

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 16, 2006

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

- Mike Hennigar, Chairman
- Fred Bower
- Sean Strang

- Gary Saunders, Municipal Planner
- Andrew Goreham, Development Officer

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

Absent were members Eddie Nickerson and Peter Nickerson.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Memo from Council Re: Coastal Wetlands.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by F. Bower that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by F. Bower that the minutes of the last previous meeting held January 19, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY

Chapter B, pages 13 to 15, of the Municipal Planning Strategy, were reviewed by members. Also reviewed was part 12 of the Land Use By-law dealing with the Rural Development Zone.

Mr. Saunders will draft revisions to page 15 and revisions to paragraphs 10(a) and 10(b) of Part 12 of the By-Law, to bring them up to date with current terms for fox and mink farms and hog operations.

It was agreed by members that at the next meeting the review will be continued by covering the Industrial Marine Zones and the Coast Wetlands Zones, pages 17 and 19 in the Municipal Planning Strategy, and the related portions of the Land Use By-Law.

PRIVATE WIND TURBINE GENERATORS

A list of locations of private wind turbine generators was circulated to members. Mr. Saunders will attempt to arrange permission from the owners of these turbine generators to visit them so that members may go and look at these generators in operation and discuss them with their owners.

MARIA NICOLE FISHERIES REQUEST

A request for comment on infilling of the Maria Nicole Fisheries property has been forwarded to the committee for consideration. The Maria Nicole Fisheries property is adjacent to municipal property in Wood's Harbour on which is situated the UFO Tourist Rest Stop. Pictures of the site were shown to members so they could evaluate the results of infilling along the shoreline of the property. It is proposed by Maria Nicole Fisheries that the property along the shoreline will be infilled to a dept of 40 feet from the low water mark to the high water mark. This will enable the expansion of the fish plant on the property.

Having discussed this matter, members were satisfied that there would be little or no navigational effects, and that there would be a minimal effect on the Municipality's sewer outflow.

Resolution PAC060201

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by F. Bower that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality respond to the letter received from Transport Canada, that it is the opinion of the Municipality that there will be no navigation effects as a result of the infilling of this property along the coastline.

Motion carried unanimously.

SWAINE'S ROAD - MUNICIPAL HERITAGE PROPERTY

During the summer of 2005 a request was received from Mr. Joe Ross, a resident of Blanche, to have Swaine's Road designated a Municipal Heritage Property. Since that time Municipal Staff have been trying to obtain information from the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation regarding Swaine's Road, and the history and ownership of Swaine's Road.

After reviewing the information, and reviewing the by-law determining the registration of heritage properties, members were of the opinion that Swaine's Road does not qualify as a property to be registered under the Municipal Heritage Property By-Law.

Resolution PAC060202

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the request for registration of Swaine's Road as a Municipal Heritage Property be denied as it does not meet the eligibility requirements of the by-law, and in any case the permission of the property owner has not been obtained.

Motion carried unanimously.

MEMO FROM COUNCIL RE: COASTAL WETLANDS

Members were informed that a memo from Council has been received by the Chair indicating that the proposed amendments to the Coastal Wetlands Zone were defeated at Council. As a result, camping cabins in Coastal Wetland areas will not become a permitted use.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Secretary for the Meeting

On website and copied for PAC members by Sharon Brannen on February 17, 2006.

