

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 17, 2009

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

- Cecil Swimm
- Cathy Stoddard
- Murray Atkinson

Absent were members George El-Jakl due to a medical appointment and Robbie Newell.

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

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Swimm that Cathy Stoddard act as Chair for the meeting.

Having requested further nominations three times, and heard none, the Clerk declared Councillor Stoddard elected Chair by acclamation.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Swimm that the agenda be approved with a reversal in the order of items 5 and 6.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by M. Atkinson that minutes of the previous meeting held August 20, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MINK RANCHES BY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

It has been suggested that the development of mink ranches within the Municipality be one of the items that is regulated through development agreements. Part 7 of the Land Use By-Law deals with the use of development agreements and what uses may be governed by them. Members were cautioned that development agreements in regards to mink farms cannot be more restricted than the Provincial Farm Practices Act that may be in place at any given time.

It was the consensus of members that the Senior Planner would draft amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for the consideration of the committee. These draft amendments would propose that the regulation of the development of mink ranches, in future, would be done through the use of development agreements.

ICSP ISSUES AND PRIORITIES

The ICSP Project Planner provided a summary of the ICSP issues and priorities for the review and discussion of members. Included in this listing of issues and priorities were general sustainability objectives. Ten general sustainable objectives were included. Seven of these sustainable objectives related to the environment, one to economic sustainable objectives, one to social sustainable objectives and one to cultural sustainable objectives. It was suggested that there be more balance in the sustainability objectives for the Municipality, and that these also include such other issues as health care, transportation, recreation and agriculture.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A list of revised goals and objectives for the Municipal Planning Strategy was also circulated for the review and discussion of members. Members generally reviewed the suggested goals making comments on various aspects of them. The ICSP Project Planner will revise these goals accordingly for consideration being at a future meeting of the committee. The ICSP Project Planner indicated that a draft of the proposed ICSP Plan will be circulated to members and to councillors by the end of November, and that a draft plan could be prepared for public presentation no later than the end of January.

NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE

It was agreed by members that the next meeting of the committee would be held on the 4th Thursday of October, being October 22nd.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:50 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website September 21, 2009