

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 25, 2009

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:

- George El-Jakl, Chairman
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Cathy Stoddard
- Robbie Newell
- Cecil Swimm

- Brad Fulton, Senior Planner
- Karen Dempsey, ICSP
- Glen Muise, Development Officer
- Brian Holland, Clerk-Treasurer

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Business Park Amendment.
- Wind Turbine Generators.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by R. Newell and seconded by C. Stoddard that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the last previous meeting held January 15, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Ms. Dempsey reviewed a proposed draft public participation plan for the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan and for the review of the Municipal Planning Strategy.

This public participation will take place over the next two years and will consist of a portion to inform and consult the public, a portion for public outreach and a portion for consultation with other groups. Ms. Dempsey then reviewed the plan in general and asked for comments and suggestions from members.

Resolution PAC090201

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Swimm that the PAC/ICSP Committee recommends to Council the approval of the attached Public Participation Plan as a means of informing and engaging the public in the development of new planning documents for the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUSTAINABILITY - THE RURAL PERSPECTIVE

A written document containing various aspects of sustainability in rural communities was circulated to members. Ms. Dempsey then reviewed this document and asked if members had any comments regarding any significant factors affecting sustainability in the past, or that may affect them in the future.

Members then discussed various aspects of the Municipality and how it has developed at different times.

BUSINESS PARK AMENDMENTS

The Senior Planner then reviewed proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and to the Land Use By-Law in order to provide for business park zoning for a property owned by the Municipality at Stirl's Road in Barrington Passage. Proposed amendments were reviewed in detail by the Planner with discussion regarding various aspects of the amendments.

Resolution PAC090202

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Planning Advisory Committee proceed to conduct the required public participation meeting at the next meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee for the purpose of amending the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to provide for business park zoning.

Motion carried unanimously.

WIND TURBINE GENERATORS

Information provided by a member had previously been circulated to all members by email. This information contains additional factors that should be considered when implementing or changing wind turbine generator regulations in the Municipality.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 26, 2009.