

**Duncan MacMillan Family of Schools Site Selection Committee Meeting**

Duncan MacMillan High School

Thursday, May 1, 2014 – 7pm

**Present:** Nancy O'Brien, Wanda Scott, Jennifer Lowe, Bridget Boutilier, Joy Josey, Carole DesBarres, Phillip Cox, Maria Jacobs, Jill McGillicuddy, Mike McKinley, Troy Smith, Brandon Wambolt, Molly Gammon and Jeannie Hubley.

**Regrets:** HRSB Supervisor-Mrs. Stacey Toth, Ron Heiman, Wanda Scott, Leah MacBain, Lisa Hutt and Betty Lou Killen.

Chair Nancy O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. She welcomed everyone and especially new community member Mike McKinley and DMHS student Brandon Wambolt. Nancy expressed appreciation to Mrs. Jill McGillicuddy for the binders and Mrs. Molly Gammon for the meeting minutes. She requested the team to try their best not to engage in side conversations and to raise a hand if wished to speak. Mrs. Jill McGillicuddy provided members with an updated copy of the, "Terms of Reference".

Moved by Mrs. Jennifer Lowe and seconded by Mrs. Joy Josey to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Joy Josey and seconded by Mrs. Jeannie Hubley that the April 24 meeting minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Chair Nancy O'Brien shared that these minutes will be posted on the HRSB website. If community people approach us about the progress we are to direct them to the posted minutes.

**Business from the minutes:**

Mrs. Bridget Boutilier raised concerns about voting members. As a result, an amendment to the motion was proposed following a discussion about this issue.

**Motion:** Moved by Mrs. Jennifer Lowe and seconded by Mrs. Jeannie Hubley that three voting community members who are non-affiliated (cannot be parents or guardians) with the school be added to the committee, One from Sheet Harbour area (SHCS & DMHS); One from Eastern Consolidated and one from Lakefront Consolidated. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Bridget Boutilier is a non-voting member.

**Presentation and review of Preliminary Sites presented by Jill McGillicuddy and Maria Jacobs**

Mrs. Jill McGillicuddy reported that the meeting with Mr. Doug Hadley did not happen. Hopeful, it will this Monday, May 5. Mrs. Jill McGillicuddy also shared that she did not make

contact with Ms. Selena Henderson re: voting questions. Chair Nancy suggested that we just not ask for a record of vote.

Mr. Ron Heiman asked Mrs. Jill McGillicuddy to share with the members that he is still waiting to hear back from possible enhancement partners. Mr. Tom McInnis, President of Chamber, will provide name of Chamber member who will be contact for Halifax Regional School Board.

Mrs. Jill McGillicuddy asked the members about the existing sites. Water, treatment plant land, land ownership data not received to explore. Mr. Phil Cox suggested we move forward in exploring sites to avoid time lost waiting for additional reports.

Mrs. Maria Jacobs shared maps with possible sites. Mrs. Maria Jacobs and Mrs. Jill McGillicuddy answered several questions from members.

Mrs. Joy Josey asked if there were additional sites to view. Unfortunately only crown sites explored to date. As there were no private sites included, the members asked for them to be generated for the next meeting with a concentration on available sites on the number 7 highway. Mr. Phil Cox suggested that Mrs. Jill McGillicuddy look for flat lands. Members shared possible private sites for her to explore. Mrs. Bridget Boutilier suggested that Mr. Steve Rutledge, former Pulp Company employee, may be able to offer some insights on land sites. If members thought of additional sites, they were welcome to e-mail Chair Nancy. Mr. Phil Cox indicated that, "Street View" was available all through Sheet Harbour.

### **Criteria of selecting site-HRSB and HRM Planning Perspective- Jill McGillicuddy & Maria Jacobs**

Mrs. Maria Jacobs chatted with us about rating sites with a 3-very good; 2 –Good; 1 –Fair and 0-Poor

Considerations included:

Availability & size; proximity to crosswalks; access to parks, trails & pathways; proximity to bus stops; adjacent use-mix uses; access to site; surrounded by existing neighbourhoods; CPTED-eyes on the site buy all sides, most of the time; current topography/vegetation cover; proximity to cultural, community amenities, sports fields and institutions.

### **Transportation Discussion:**

How many students presently walk? How many courteous Stock stops at present? Number of busses needed. How many students drive cars to school- parking sizes to accommodate everyone? Should the school be located more to the west to even out the distance from east & west to school site? Brandon, DMHS student, shared that student would prefer the school to be close to shops as seniors are permitted to leave school during lunch and many do so.

### **Timeline:**

As Tuesday, May 6 is our next meeting, members were concerned that all the requested data may not be generated and ready for us. Mr. Phil Cox offered consultant, Mr. Jeffrey Pinhey, NSTIR, Site Assessment Engineer to assist. It was agreed that we would leave the meeting date and time as previously suggested and Mrs. Jill McGillicuddy would be in touch with Chair Nancy if this

meeting was to be cancelled. Chair Nancy will communicate via e-mail to us on Monday, May 5, 2014.

As there was no further business, Mrs. Jeannie Hubley adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Gammon  
Secretary

Nancy O'Brien  
Chairperson