



**REGIONAL CENTRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES
January 24, 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor Sam Austin, Chair
Councillor Shawn Cleary, Vice Chair
Councillor Tony Mancini
Councillor Waye Mason
Councillor Lindell Smith

STAFF: Meg MacDougall, Solicitor
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., and adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 13, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the minutes of December 13, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. HEARINGS

10.1 PUBLIC HEARINGS

10.1.1 2023-00462: Regional Centre Land Use By-Law Annual Review 2023

The following was before Community Council:

- Staff report dated November 20, 2023
- Staff presentation dated January 24, 2024

Byungjun Kang, Planner II gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Council.

The hearing opened at 6:14 p.m.

The Chair noted that the Municipality was the applicant for this matter.

The Chair reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings and called for anyone wishing to speak on the matter.

Colin May, Dartmouth spoke to procedural concerns and ability to share visual information. May noted the public should be able to participate for 10 minutes.

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Lindsay May, Dartmouth spoke to development concerns, cost of living challenges and the removal of existing parks and greenways. May noted some developments did not provide adequate park space and school services for residents and existing parks were being used extensively with little upkeep. May highlighted the potential heritage designation in Austinville and density zoning.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the hearing be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The hearing closed at 6:23 p.m.

Kasia Tota, Manager, Community Planning and Kang responded to questions regarding density bonusing, delaying payment collections for development, the implementation of an affordable housing coordinator, infrastructure support for development, park land dedication and stakeholder engagement when considering development applications.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Regional Centre Community Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Regional Centre Land Use By-Law, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated November 20, 2023.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the motion be amended to add “except that section 40 of Attachment A is amended by striking out the word “east” and replacing it with “west””.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Regional Centre Community Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Regional Centre Land Use By-Law, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated November 20, 2023 except that section 40 of Attachment A is amended by striking out the word “east” and replacing it with “west”.

Kang responded to questions of clarification from the Community Council regarding the Housing Accelerator Fund and the role of the Regional Centre Community Council.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

11. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

11.1 Correspondence – None

11.2 Petitions – None

11.3 Presentation – None

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Colin May, Dartmouth spoke to concerns regarding pedestrian safety in parks and protection of park spaces.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

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14. REPORTS – NONE

15. MOTIONS – NONE

16. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

17. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

18. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 22, 2024

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Catie Campbell
Legislative Assistant