

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

December 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson 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, Chairperson
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Robbie Newell
- Cathy Stoddard
- Cecil Swimm

- Brad Fulton, Senior Planner
- Glen Muise, Development Officer
- Karen Dempsey, ICSP Planner
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Integrated Community Sustainability Plan was added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by R. Newell that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES

Moved by R. Newell and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the last previous meeting held November 20, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS PARK USES

A written summary of the amendments required to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law was circulated to members by the Senior Planner. This summary indicated the process required to make the appropriate amendments in order to provide for a business park in Barrington Passage. It also listed the proposed uses for the business park zone, both as of right and to be permitted by development agreement. These uses were then discussed and reviewed in detail, individually, by the committee. As a result a proposed list was compiled by the Senior Planner. The Senior Planner will now devise the proposed Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law amendments and provide them to the committee at their next meeting in January so that they may be approved for presentation to the public.

EASTLINK BROADBAND IN RURAL AREAS

Members were informed that a representative from Eastlink had recently attended Council and requested that the public consultation period and response period be shortened so that Eastlink could develop two additional sites for broadband towers in the Municipality of Barrington. Eastlink is proposing to locate one tower in the Bear Point area and another tower in the Blanche/Cape Negro area for the provision of broadband services to the Municipality. At the present time they are required to provide a 30 day period during which the public may make comments or representations to them, and they have a 30 day period during which they may respond to these comments or representations. Council has agreed to shorten the response period to 20 days as Eastlink feels this is a long enough period for them to respond. As a consequence the total time period will be 50 days instead of 60 days. It is anticipated that Eastlink will propose two specific locations early in the new year and will then request public comments and presentations regarding these locations.

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Karen Dempsey was introduced by the Senior Planner. She has been hired by the District Planning Commission to review the Municipal Planning Strategies of all four municipal units and to develop Integrated Community Sustainability Plans for all municipal units over the next two years.

Ms. Dempsey then explained some of the process that would be required and suggested that an orientation to planning early in the new year may be appropriate for all councillors.

It was the general consensus of members that such an orientation would be desirable as long as it does not further delay the development of the plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:55 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website December 19, 2008.