

**Highland Park AGM
January 19, 2014
Tantallon Library 2:00pm**

Meeting commenced 2:10pm

Welcome and opening remarks: Kelly Bush

- Kelly welcomed the participants and introduced the executive.
- Kelly explained the rate payers association and what we do.
 - Our role is to discuss community issues, plan and organize any developments within Highland Park.

- Move to accept the minutes of the previous Motion to approve – Stephanie Adams
2nd Kelly Bush

Update from Ben Jessome, MLA

- Kelly introduced Ben Jessome our new Liberal MLA

- **Casino - Wallace Hills Development**, 30 VLT Entertainment Room off Hammonds Plains Road by Pockwock Road.
 - Max legally permitted number of VLTs is 45 – the band has made submission for the other 15.
 - For the information of the public the band is fully within their rights to open this casino. Land was designated Reserve Lands by the Federal Government in 2011
 - Kelly's understanding is that the VLT machines are the seed funding for future developments, this "casino" is a revenue generator for the band where revenue will be used to develop future business.
 - The HP association should focus their efforts on seeking a win-win situation for future developments. What businesses would our community support?
 - Those ideas should be coordinated by Ben, who will, in turn, submit them to the Shubenacadie band
 - Q. How big is the area? – 45 hectares on both sides of the road

- Q. Are they turning into a full casino? – no they are not permitted – only VLTs
- Q. What type of development is permitted? – there is no limitation
- First Nations communities are self governing with regards to zoning. They do not have to abide by the municipal zoning.
- Numerous concerns were raised, in particular the “community consultation” was not local but more with Shubenacadie/Indian Brook community. We need better communication between our communities and the band.
- Kelly directed people who want to ask further questions to Ben to stay after the meeting to discuss.

Highland Park Year in Review

- **Greater Hammonds Plains Community Association –**
Stephanie Adams
 - Stephanie gave a brief intro explaining the mandate of the GHPCA. Minutes to meeting posted on their own website as well as our website. The focus is broader and more relevant to all of the Hammonds Plains communities. Issues like the casino, road work, truck by-laws etc are the business of the GHPA. Anyone can attend these meetings.
- **Highland Park Mapping Exercise – Kelly Bush**
 - The mapping exercise was to illustrate the public areas within Highland Park’s boundaries. Kelly showed the map as it has been developed and thanked Brad for his help.
 - The links are for Google Maps and Google Earth.
 - Exercise is not completed; the next phase will be to add pictures and a brief description.
 - We encourage anyone with pictures of local park areas to send them in so we can add to the map.
 - This map will be used by community members for the enjoyment of the community.
 - Q. A resident suggested a Dog Park – however it would need to be enclosed.

- Q. Stillwater Lake – Is there access? A. This needs to be investigated – Kelly. Update: Matt has looked into it but has not gotten back to the Association, when we find out we will add to this document or post the response on our website.
- Clean up access at Cox Lake – construction material. Who does it? A resident noted that this was a former wharf/launch that has been either destroyed or eroded. A. 311 can be called to request this clean up.

Highland Park Development / Scheduled Events

- **Community Yard Sale** – Stephanie Adams
 - Date - weekend June 14th, so as not to conflict with HPCS Spring Fling of May 24.
- **Neighbourhood Clean Up** – Stephanie Adams
 - We will be partnering again with Clean Nova Scotia - Saturday April 26, 10 am to 1 pm, details on website.
- **Community Activity** – Jenny Lipton
 - General discussion regarding - what to do.
 - Many ideas, picking one and doing it right. Jenny to peruse through Facebook.
 - Stay tuned, looking for June 21!
- **Timberlane Terrace Development** – Kelly
 - There have been a number of issues trying to sort through the process with HRM.
 - The culvert must go through HRM's contracting unit. The ditches are regulated by the water commission and therefore municipal contracts will be used.
 - Our goal is to have the development phased, with the culvert installed in 2014.
 - A 2nd phase is for parking.
 - Kelly with Derrick McIssac.
- **New Community Signs** – Kelly – coming.

- The community notice signs are for AGMs, family day, clean up day, yard sales etc. They are sandwich boards to be placed at the entrances. The work has been completed and they should be up for our Clean NS day.

Budget (Actual and Plan) - Pamela Craig and Kelly Bush

- Pamela reviewed the proposed 5 year plan. Easier than changing year end for association.
- Budget Vote
 - Move to accept 5 year budget plan
 - Gerry Sampson
 - 2nd - Stephanie Adams
 - No opposed

Nominations for Secretary - none

Update from Matt Whitman, HRM Councillor

- **Speeding in the Park** – Mat Kingston RCMP, was unable to attend but sent an e-mail of which the highlights were read: In response to the Association's request, a radar trailer was placed in the Park on Pinetree. In future any complaints should be called into the RCMP with the following information: date, time, licence, description of car and driver.
 - Solution – Matt Whitman donated a portable radar to Citizens On Patrol – they will set up pole radar and report concerns back to the RCMP. For more information contact Citizens On Patrol or the RCMP detachment.
- **Zoning** – 18004 Amendment to land use by – law – rezone to mid, late Feb. 2014. Matt read email from city staff on rezoning.
 - Background – Some HP lots are zoned MU – we are talking about changing all the zoning to R1.
 - Update, the meeting took place and update provided via website – email release, Twitter, Facebook.

- **Discussion of Other Issues with Matt Whitman**
 - **By-law T400** – Truck route, amendments are in progress.
 - **HP Road** – Number one concern at NWCC – bike lanes, shoulders updates on our website – (intermediate standard) give the web address for the map.
 - **Street Lights** - LED Lights – when burned out call 311. They will be replaced with LED.
 - **New Hwy 113** – CPA to Timberlea (9 kilometers). This endeavour is way down the list of road development priorities. There is \$87 Million for new roads and Hammonds Plains received \$1M.
 - **Hwy 101 round-about development from Margeson Drive to Waterstone (Cranley Road) to Lucasville.** In progress, HRM has tender is out for bridge over the Sackville River.
 - **Second entrance to Highland Park North side** – Grant Line road and Sylvannia appear to be the closest roads – developer must arrange and pay for it – HRM will not. Ben or Matt will check into threshold number of houses to warrant a second exit.
 - **Q.** How much more development, do we have enough water? Matt to check into.
 - **General discussion about roads** – a lady discussed the issues with speeding on the HP road and the need to reduce speeds.
 - **General discussion re: speed on HP Road.** Cross walks at Northwood. Paint for lines, they no longer have the reflectivity and are not as easy to see. Matt confirmed all new road paint should be reflective.

- **Wallace Hills** – Discussed safety turning onto the HP Road
- **School zone changes on HP road around HPCS.** This was part of the planned HP road upgrade, Matt confirmed it had nothing to do with the “casino”.
- **Ambulance noise** on HPR early in the morning...4am and earlier. Ben, to check out.
- **Q.** re water/sewer rates HPRA feeds into the GHPA – we are bringing voice forward to the association. Update – Halifax Water meeting planned for April 8, 7pm.
- **Yellow flashing light at Northwood and HP road.** Matt to check to see if that was possible.

Move to ADJOURN – Kelly, Heidie.

22 ATTENDEES