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North West Community Council
December 9, 2019

TO: Chair and Members of North West Community Council

Original Signed

SUBMITTED BY:

Liam MacSween, A/Deputy Clerk

DATE: December 4, 2019

SUBJECT: North West Community Council – 2019 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 Paul Russell)
District 16: Bedford –Wentworth – (Councillor Tim Outhit)

RECOMMENDATION

That North West Community Council accept and table the 2019 Annual Report as presented.

DISCUSSION

North West Community Council met ten (10) times between December 11, 2017 and November 4, 2019 in various locations within the five districts. Meeting locations for 2019 included the Bedford-Hammonds Plains Community Centre, 202 Innovation Drive, Bedford, Lockview High School, 148 Lockview Road, Fall River, the Sackville Heights Community Centre, 45 Connolly Drive, Middle Sackville, and the Grand Lake -Oakfield Community Hall, 22 Lakeside Drive, Grand Lake. A special Joint meeting between Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council and North West Community Council was held on January 29, 2019 in Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

Community Council met on the following dates:

- December 10, 2018

2019:

- January 14, 2019
- January 29, 2019 (Special Joint Meeting)
- February 11, 2019
- March 11, 2019
- May 13, 2019
- June 10, 2019
- July 16, 2019 (Special Meeting)
- September 10, 2019
- November 4, 2019

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

- 7 public hearings
- 1 variance appeal hearing
- 13 staff reports
- 5 motions from Community Council Members
- 0 reports from Board and Committees
- 1 request for information reports brought forward by members of Community Council
- 0 pieces of correspondence (independent from matters before Community Council)
- 0 petitions
- 1 presentation
- 12 speakers during public participation
- 10 information reports
- 2 In Camera Meetings.

Public Hearings were held on the following matters:

December 10, 2018:

Case 21406: Development Agreement for 216 Cobequid Road, Lower 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 September 28, 2018; and*
- 2. Require the agreement be signed by the property owner within 120 or longer if warranted 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.*
- 3. Approve the Fence Permit Application to construct fencing in excess of 6.5 feet in height at 216 Cobequid Road, Lower Sackville.*

Case 20757: Development Agreement for 235 Beaver Bank Road, Beaver Bank

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 September 20, 2018; and*
- 2. Require the 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.*

Case 21476: Substantive Amendment to a Development Agreement for 26, 51, and 56 Jacob Lane, Halifax

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 September 4, 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.*

February 11, 2019:

Case 19110: Development Agreement for 592 Bedford Highway, Halifax

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 October 24, 2018; and*
- 2. Require that the proposed 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 or any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder will be at an end.*

May 13, 2019:

Case 21873: Rezoning of 425 and 435 Hammonds Plains Road, Bedford

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

- 1. Adopt the amendment to Schedule A – Zoning Map of the Land Use By-law for Bedford, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated January 11, 2019.*
- 2. Approve, by resolution, the proposed Discharge Agreement, which shall be substantially of the same form as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated January 11, 2019; and*
- 3. Require the Discharge 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.*

June 10, 2019:

Case 19694: Amending Development Agreement for Coulter Crescent, Oakfield

Public hearing held and closed. Motion approved 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 March 13, 2019; and*
- 2. Require the amending 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.

August 8, 2019:

Case 22113: Application for a development agreement at 103 Dartmouth Road, Bedford

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 6, 2019.*
- 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.*

Variance Appeals:

May 13, 2019:

Case 21410: Appeal of Variance Approval - 21 Mandaville Drive, Middle Sackville

*Variance appeal hearing held and closed. The following motion was **defeated**: That North West Community Council allow the appeal. The 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, active transportation, health, protection of HRM lakes, Business Improvement Districts, floodplain mapping; the Lucasville Greenway project and the effects of Climate Change on Land Use Planning.

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 2019 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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