

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING

October 25, 2005

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Mike Hennigar, Chairman
- Sterling Belliveau
- Peter Nickerson

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

Absent were members Donna LeBlanc-Messenger due to illness and Fred Bower.

There were six (6) members of the public present for the Public Participation Meeting.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the Public Participation Meeting was to discuss and accept oral and written presentations from residents concerning amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law that enable Council to consider allowing camping cabins in the Coastal Wetlands Zone by development agreement.

Email letters were received from the following individuals:

- Jim Wolford
- Joan Czapalay
- Heather White
- Sean McKeane, Ecology Action Centre
- Anna McCarron, Nova Scotia Coastal Guardian Program

All of the email letters received were in opposition to any amendments being made to the current Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law.

The Chairman requested the Planner to review the proposed amendments for the information of members and the public, and then asked if there were any comments from members of the public. The following comments were received:

- Mr. Sydney Smith indicated that any developer who builds camping cabins in this area will be disappointed as will the beach users because the shifting sand dunes will no doubt be affected and will affect any development in that area. He indicated that Council should be very careful in whatever is done in the Coastal Wetlands Area.

- Lillian Perry voiced a concern that wetlands are being filled in within the Municipality too quickly, that more development will produce more infilling in the wetland areas, and that construction of rock walls in wetland areas also causes erosion in adjacent areas.

- Pat Hudson asked the Planner to review the map defining the beach areas and the salt marsh areas with the members of the public for their information.

- Mrs. Betty June Smith indicated that these amendments may be the start of a series of actions that would yield undesirable results.

The Chairman asked if there were any other concerns to be expressed by the public.

Having heard no additional responses, he declared the Public Participation Meeting adjourned by mutual consent of members at 7:45 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

On Website October 26, 2005.

