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North West Community Council
December 10, 2018

TO: Chair and Members of North West Community Council

Original Signed

SUBMITTED BY:

Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

DATE: November 30, 2018

SUBJECT: North West Community Council – 2018 Annual Report

ORIGIN / LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

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

North West Council was established on December 3, 2012 by Administrative Order 48, Respecting the Creation of Community Councils.

North West Community Council includes the following 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)

RECOMMENDATION

That North West Community Council accept and table the 2018 Annual Report as presented.

DISCUSSION

North West Community Council met eleven (11) times between December 11, 2017 and November 5, 2018 in various locations within the five districts. Meeting locations for 2018 included Acadia Hall, 650 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville, the Bedford-Hammonds Plains Community Centre, 202 Innovation Drive, Bedford and the Goffs Fire Hall (Station 47) 2040 Old Guysborough Rd. Goffs. A joint special meeting of Halifax and West Community Council, Harbour East-Marine Drive and North West Community Council was held September 18, 2018 in the Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

Community Council met on the following dates:

- December 11, 2017

2018:

- January 8, 2018
- February 12, 2018
- April 9, 2018
- May 14, 2018
- June 11, 2018
- June 18, 2018
- July 9, 2018
- September 10, 2018
- October 1, 2018
- November 5, 2018

North West Community Council's business for the period of December 7, 2017 to November 1, 2018 includes the following:

- 8 public hearings
- 2 variance appeal hearings
- 22 staff reports
- 3 motions from Community Council Members
- 0 reports from Board and Committees
- 1 request for information reports brought forward by members of Community Council
- 1 piece of correspondence (independent from matters before Community Council)
- 1 petition
- 3 presentations
- 26 speakers during public participation
- 13 information reports
- Community Council did not meet in camera (in private).

Public Hearings were held on the following matters:

December 7, 2017 - Case 20907: Amendment to the R-6 (Rural Residential) Zone of the Sackville Land Use By-law to permit pet care facilities in conjunction with a dwelling

Motion approved that North West Community Council adopt the amendments to the Land Use By-law for Sackville, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated October 10, 2017.

January 8, 2018 - Case 20332: Development Agreement, Sackville Drive, Middle Sackville (PID 41158858)

Motion approved that North West Community Council:

- 1. Approve the proposed development agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated September 27, 2017; and*
- 2. Require the 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, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

February 12, 2018 - Case 18475: Amendment to the Land Use By-law for Planning Districts 14 & 17 (Shubenacadie Lakes) to enable Accessory Outdoor Display Courts under the AE-2 (General Airport) Zone

Motion approved that North West Community Council adopt the amendment to the Land Use By-law for Planning Districts 14 & 17 (Shubenacadie Lakes), as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated December 21, 2017.

May 14, 2018 - Case 21012: Development Agreement for reduction in Environmental Setback, Damascus Road and Duke Street, Bedford

Motion approved that North West Community Council:

- 1. Approve the proposed development agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated March 28, 2018; and*
- 2. Require the 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, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.*

Case 20975: Substantive Amendment to Development Agreement for 540 Southgate Drive, Bedford

Motion approved that North West Community Council

- 1. Approve the proposed amending development agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated February 15, 2018; and*
- 2. Require the amending development 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, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.*

July 9, 2018 - Case 21094: Development Agreement Discharge and Land Use By-law amendment for Clearwater Seafoods, 757 Bedford Highway, Bedford

Motion approved that North West Community Council adopt the amendment to the Land Use By-law for Bedford, as set out in the revised Attachment B of the staff report dated April 5, 2018.

September 10, 2018 - Case 21564: Rezoning of 65 Halfway Lake, Hammonds Plains

Motion approved that North West Community Council adopt the amendment to the Land Use By-law for the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville Plan Area, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 18, 2018.

Case 21099: Development Agreement for Fourth Street, Bedford

Motion approved that North West Community Council:

- 1. Approve the proposed development agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 15, 2018; and*
- 2. Require the 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, whichever; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.*

Variance Appeals

December 17, 2017 - Case 21137: Appeal of Variance Approval - PID No. 41074493, Rocky Lake Drive, Bedford

Motion approved that North West Community Council allow the appeal of the Variance approval for PID No. 410744493, Rocky Lake Drive, Bedford.

October 1, 2018 - Case 21429: Appeal of Variance Approval - PID No. 40304198, St. Margaret's Bay Road, Head of St. Margaret's Bay

*The following motion was **defeated**: That North West Community Council allow the appeal. (Decision of the Development Officer to approve the variance was upheld).*

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>

Public Participation:

Members of public spoke to wide range of Municipal matters including: planning, recreation, health, protection of HRM lakes, the LWF Community Grants program, Business Improvement Districts, Taxi Licencing, Floodplain mapping; the Lucasville Greenway project, the effects of Climate Change on Land Use Planning and rural broadband initiatives.

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

North West Community Council could choose not to accept the 2018 Annual Report, this is not the recommended action.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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