

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Meeting of the
SHERBROOKE LAKE COMMITTEE
Held in the St Matthews Lutheran Church, 1379 Newburne Road
Tuesday June 23, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

Murray Coolican	Committee Member
Lennis Corkum	Committee Member
John Budden	Committee Member
Larry Hagell	Committee Member
Allan Veinot	Committee Member
Jack Wentzell	Committee Member
Douglas Moore	Committee Member
Garth Bangay	Committee Member
Mark Wentzell	Committee Member
Rex Veinot	Committee Member

STAFF:

Trudy Payne, Director of Recreation
Chasidy Veinotte-Dorey, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Trudy Payne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Garth Bangay, seconded by John Budden that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Larry Hagell, seconded by Murray Coolican, that the Minutes of the May 12, 2015 Sherbrooke Lake Access Advisory Committee be approved as amended. Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business arising from minutes.

5. PRESENTATION BY THE SHERBROOKE LAKE FAMILY PARK SOCIETY (SLFPS)

Iris Veinotte, Newburne, addressed the committee on behalf of an incorporated society called Sherbrooke Lake Family Park Society. Iris stated that she recently spoke to Council requesting their support with their Society's petition. The following are some points raised during her presentation:

- Attempting to do what Council has not done in the last 35 years.
- Majority of this committee are lot owners that do not support access to Sherbrook Lake.
- The SLFPS does not see this committee coming to an agreement.
- The SLFP has been incorporated and registered since August 2014.
- They have secured to acquire land from landowners on Sherbrooke Lake.
- In order to make the road accessible to the public, the road needs to be surveyed and widened.
- The SLFPS is asking for Council to provide funds for the construction of the road.
- The SLFPS would like to make this property a family park that will include swimming, boating, picnicking and walking and welcome help in doing so.
- The SLFPS was started before this committee and they never were contacted or advised.
- The SLFPS wants this done now and does not see that happening through this committee.

The following questions were asked by the committee. The responses are in bold.

1. Do you have land in mind? **Yes, we have a legal agreement in place.**
2. Are you asking the Municipality to build the road to subdivision standards? **Yes, surveyed and built.**

Trudy read the following note from the Survey Plan pertaining to the waters of Sherbrooke Lake:

NOTE: BY DEED DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2001, HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN (BOOK 784, PAGE 847) BY QUIT CLAIM DEED CONVEYED TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG A 66' RIGHT OF WAY EXTENDING FROM THE END OF THE LISTED PUBLIC HIGHWAY NO. 474 (VEINOT ROAD) TO GROWN GRANT NO. 6416 & THEREAFTER THE PROLONGATION OF THE VEINOT ROAD AS DESCRIBED IN VARIOUS STATUTORY

DECLARATIONS. THIS SURVEY REPRESENTS THE VISIBLE ROAD ON THE GROUND EXTENDING TO WATERS OF SHERBROOKE LAKE.

6. HISTORY- PUBLIC ACCESS TO SHERBROOKE LAKE

At the May committee meeting, it was suggested that a timeline of events leading up to where things stand today with Sherbrooke Lake be brought to the next meeting. Trudy created this for the committee members to review and to ensure that all members have the same information with regards to the history and how we got to where we are today. Trudy reviewed some of the main points as outlined in the agenda package. The committee agreed that while public access has and always will continue to be developed, it needs to be done right. The past needs to be forgotten and there is a need now to move forward. People have always wanted access and the committee wants to make sure that this is accomplished.

7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST INFORMATION

At the May committee meeting, it was suggested that the guidelines and rules around developing a "Conflict of Interest" be brought forth to the committee to aid in the success of future meetings and decision making. Trudy went through the *Municipality of the District of Lunenburg's Policy MDL 37: A Policy Respecting A Code Of Conflict Code of Conflict*. This can be found in the agenda package. Trudy also included the *Conflict of Interest Guidelines as per the Local Government Resource Handbook*. There were no questions from the committee at this time with regards to the policy. Trudy stated that she was not a lawyer therefore if any committee members have any questions of whether they are in a conflict or not they should seek their own legal advice.

8. SHERBROOKE LAKE FAMILY PARK SOCIETY - PETITION

A petition was received from the Sherbrooke Lake Family Park Society at the June 9, 2015 Municipal Council meeting. At that time, Council referred it to this committee for review with the intention that this committee would report back to them prior to Councils summer break.

Trudy reviewed the memo and the petition and opened the floor for discussion. The biggest concern the committee had with this request is the timeline in which they are given to report back. The committee felt that they could not come back in the allocated time with a yes or no decision on the petition. If Council is looking for decisions to be made in an untimely fashion without the proper channels being looked at, the committee felt they needed to go back and remind them of how we got to where we are today. Looking at all the possible solutions for access to Sherbrooke Lake is a big job. The Terms of Reference that this committee has to follow was created by Council and in

order to fulfill them and be successful in doing so, there needs to be an understanding from both sides. There also should be a tangible work frame which may include updating Council on a quarterly basis.

The hope of this committee is to reconfirm to Council that we need all members support to move forward in working with the Terms of Reference.

It was mentioned by a committee member that the Municipality had received a legal opinion concerning property MODL owns near Sherbrooke Lake and that it would be good for the committee to have this information. Trudy stated she would see if this legal opinion could be shared with the committee and if it can it would need to be discussed at an In camera session.

The committee decided that the best way to approach Councils request was to have 2 members report back on what was discussed here tonight. Larry Hagell and John Budden have agreed to be the spokespersons. Lennis Corkum has also agreed to assist if needed. Before anything is sent to Council, the committee will have chance to review the items that will be brought forth. The following are some key points to make note of in the presentation going back to Council:

- The Sherbrooke Lake Access Advisory Committee is currently working on a timeframe and hopes to report to Council on a quarterly basis.
- In order to accommodate the Terms of Reference, the committee needs time to work through the process.
- The committee needs the support of all Council members in order to be successful.
- The committee has heard the presentation from the Sherbrook Lake Family Park Society.
- The committee wants to be able to relay the pros and cons of all access points and bring this back to Council for review but in order to do so they need to work within an established timeframe that is in the works.
- The committee understands its role in being an advisory committee and hopes to be able to do so by following the guidelines in the terms of reference.
- Before being able to discuss and bring forward options, the committee would like to get public consultation. This would be the initial step and the committee hopes to do so in the fall. Public access can mean a lot of different things to different people therefore it is crucial to look into this further through public meetings, surveys or any other means to be determined by this committee.

- There has never been an organized attempt to address the issue of public access to Sherbrooke Lake and by Councils attempt to move forward by establishing this committee, it means they are serious in doing so.

9. REPORTING TO COUNCIL AND TIMELINES

Discussed under Agenda item 8.

10. SELECTION OF CHAIR

Trudy stated that she is prepared to act as chair until committee members have developed their relationships with one another further. Trudy will chair the next meeting and then the hopes would be that a chair and vice chair will be selected by the committee members.

11. PUBLIC INPUT (15 MINUTES)

Tina Connors Municipality of the District of Chester (District 6) - Tina reported that she was happy to be in attendance here tonight and will be back for future meetings when available. She understands and respects the process and is committed to the road ahead. Tina stated she will be reporting back to her Council as the process continues to move forward. She also made note the Recreation and Planning staff can be made available to assist when needed and hopes to engage in the process herself.

Laverne Slauenwhite- Laverne spoke of her concerns and explained her reasons why she questions the need of having this committee in place. She also stated that there has been a Councillor that has spent over 40 years serving on Council and has done nothing to see access and development move forward at Sherbrooke Lake.

12. IN CAMERA ITEM AS PER THE MGA 22 (2) (c) – PERSONNEL MATTERS

Moved by Jack Wentzell, seconded by Garth Bangay that the Committee go In Camera In Committee. Carried.

The purpose of the In Camera meeting was to deal with a Personnel Matter, in accordance with section 22 (2) (c) of the Municipal Government Act.

Moved by Murray Coolican, seconded by Garth Bangay that the Committee return to open session. Carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28th at 7pm at the Forties Community Center.

There being no further business to discuss at 9:15 p.m., it was moved by Murray Coolican, seconded by Garth Bangay that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.