

**PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING**

March 17, 2005

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:

- Mike Hennigar, Chairman
- Sterling Belliveau
- Fred Bower
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Peter Nickerson (7:05 p.m.)

- Gary Saunders, Municipal Planner
- Andrew Goreham, Development Officer]
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING

A Public Participation Meeting was held by the Planning Advisory Committee for the purpose of receiving written and oral presentations from residents regarding the construction of wind turbine generators, for individual, residential, commercial and industrial applications within the Municipality.

In attendance at the Public Participation Meeting were local residents, Evan Walters and Dean Nickerson.

The Public Participation Meeting had been duly advertised in the March 8th issue of the local newspaper.

Gary Saunders, the Municipal Planner, then distributed some information regarding wind energy systems for individual residences, to the members and to the public in attendance, for their information.

There then followed some discussion regarding the establishment of wind turbine generators for these purposes.

Mr. Walters offered the following comment: The height of wind turbine towers may be a concern within the Municipality. These systems should be used in conjunction with batteries and solar power to provide alternate sources of power.

Mr. Walters suggested using wind energy for alternative sources of power for municipal buildings. He suggested the projected price of oil will prohibit future use as a residential fuel.

The use of wind energy will certainly affect the provinces' ability to meet the requirements of the Kyoto Protocol.

It would be necessary to ensure that maintenance and upkeep of wind turbine generators and towers was adequately required. Mr. Walters suggested there could be periodic inspections required as part of the regulations.

The view planes of residential homes would be affected by the erection of towers in various locations. Mr. Walters also suggested that this may be an alternate power system for the entire Municipality in the case of emergency.

Mr. Walters also stated that he is opposed to restrictions to private installations providing they meet the regulations set for noise, tower height, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Having exhausted the discussion of wind turbine generators, the Public Participation Meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 7:50 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for PAC members, Councillors Louise Halliday, Sean Strang, Larry Stewart and Eddie Nickerson on March 18, 2005 by Sharon Brannen.