

PUBLIC MEETING

November 17, 2005

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Mike Hennigar, Chairman
- Fred Bower
- Peter Nickerson
- Sean Strang
- Eddie Nickerson (7:08 p.m.)

- Gary Saunders, Municipal Planner
- Andrew Goreham, Development Officer
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this Public Meeting was to hear oral and written presentations from residents concerning vehicular and pedestrian traffic issues in the Barrington Passage area. The only members of the public who attended the meeting were Mr. William Kenney and Mr. Angus Atkinson.

Pedestrian and vehicular traffic data in the Barrington Passage area that has been made available to the Municipality over the years, from the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation & Public Works, was reviewed for the information of those present.

Having finished the review of this information, the Chairman then asked for suggestions from the public. The following suggestions and concerns were brought forward by the public:

1. The former CNR railway bed could be developed as a route for truck traffic so that it could bypass Barrington Passage on the way from where the right of way crosses trunk 3 prior to the Old schoolhouse, up as far as Doctor's Cove. In this way truck traffic could use this alternate route to get to Cape Sable Island and to points west of Barrington Passage.
2. There could be a road constructed behind the machine shop near Fresh Brook, down to the Wireless Road at the eastern end of Barrington Passage.
3. It was also suggested that a right turn lane is needed at Tim Hortons, going into the Tim Hortons parking lot.
4. If traffic lights are to be installed at the intersection of the Causeway and Trunk 3, the timing of these traffic lights will be a crucial factor in regulating traffic.
5. Parking in the Tim Hortons parking lot is too close to the road. This makes it hard to see when entering the road from the Tim Hortons and Shoppers Drug Mart parking lots.
6. The parking signs that were located at the Causeway from the strip mall to the intersection of Trunk #3 have disappeared and are no longer there. They should be replaced.

In addition, there were a number of comments and suggestions from members of the committee which included:

1. A central turning lane could be put in the centre of the road in the area in front of the Sobeys Store.
2. It was also suggested that a crosswalk could be placed across the end of the Causeway at the intersection of Route 3.
3. It was suggested that there be a right turn lane installed coming off Sherose Island.
4. The hill in front of Sobeys could be lowered to provide better sight lines.
5. The drainage system along trunk 3 could be improved from the area in front of the Irving Station down as far as, and including, the area in front of Wilsons.
6. Sidewalks could be extended in the Barrington Passage area from the Community Health Centre right up to the Irving Station.
7. Drainage at the Butler's Road intersection could be improved.

ADJOURNMENT

Having exhausted their discussion of this matter, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

On website November 18, 2005.

