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Item No. 1.2
North West Community Council
December 12, 2022

TO: Chair and Members of North West Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: - Original Signed -

Caroline Blair-Smith, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: December 6, 2022

SUBJECT: **North West Community Council – 2022 Annual Report**

ORIGIN

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.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 25 of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter* outlines the powers and duties of Community Councils.

Subsection 27(1) of the *Halifax Regional Municipality 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.

Administrative Order One, *The Procedures of the Council Administrative Order*, Schedule 8 Community Council Rules of Governing Procedures.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that North West Community Council table the 2022 Annual Report as presented.

BACKGROUND

North West Community Council was established on December 3, 2012 by Administrative Order 48, the *Community Council Administrative Order*.

The North West Community Council includes the following districts:

- District 1: Waverly – Fall River – Musquodoboit Valley – (Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon)
- District 13: Hammonds Plains – St. Margarets – (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 – (Councillor Tim Outhit)

DISCUSSION

North West Community Council met 12 times between December 13, 2021 and November 21, 2022, virtually via Zoom and in person.

North West Community Council met on the following dates:

- December 13, 2021
- January 17, 2022
- February 28, 2022
- March 7, 2022
- April 4, 2022
- April 25, 2022
- May 16, 2022
- June 20, 2022
- July 18, 2022
- October 3, 2022
- October 17, 2022
- November 21, 2022

North West Community Council's business for the period covering December 13, 2021 to November 21, 2022 includes the following:

- 11 public hearings;
- 3 variance appeal hearings;
- 26 staff reports;
- 0 reports from Board and Committees;
- 1 motions from a Community Council member;
- 0 requests for information reports brought forward by members of Community Council;
- 35 pieces of correspondence;
- 0 petitions;
- 1 presentations;
- 5 speakers during public participation;
- 3 Private and confidential In Camera (In Private) reports; and
- 13 information reports

Public Hearings were held on the following matters:

December 13, 2021

Case 20110: Rezoning and Development Agreement for an Open Space Design Development along Windgate Drive, Beaver Bank

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that North West Community Council adopt the amendment to Schedule 1-C of the Land Use Bylaw for Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, and Upper Sackville, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated October 5, 2021.

December 13, 2021

Case 22732: Development Agreement for lands off Kenwood Avenue, Hammonds Plains

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that North West Community Council defer consideration of Case 22732: Development Agreement for lands off Kenwood Avenue, Hammonds Plains to a future meeting of North West Community Council, pending a supplemental staff report which provides further information on storm water management planning for the proposed development and primary access through Kingswood Drive.

January 17, 2022

Case 22218: Development Agreement for 32 Dutch Settlement Road, Lantz

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 November 3, 2021 staff report; and
2. Require the development 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.

February 28, 2022

**Case 22732: Development Agreement for lands off Kenwood Avenue, Hammonds Plains –
Supplementary Report – Deferred December 13, 2021**

Public Hearing held during December 13, 2021 meeting. 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 October 14, 2021; and
2. Require the development 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.

February 28, 2022

Case 23058: Development Agreement for vacant lot on Sackville Drive at Millwood Drive (PID 40109308), 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 report dated December 14, 2021; and
2. Require the 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.

April 4, 2022

Case 23812: Development Agreement for 216 and 218 Cobequid Road, Lower Sackville

Public Hearing held and closed. 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 January 19, 2022; and
2. Require the 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.

April 4, 2022

Case 23834: Development Agreement for 5 Bridle Path, Hammonds Plains

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 February 8, 2022;
2. Approve, by resolution, the proposed discharging agreement which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated February 8, 2022; and
3. Require the development agreement and discharge 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.

April 25, 2022

Case 23824: Amending Development Agreement and Land Use By-law Amendment for 123 and 185 Gary Martin Drive, Bedford

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that North West Community Council:

1. Adopt the amendment to the Land Use By-law for Bedford, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated March 15, 2022;
2. Approve the proposed amending development agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated March 15, 2022; and

3. Require the 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.

June 20, 2022

Case 23556: Amendments to the Sackville Drive Land Use By-law – Access to Multi-Unit Dwellings Across LS Zoned Properties

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that North West Community Council adopt the amendment to the Land Use By-law for Sackville Drive, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated May 4, 2022.

July 18, 2022

Case 21826: Amending Development Agreement for 771-819 Bedford Highway and 12-32 Esquire Lane, Bedford

Public Hearing held and closed. 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 June 1, 2022; 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.

October 17, 2022

Case 24038: Amendments to Development Agreement, 1715 Sackville Dr, Middle Sackville (PID 41158858)

Public Hearing held and closed. 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 report dated August 11, 2022; 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.

October 17, 2022

Case 24308: Bedford Land Use By-law Amendment (Rezoning) for 378 Shore Drive, Bedford

Public Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that North West Community Council adopt the amendment to the Land Use By-law for Bedford, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated July 21, 2022.

Variance Hearings were held on the following matters:

January 17, 2022

Case 23496: Appeal of Variance Refusal – 10 Shipyard Road, Bedford

Variance Hearing held and closed. Motion refused that North West Community Council allow the appeal. The Development Officer's decision was upheld.

March 7, 2022

Case 23653: Appeal of Site Plan Approval – 1109 Fall River Road, PID 00506501

Variance Hearing held and closed. Motion refused that North West Community Council allow the appeal. The Development Officer's decision was upheld.

July 18, 2022

Case 24176: Appeal of Variance Refusal – 1236 Beaver Bank Road, Beaver Bank

Variance Hearing held and closed. Motion approved that North West Community Council allow the appeal.

Public Participation:

Members of the public spoke to a wide range of Municipal matters including: the Elise Victoria Drive connection, installation of new Sackville River signs and status of the Sackville River Floodplain, Feely Lake projects, Hammonds Plains Bluewater flooding, Pope Street erosion site, Crushing Hill tree replacement program, floodplain zoning and safeguarding of setbacks on Oak Hill Brook and Mackenzie Brook construction sites.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There are no risk considerations associated with this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Meetings of the North West Community Council are open to public attendance and members of the public are invited to address the Community Council for up to five (5) minutes during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. Meetings are live webcast on Halifax.ca. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Community Council are posted on Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

ALTERNATIVES

North West Community Council could choose not to table the 2022 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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