera (in private) meetings
- 12 information reports.

Public hearings were held on the following matters:

Case 20603: LUB Amendment – Subdivision of semi-detached dwellings at 4 and 6 Majestic Avenue and 473 and 475 Beaver Bank Road, Beaver Bank

Case 20501: Development Agreement for Senior Citizen Housing, 15 Brenda Drive, Hammonds Plains

Case 20325: Development Agreement Amendments, Transom Drive, Halifax (Wentworth Estates/Bedford South area)

Case 20640: Amending Development Agreement for Lot BH-1, 656, 660 and 664 Bedford Highway, Halifax

Case 20747: Development Agreement for 636 Bedford Highway, Halifax

Case 19625: Substantive and Non-Substantive amendments to the Bedford West Sub Area 5 Development Agreement, Bedford

Case 20384: Development Agreement for Bedford West Sub Area 3, Bedford

Case 20247: Development Agreement for a Commercial Recreation Use at Restless Pines Equestrian Farm, 1418 Lucasville Road, Lucasville

Case 20504: Development Agreement for 387 Cobequid Road

Case 20216: Amendments to Royale Hemlocks Stage I Development agreement, Starboard Drive and Cutter Drive, Halifax

Case 17602: Development Agreement - Monarch Drive and Majestic Avenue, Beaver Bank

Case 20506: Rezoning - 159 First Lake Drive, Lower Sackville

Case 19110: Development Agreement for 592 Bedford Highway, Halifax

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

Case 21084: Development Agreement for 429 Cobequid Road, Lower Sackville

There were no variance appeal hearings held by North West Community Council between January 9, 2017 and November 20, 2017.

Additional information on the matters dealt with by Community Council and the minutes of the meetings can be viewed online at: <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports?category=142>.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There are no risk considerations associated with this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Council meetings are open to the public, unless otherwise stated in the agenda. Each regular meeting includes a Public Participation portion at the end of each agenda, which provides an opportunity for citizens to pose questions or provide comments to Councillors, through the Chair. Minutes, agendas and reports are available on the HRM website and from the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

ALTERNATIVES

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/index.php> then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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