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**Item No. 1.2**  
**North West Community Council**  
**December 14, 2020**

**TO:** Chair and Members of North West Community Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

**DATE:** December 9, 2020

**SUBJECT:** North West Community Council – 2020 Annual Report

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**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 Cathy Deagle Gammon)
- District 13: Hammonds Plains – St. Margaret's Bay – (Councillor Pam Lovelace)
- District 14: Middle/Upper Sackville – Beaver Bank – Lucasville – (Councillor Lisa Blackburn)
- District 15: Lower Sackville – (Councillor Paul Russell)
- District 16: Bedford –Wentworth – (Deputy Mayor Tim Outhit)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That North West Community Council accept and table the 2020 Annual Report as presented.

## DISCUSSION

North West Community Council met nine (9) times between December 9, 2019 and November 26, 2020 in various locations within the five districts or virtually via Microsoft Teams. Meeting locations for 2020 included the Bedford-Hammonds Plains Community Centre, 202 Innovation Drive, Bedford, the Beaver Bank-Kinsac Community Centre, 1583 Beaver Bank Road, Beaver Bank, the Sackville Heights Community Centre, 45 Connolly Drive, Middle Sackville, and the Council Chamber, City Hall 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax. A special virtual Joint meeting between Halifax & West Community Council and North West Community Council was held on November 26, 2020 via Microsoft Teams.

Community Council met on the following dates:

- December 9, 2019

### 2020:

- January 14, 2020
- February 10, 2020
- March 10, 2020 (special meeting)
- June 22, 2020 (special virtual meeting)
- July 6, 2020 (special virtual meeting)
- September 14, 2020 (special virtual meeting)
- November 9, 2020 (special virtual meeting)
- November 26, 2020 (special virtual meeting)

North West Community Council's business for the period of December 9, 2019 to November 26, 2020 includes the following:

- 4 public hearings
- 0 variance appeal hearings
- 9 staff reports
- 4 motions from Community Council Members
- 0 reports from Board and Committees
- 0 requests for information reports brought forward by members of Community Council
- 0 pieces of correspondence (independent from matters before Community Council)
- 1 petition
- 2 presentations
- 8 speakers during public participation
- 8 information reports
- 3 In Camera Meetings.

Public Hearings were held on the following matters:

### February 10, 2020:

#### **Case 21859: Land Use By-law amendment to rezone lands with PIDs 41063983 and 40607160, Lower Sackville**

*Public hearing held and closed. Motion approved that North West Community Council adopt the amendment to the Zoning Map of the Land Use By-law for Sackville Drive, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated January 7, 2020.*

### July 6, 2020:

#### **Case 22334: Development Agreement for 1401 Sackville Drive, Middle Sackville**

*Public hearing held and closed. 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 recommendation report dated February 3, 2020; 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.

*It was noted by the Community Council that the development encourages density which is in line with Centre Plan, that the shadows are good and there does not appear to be a lot of difference in height between the proposed building and what you would have with an as of right development.*

**November 9, 2020:**

**Case 22143: Development Agreement for a 176-unit residential subdivision (Open Space Design Development) near Charleswood Drive and Cumberland Way, Windsor Junction**

*Public hearing held and closed. 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 May 5, 2020; and

2. Require the agreement be signed by the property owner within 120 days, or any extension therefore 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.

**November 26, 2020:**

**Case 22450: Amendments to the Existing Development Agreement for Bedford West, Sub Area 9, Bedford and Halifax.**

*Public hearing held and closed. Motion defeated that North West Community Council:*

1. Approve the proposed amending agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated July 22, 2020; and

2. Require the amending agreement be signed by the property owner within 240 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.

**Public Participation:**

Public Participation was held prior to March 22, 2020 when section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act* was implemented by the Minister of *Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*. From December 9, 2019 to March 11, 2020 members of the public spoke to a wide range of Municipal matters including: bus service and local transportation issues in Beaver Bank and Lucasville, the Sackville Rivers Floodplain project, pedestrian and traffic safety in Beaver Bank, and public transit taxation for Beaver Bank residents.

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

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

**RISK CONSIDERATION**

There are no risk considerations associated with this report.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act* was implemented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on March 22, 2020.

In accordance with the July 29, 2020 direction of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing under section 14 of the Emergency Management Act, Community Council meetings are being held virtually. Community Council agendas and reports are posted on [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca), and draft minutes of the meeting will be made available on [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca) within three business days.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

North West Community Council could choose not to accept the 2020 Annual Report. This is not the recommended action.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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A copy of this report can be obtained online at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca) or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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