

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 20, 2008

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

- George El-Jakl
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Robbie Newell
- Cecil Swimm

- Glen Muise, Building Inspection
- Brad Fulton, Municipal Planner
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

Absent was member Cathy Stoddard due to Council Orientation Workshop in Truro.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by R. Newell that George El-Jakl be nominated chairperson of the committee.

The nomination was accepted by George El-Jakl.

Having asked three more times for further nominations and having heard none the Deputy Clerk declared George El-Jakl elected chairperson of the committee by acclamation.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by D. Messenger that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by R. Newell and seconded by C. Swimm that the minutes of the last meeting held September 18, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MPS & LUB

The Planner informed members that he has been in contact with Mr. Frank Anderson of the South West Shore Development Authority and steps are being taken to obtain funding for development of the business park to be located in Barrington Passage.

Mr. Muise, Building Inspector, informed members that the property is currently being surveyed. A copy of the survey is expected from Scotia Surveys some time next week.

The Planner informed members that in order to draft amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law dealing with the business park in Barrington Passage, it is necessary to have the survey plan showing the exact parcel of land in question.

It was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the committee for further discussion.

WIND TURBINE GENERATORS RE: PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Planner informed members that since it is necessary to hold public meetings during the ICSP process, it may be advisable to hold one public meeting dealing with both issues, the ICSP and the wind turbine generators.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the existing Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law provides for utility wind turbine generators. The public hearing would be held to receive input regarding personal wind turbine generators which are used to generate energy to be used on site.

This matter will be further discussed at a later meeting.

UPDATE RE: EASTLINK BROADBAND IN RURAL AREAS

The Planner informed members that he has been in conversation with Mr. Richard Arnold of Industry Canada regarding requirements to install antenna systems in rural areas. Mr. Arnold expressed concern that some service providers wish to shorten the time frame required to obtain approval for the installation of radio communication and broadcasting antenna systems. Industry Canada's default process requires proponents to ensure that notification provides at least 30 days for written public comment. Mr. Arnold cautioned municipal units considering adopting their own policies outlining the consultation process. During discussion of this matter it was noted that Eastlink is scheduled to make a presentation before Council, Monday, November 24, 2008 regarding their proposed municipal antenna site procedure.

An update on this matter will be provided at the next meeting.

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN PROJECT

The Planner provided information on the Integrated Community Sustainability Planning Project. In order to receive gas tax funds it is necessary for each municipal unit to prepare a Community Sustainability Plan. This plan must be submitted to the province by 2010. The Integrated Community Sustainability Plan is intended to be a long term strategic planning document.

An Integrated Community Sustainability Coordinator has been hired to prepare the ICSP Plan for all municipal units in the Y-A-B District Planning Commission. Karen Dempsey has been hired as the coordinator and will commence work on Monday, November 24, 2008. Mrs. Dempsey will be working out of the Tusket office as well as her home which is located in Bridgewater. Mrs. Dempsey will also review the Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws for Yarmouth, Argyle, Barrington and Clare.

The first steps in the ICSP process is for Council to establish an ICSP Steering Committee. It is the recommendation of the Planner that the steering committee be the Planning Advisory Committee.

Resolution PAC081101

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Swimm that it be recommended to Council that the Planning Advisory Committee be appointed the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan Steering Committee as recommended by the Planner.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by D. Messenger that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

_____Chairperson

_____Secretary for the Meeting

On website November 24, 2008.