

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 22, 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:

- Murray Atkinson
- Cathy Stoddard
- Robbie Newell
- Cecil Swimm

Absent was member George El-Jakl due to work commitments.

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

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by M. Atkinson that Cathy Stoddard be nominated 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 C. Swimm and seconded by M. Atkinson that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by M. Atkinson that the minutes of the last previous meeting held September 17, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ICSP ISSUES

It was requested that the ICSP issues and priorities that were discussed at a previous meeting be approved and recommended to Council.

Resolution PAC091001

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by R. Newell that the ICSP issues and priorities reviewed at a previous meeting, and subsequently revised by the ICSP Planner, be recommended to Council for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL ISSUES

A document was circulated containing a list of Regional Sustainability Challenges and Issues. This document was reviewed and discussed by members.

It was suggested that three additional issues should be considered for addition to this list. The three additional issues would include: health care, economic development and demographics. These issues will be discussed further at a meeting of the ICSP Planners and this list will be revisited at next month's committee meeting.

FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES

A list of four (4) Foundation Principles was provided to members for their review and discussion. These were briefly discussed by members.

Resolution PAC091002

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by R. Newell that the proposed Foundation Principles be accepted by the committee and recommended to Council for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

REVISED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A list of the Revised Goals and Objectives for the ICSP Plan and Municipal Planning Strategy was circulated to members for the meeting. This list was briefly discussed by members as it had already been reviewed at a previous meeting.

Resolution PAC091003

Moved by R. Newell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the revised list of Goals and Objectives be recommended to Council for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS IN THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE

The Senior Planner reviewed a discussion paper which he presented to members. This discussion paper addressed the background to and the current by-law requirements for commercial livestock operations in the Rural Development Zone. It also addressed the issues that are pertinent to commercial livestock operations and the use of development agreements. Proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law were also attached to the discussion document for review of members.

Members then discussed various concerns that arise as a result of commercial livestock operations. Some of these concerns include, but are not limited to, the following: odor, water and ground contamination, animal contact, access and restraint, environmental issues such as flies, waste disposal and nutrient management, buffering zones, noise control, setbacks from residences.

It was agreed that the Senior Planner would compile a list of concerns that are to be addressed in any development agreements for commercial livestock operations in the Rural Development Zone, and that these would be brought back to the committee for consideration and review together with draft amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:25 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website October 23, 2009.