

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 22, 2008

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:

- Larry Stewart, Chairman
- Robbie Newell
- Cecil Swimm
- George El-Jakl (7:20 p.m.)
- Eddie Nickerson (8:35 p.m.)

- Glen Muise, Development Officer
- Brad Fulton, Municipal Planner
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING

As advertised, a Public Participation Meeting was being held this evening to hear public comments regarding amendments to the Land Use By-Law. It was explained to members by the Clerk-Treasurer that this advertisement was in error as it was necessary to amend both the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law in order to enact the amendments requested by David Eldridge in his application to the Municipality.

There then followed much discussion regarding the proposed amendment. It is apparent from the Municipal Planning Strategy that the Municipality's intention is to have financial institutions located in a Commercial General Zone rather than the Residential General Zone. Mr. Eldridge is asking for an exception to be made to this policy. In his application he is requesting that financial institutions be allowed in the Residential General Zone on the property next to the Municipal Administration Building where the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce had previously been located in the 1980s.

Since the advertisement was inadequate for the purposes of considering this amendment the Public Participation Meeting will have to be rescheduled if Council wishes to make the appropriate amendment.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Swimm that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by R. Newell that the minutes of the last previous meeting held April 17, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members then discussed the amendment requested by Mr. David Eldridge. In order to accommodate Mr. Eldridge's request to allow financial institutions as a use on his property, it is necessary to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy as well as the Land Use By-Law. It is the consensus of members that the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law be amended in order to accommodate Mr. Eldridge's request for a change in use.

Resolution PAC080501

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by R. Newell that the Municipal Planner research this matter and determine the best means of amending the by-law, as requested, and make an appropriate recommendation to the Committee at its next subsequent meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

PAC PROCEDURES

The procedure followed for amendment of the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law was then reviewed for members and new Municipal Planner so that the proper process would be followed for future amendments.

PLANNING ISSUES

Members then discussed various municipal planning issues currently being discussed by the Committee. These issues were reviewed for the information of the Planner as well as new members of the Committee.

It was also the consensus of members that work should begin immediately on extending the Commercial General Zone to include the property that is proposed to be used for a business park in Barrington Passage.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:45 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 23, 2008.