

Westwood Hills Residents' Association
Board Meeting
Minutes of October 17, 2018
Lefty's Restaurant
7:30 – 9:30pm
APPROVED

Present: **Dustin O'Leary** (President), **Nick Horne** (Vice-President), **Justin Ells** (Director), **Carol Grimmitt** (Director), **Melissa Nurse** (Director), **Penelope St. Laurent** (Director), **Chris Turner** (Director), **Nola Button** (Director), **Crystal Hendren** (Director), **Trevor Magarvey** (Director), **Stephen Nurse** (Treasurer) & **Julie Gratzner** (Secretary)

Regrets: **Francine Galloway** (Director), **Richard O'Fegan** (Director), and **Shawn Beaulieu** (Director)

18.10.01 **Approval of September 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes**
MOTION to approve minutes as circulated
Nick / Stephen ***All approved*** ***Motion carried***

18.10.02 **Matters Arising**

2.1 – Asphalt Plant – City Hall Meeting

Many residents of the St. Margaret's Bay area attended Public Hearing Meeting on Tuesday October 16th, 2018 at City Hall. Councillor Matt Whitman put forward a motion that Halifax Regional Council refuse the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) for Planning Districts 1 and 3, (St. Margaret's Bay) as set out in Attachments A and B of the staff report dated July 11, 2018, to permit an asphalt plant on a portion of PID# 41457821 north of Highway 103 and west of Little Indian Lake, Head of St, Margaret's Bay.

HRM staff presented their report, Scotian Materials presented their case, Councillors asked numerous questions of clarification, and approximately 25 residents voiced their opinion. Councillors voted 9 to 7 against the motion on the table.

An amended motion was put forward to limit operation of the asphalt plant to 60 days of continuous operation. An additional 30 days could be possible, but would need to be approved. This amendment was approved 12 to 4.

Nick Horne will consult with a lawyer to determine if there were any missteps with the process at the public hearing to establish if an appeal is possible, but chances are slim that there is anything more we can do.

The Board thanked Nick and Trevor for all their hard work on this project. Nick thanked the community for their support and on-going engagement.

2.2 – Garbage cans update (Melissa/Stephen)

Stephen is following up with HRM via 311.

2.3 – Scholarship Fund update (Richard and Justin)

Justin emailed Haliburton to see what they do for their Scholarship Awards. Haliburton has two awards for \$500 each that they award to two eligible high school students that have demonstrated positive contributions to their community. If WWH were to offer such a scholarship fund as well the suggestion would be that students would have to submit an essay for review by the WWHRA Board and the winners could be presented with their prize at the AGM.

Nick will send the contact information for the Scholarship Committee the Bay Treasure Chest to Richard and Justin so they can ask questions and get more procedural information.

Most board members were in agreement with this initiative. Others felt that perhaps it wouldn't be something the community, as a whole would want. There was a suggestion to bring the information to the 2019 AGM for a vote. If the proposal is brought to the AGM and the community agrees with initiating the scholarship then the students will have the 2019 summer and the 2019-2020 school year to volunteer and participate in the community events to build their portfolio and write their essay.

MOTION: Justin and Richard to provide more information regarding specifics and cost commitment before making a decision as to next steps.

Nola / Carol 2 Opposed Motion carried

18.10.03

Ongoing Business

3.1 - Traffic Calming (Justin)

Justin presented data analysis of the traffic radar sign in "stealth mode".

Justin will get the data that was collected on the side streets.

MOTION: Justin will buy one additional speed radar sign to be paid for from our surplus at a cost of ~\$5000.

Stephen / Nick All approved Motion carried

3.2 - Evacuation Plan and Fire Prevention (Nola)

The WWH has an evacuation plan and it was launched in June 2018. Nola will be speaking to JEM in June 2019. The packages will be circulated to residents in the near future. Mock evacuation drill to be done sometime in the near future as well. **Nola** will follow up re the wildfire assessment. Having the trees cut down for the asphalt plant creates a natural firebreak for our subdivision.

3.3 - Community Garden Project (Nick, Penelope, Trevor and Julie)

The meeting with Matt Whitman has not happened as yet.

Trevor discovered that Darrell Dixon has been trying to give HRM this land as a park credit, but HRM won't take it. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the WWHRA would investigate further to strongly encourage HRM to take over the land. From the perspective of HRM, insurance will be an issue. **Trevor** agreed to draft a letter of intent.

3.4 - Community Sign Update (Dustin)

New sign needs to be placed in a slightly different location than the old sign to meet with current regulations. Variance is being worked on must be approved. Suggestion is to get Councillor Whitman involved to see where the variance application is in the process. Justin has some quotes for signage.

3.5 - New Playground (Shawn, Crystal and Nick)

There is no movement on this initiative at the present time until a location of the playground is determined.

18.10.04

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Andy Grimmit (Carol's husband) agreed to be on the committee. The committee needs WWHRA to lay a wreath at the ceremony.

MOTION: for Dustin to purchase on behalf of the WWH residents a Remembrance Day Ceremony wreath for up to \$250 to be place at the ceremony.

Stephen / Crystal

All approved

Motion carried

18.10.05

Westwood/Haliburton Food Drive

Dustin informed the group that there will be a Food Drive on November 17th, 2018 9am-12pm

Julie will ask Kevin to put this as an event on the WWH website.

18.10.06

Carol Sing

The Carol Sing is scheduled fro Saturday Dec 1st

Dustin will call Jason to see if he would volunteer put up the wreaths.

Trevor agreed to purchase the tree for the tree lighting ceremony.

MOTION to purchase a 15' tree, delivery up to \$250

Trevor / Chris

1 apposed

Motion carried

18.10.07

New Year's Eve Fireworks

As in the past, Glow will be asked conduct the Fireworks this year. There is \$2500 in budget earmarked for this event. Mezza has agreed to provide hot chocolate again this year.

18.10.08

Joint Westwood/Haliburton SMC Skate Park Project

Dustin received a call from Haliburton to talk about improving the SMC Skate Park. The WWHRA members pointed out that any maintenance of this park falls under HRM jurisdiction.

Dustin agreed to draft a letter to HRM.

18.10.09

Facebook Live Meeting – November 2018?

Dustin suggested that we have a FB live meeting again in November. There were no objections from the group. **Julie** will call the church to book the room. **Julie** will ask Kevin if he would be willing to monitor the FB feed again.

18.10.10

Ideas for new projects from the residence

Delayed til the January 2019 meeting

18.10.11

Bridge at the end of Wright Lake Run

Nick will bring information to November meeting.

18.10.12

Signage on the median

Stephen will call Matt to find out what the regulations are regarding this.

18.10.13

Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn the meeting

Stephan / Carol All approved Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted by, Julie Gratzer, Secretary