

HIGHLAND PARK RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION 33RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Sunday January 30, 2011
 - 2:00 PM
- Tantallon Public Library

Meeting Minutes

- Call to order (1310)
- Approval of Last Director's Meeting Minutes
 - Firth - Parker
- Chairperson's Welcome
- Treasurer's report

Approved

Olaf Berghaus, Gary Grant

Special resolution – Pam explained, regulations re: having two directors instead of paying auditor.

Rob Petch

Heather Perks

Olaf

Stephanie Adams

- Old business
 - Citizens on Patrol (presented by Gordon Whitehead)

Christina introduced Mr. Whitehead

Tantallon Citizens on Patrol Association just got registered as an organization.

Currently there are approximately 19 members: They patrol based on two time periods

930 – 230 300 in the afternoon –

Residential - Watch for houses being cased or anything which seems out of ordinary, vehicles of suspicious nature etc., Plate numbers are sent to the RCMP

2000 -2400 or 1900-0100 Evening (teams decide how long the stay out)

Commercial business, churches, schools etc.

They operate under RCMP guidance, essentially serving as eyes and ears for police department. It's a Neighbourhood Watch on wheels.

Teams are made up of two people and are non confrontational. They use police radios picked up at the station on which they can hear all police calls. Duties may include search and rescue and they also will watch for individuals\vehicles of interest to the police. They also provide general volunteer work for special events.

Training is provided

Training requirements:

- 19yrs+
- Finger print/security clearance
- Basic training – on weekends different opportunities

Other Requirements:

- Agree to min time commitment (4 hours month) and one hour a month for meeting (3rd Wednesday of month 630 at RCMP)

Mr. Whitehead passed out brochure asked for volunteers, offered ride alongs and stated gas is reimbursed.

Chairperson Parker

- **City Watch**

Phone list for emergency situations in your area – liaison with RCMP

More info on our web site

- **Update on Timberlane Terrace (update by Heather Perks)**

Land now belongs to HRM

Committee putting ideas together for land usage:

Heather, George and Stephanie will meet to discuss

Of course not too much money so they are looking into getting local business support.

- **Update On Highland Park East Entrance Community Sign**

Rob Petch reported the current sign is not repairable for less than 2000.00 and no guarantees the weather would not affect it again. A brief discussion was held regarding placing a band around the sign, based is

drilled; Jeff Brown thinks we could get sign drilled gratuitous. Jeff asked if we were insured, we are not.

Heather proposed that we look at replacing the current sign

Second by Jeff Brown

○ **Parking facilities for Ballpark on Deepwood**

Christina discussed the letter to Blair Blakney (HRM), he will look at site and look to see where they can put extra parking.

○ **Update on Hammonds Plains Road concerns (street lighting, Northwood Intersection, maintenance)**

Christina – North West Community Council asking them to address issues

Deferred until March

Mat Wynot - looked into rumour of old flashing light over Northwood – the province records show there was never a light there.

Christina –mentioned NWCC taskforce and discussions with HRM

Olaf – mentioned Rockcliffe has same problem and needs to be recognized, its dark and no room to stand and wait for the bus.

Christina mentioned the NWCC have asked for turning lane

Coun. Lund – discussed traffic authority survey results

- Existing street lights have been upgraded
- Severn new poles will be installed at Rockcliffe, Northwood and Yankee town Road.

Christina – mentioned there were no new poles at Grant Line Road

Coun. Lund – Hammonds Plains Road is 2 feet narrower than Provincial standard.

Coun Lund. Metro transit just completed survey results not out yet (safety etc).

Rob Petch – discussed an informal look at transit in our area based on other areas with Community Centers. We are only area with two centers and limited transit service. There is no way for teenagers to get out of subdivision – by transit. We do not have weekend service.

He stated that HRM has to stop looking at profitability in terms of dollars but instead in quality of life.

Coun. Lund Metro transit is trying to cut community transit. However the Councilors of the various areas were able to stop the cuts.

General Discussion around why we pay the bus tax but we don't have the service. Heather Perks asked what we can do to support Councilor Lund in efforts to get better service. He suggested we take our issues to Christina who in turn should take them to North West Regional Council and eventual review by city staff.

- **Communicating with our residents** Email distribution list. We need to expand this. Do residents wish to have at least one paper copy of a newsletter (annual newsletter) , bulletin board
Christina mentioned no one wants to give out their email addresses perhaps for fear of getting spam and that we need to get hard copy out to residents once a year.

- Burning Issues

Christina discussed by-law regarding burning. There can be no burning within 75 feet of building. After Kingswood fire things came to for front, hurricane Juan.

- **New business**

- Introduction of the Greater Hammonds Plains Communities Association (GHPCA) Hammonds Plains Area rate
- Charles P. Allen enhancements and how or if there will be an area rate for Highland Park residents
- **Water Quality**
4 houses with high uranium, who to have Reverse Osmosis Systems put in – how do we handle this?

Coun. Lund stated that Federal rules dictate water quality levels, acceptable levels have been lowered.

Mat Whynot told us the Province has done water quality study.

We will put the information on the web site.

Discussion about water table level going down in the subdivision and information re uranium - perhaps we need Halifax water? Coun. Lund – discussed priorities of the water commissions.

- **Additional Business**
- **Adjournment**
 - **1655**