

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 22, 2012

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

- Cathy Stoddard, Chair
- Murray Atkinson
- Shaun Hatfield
- Cecil Swimm

Absent was member William Malone.

- Brad Fulton, Senior Planner
- David Andrews, Development Officer
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Review of Proposed Fur Industry Act.
- Public Membership.
- District Planning Commission Information.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by M. Atkinson that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that minutes of the last previous meeting held January 19, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LAND USE BY-LAW REVIEW

The Senior Planner circulated draft copies of a revised Municipal Planning Strategy for members to review. The Senior Planner reviewed portions of the Municipal Planning Strategy that had been updated during the process. The document presented is incomplete in the following aspects:

- Part 11.4 "Protective and Medical Services"
- Part 13, pages 45 & 46 are incomplete
- Part 15.2.4 "Variances" has been added in order to provide flexibility for the Development Officer to provide variances when required for parking requirements.

The document will still need to be completed and forwarded to Service Nova Scotia for their comment prior to it being approved by Council. The Senior Planner noted that in the information received from Service Nova Scotia regarding the draft Yarmouth Municipal Planning Strategy, it was indicated that decommissioning of wind turbine generators cannot be required in a site plan. This must be required in some other portion of the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law.

The Senior Planner also noted that there may be additional statements of provincial interest developed in future which need to be included in the Municipal Planning Strategy at a later date. He also indicated that the Land Use By-Law Review is in a very rough draft form at the present time.

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by S. Hatfield that Section 15.2.4 "Variances" be inserted into the revised Municipal Planning Strategy.

Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF FUR INDUSTRY ACT

The Senior Planner reviewed the various aspects of the second draft of the proposed Fur Industry Act. There are significant changes in this draft which include the following:

- There is no requirement to monitor ground water.
- The land application of manure is acceptable under certain circumstances.
- On-farm disposal of feed and carcasses is allowed.
- The new regulations apply to all fur farms in Nova Scotia.
- Existing fur farms are given three years to comply with the regulations.
- New fur farms must be fully enclosed within their buildings.

Only one days notice was given to the public for the consultation that took place in Carlton on February 23, 2012.

PUBLIC MEMBERSHIP

Members were informed that ads have been placed in the local newspaper for two public members to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee for the next two years. The term of the current members, Mr. Swimm and Mr. Malone, expires as of March 31, 2012. These members are, of course, free to apply again.

DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION INFORMATION

Because the Municipality is withdrawing from the District Planning Commission it will be necessary to obtain any pertinent information from the Commission. The Municipal Clerk will contact the Senior Planner in order to arrange transfer of information, which will include digital records of the proposed Municipal Planning Strategy and digital records of the rough draft of the Land Use By-Law review, as well as digital records of the mapping programs and any other information deemed necessary for transfer.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:33 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website March 23, 2012.