

Highland Park AGM  
March 5, 2017  
Tantallon Library 2:00-4:00pm

- Welcome – Meeting called to order, welcomed guests and provided overview of the associations function and purpose with respect to developing a sense of community for residents.
- Minutes: First - Kelly Bush; Second - Kathy Baker
  
- Update from Matt Whitman, HRM Councillor
  - Zoning and Asphalt Plant
    - Update March 21<sup>st</sup> Northwest Community Council will have no further proceeding with rezoning of Highland Park area. Concluded there will be no rezoning.
    - Asphalt plant – Westwood Hills hosted 6 community public meetings. 500 people in attendance. 499 opposed. HRM will continue to look through all data received through the public meetings and this will be voted on and then council will move forward to approve or end the development.
  - HRM Funding
    - Matt suggests Kelly (current chair person) continue discussions with recently made connections in HRM. Work with his staff to ensure the right people are at the table.
  - Hammonds Plains Road and Capital Works
    - The Hammonds Plains Road development from Lucasville road to Kingswood is currently patchwork. This spring it will be finalized and paved. Through trucking is not allowed on Hammonds Plains road to reduce traffic. The flood-prone Bluewater Road area is being in filled and going through a study on what to do to improve water flow.
    - Any traffic violations (Speeding, running stop signs) be sure to take as much information as possible; Plate number, time, make and colour of car and call it in to 490-5020
    - The speed along Hammonds Plains road from the Haliburton lights towards Highland Park is currently 80km/h. Matt has contacted the Speed Analyst at traffic Management and he has come back with a response;

*- I have reviewed the section of Hammonds Plains Rd that is currently posted with an 80km/h maximum (approximately between Pockwock Rd and Westwood Blvd/Flat Lake Dr). Based on national guidelines 80km/h is the appropriate speed limit for this section, and we would not recommend reducing it at this time.*

*The municipality follows guidelines set out by the Transportation Association of Canada. These guidelines consider a number of factors including geometric characteristics, roadside hazards, pedestrian exposure, number of driveways and intersections, and volume of on-street parking. Each of the considerations carries a different level of importance based on the classification of the street.*

*Hammonds Plains Rd is classified as an arterial roadway meaning its primary function is to facilitate the movement of traffic. The resulting warranted speed limit on this stretch of road is 80km/h, as reflected by the current posted speed limit. Reducing the speed below the warranted value is not recommended, as it would be unlikely to reduce actual vehicle speeds. Drivers tend to travel the speed at which they feel is prudent according to observed conditions. Reducing the speed limit would result in increased likelihood of a hazardous speed differential between vehicles, and increased enforcement issues.*

- Second Exit
  - No further development has been made however, a meeting is being organized with city staff regarding Haliburton Heights exit and they will bring up Highland Park as well.

- Transit – Due to the growing service, there has been one more time of day added to the Metro X route from Tantallon.
- Update from Ben Jessome, MLA
  - Shubenacadie Plans for the future -  
Ben spoke with the director, they have delayed development planning at Wallace Hills. They are currently working towards hiring a new CAO and completing a feasibility study for what new development can fit best in the area. There are some engineering considerations because of the fundamental structure of the land. They are limited at that location. Reaching out for a continued interest within the community for development.
  - Provincial Funding
    - Is there any available support to assist with capital costs (i.e. Can the old Grant Line Road be turned into a trail) – The Community Cultures and Heritage group has opportunity but only for existing structures. An area rate increase is a possibility for support to get the trail moving.
    - Hammonds Plains Road / Highway 102 interchange to Bedford exit update – Land has been acquired to expand the intersection. The timeline is unknown as of now. If any other road developments need to be worked on then call Ben so he can report feedback of concerns.
    - Ben has a new employment services program called Nova Scotia Works at his office on Friday mornings from 9:00-12:30. You can contact 902-422-8900/902-864-7520 to make an appointment.
- Highland Park Year in Review
  - Community Yard Sale – rain or shine
    - June 17-18, 2017 and August 26-27, 2017
  - Neighbourhood clean up with Clean NS cleaning common areas of the community  
May 27, 2017
  - Community Activity
    - Fun Day Dates will be posted once we get volunteers. We will put word out on Facebook for helpers. June 24, 2017 1-4pm.
    - Movie Day date will be September once school is in. We will announce this via email, website and social media.
  - Youth Council  
We are looking for youth who would like the opportunity to work alongside the executive to help conduct the AGM. We are looking to create youth engagement within the young people in our community and hear their voices as well. Leadership opportunities for our youth can create a win-win situation. Motion was approved to create a youth council.
  - Timberlane Terrace Development
    - Can we develop an off-leash dog park?  
Land we have belongs to HRM. Kelly spoke to HRM and land we develop can be accessed by all HRM residents not only Highland Park Residents. There is currently no new off-leash dog parks in development as HRM is doing a study for new off-leash dog park development across HRM. A committee will be formed to start a proposal of what we would like develop for the land on Timberlane. Any developments would be accessible by all HRM residence, not just dog parks. Please contact via email or Facebook if you would like to be a part of the committee.
  - Use of tennis courts
    - The executive has no authority to dictate the use of property beyond what HRM zoning. Discussions were that the courts should be used when the nets go up for tennis only and during the winter months when the nets are down the use for off leash would allow a sense of community for dog owners.
    - Children often won't approach adults who are in the courts so we ask that dog owners respect the nets being up and the purpose of the courts.

- People have had allergic reactions to the dog hair in the courts, it's recognized that last summer was exceptional with the lack of rain.
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- Budget - signatures acquired approving budget after meeting.  
Budget will be posted to [www.highlandparknews.ca](http://www.highlandparknews.ca)
- Nominations for executive positions  
Marion Gillespie – Vice Chair - acclaimed  
Jo Anne Worden – Communications – acclaimed  
Roisin McDevitt – Board Member - acclaimed  
Mackenzie – Youth Council Member - acclaimed
- Meeting Closure