

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 19, 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
- Robbie Newell
- Cathy Stoddard
- Cecil Swim

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by R. Newell and seconded by D. Messenger that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by R. Newell that minutes of the last previous meeting held February 25, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING

The Chairman convened a Public Participation Meeting for the purpose of accepting oral or written presentations concerning proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law, to include provisions for business park zoning in the Barrington Passage area on a specific parcel of property owned by the Municipality. The Public Participation Meeting was duly advertised in the local newspaper, as required. No presentations have been received at the Municipal Office, either in writing, or orally. There were no members of the public present at the meeting to make presentations this evening, and no written presentations had been forwarded for presentation this evening.

The proposed amendments were briefly reviewed by the Senior Planner for the information and explanation of members.

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded D. Messenger that the Public Participation Meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members then resumed the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting.

BUSINESS PARK AMENDMENTS

Resolution PAC090301

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. Swimm that the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to add business park zoning be recommended to Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUSTAINABLE PRINCIPLES

A list of sustainable design principles was circulated to members by the Sustainability Planner. These principles were then reviewed individually by the Planner with some discussion from members.

It was the consensus of members that these principles be adopted noting that the word “in-filling” has different connotations for the Department of Environment, and also noting that there needs to be some additional emphasis placed on the balance between economic and environmental sustainability.

COMMUNITY VALUES AND ASSETS

The Sustainability Planner then reviewed a memo to members regarding the expiration of community values and assets which included several questions to be answered by members.

A discussion followed regarding the reasons why members have chosen to live in this community. The Sustainability Planner also indicated that public consultation workshops will begin during the month of May and will be sponsored by the Planning Advisory Committee and be led by the Sustainability Planner.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:37 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

On website March 20, 2009.