

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the Chair 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, Chair
- Cathy Stoddard
- Murray Atkinson
- Cecil Swimm
- Robbie Newell

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

There were also three (3) members of the public present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Public Members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by M. Atkinson that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by R. Newell that the minutes of the last previous meeting held December 10, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING

The Chair then opened the Public Participation Meeting for the purpose of receiving public comments on the Draft 2009 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

The Public Participation Meeting had previously been advertised in the local newspaper on two separate occasions. Copies of the Draft Integrated Community Sustainability Plan had been placed in the convenience store in Wood's Harbour, the Barrington Municipal Library and the Municipal Office, for circulation to the public. A total of thirty (30) copies had been placed in these areas, and only three remained in the Municipal Office prior to the meeting.

No written or verbal comments had been received at the Municipal Office regarding the draft plan. The plan was then briefly reviewed by Karen Dempsey, the ICSP Planner. At this time no comments were received from the public who were in attendance at the meeting.

Moved by R. Newell and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Public Participation Meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

PAC REGULAR MEETING

Draft ICSP

Members then entered into the regular Planning Advisory Committee meeting and discussed the Draft 2009 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

There were no revisions proposed as a result of public comments.

It was pointed out that page 19 had yet to be completed. This page will be completed as required. It was also suggested that in section 4 on page 18 that the further review of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan and Municipal Planning Strategy be included as a project that may be funded in future years from gas tax funds.

Resolution PAC100101

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by M. Atkinson that the draft plan be amended to include a subsequent review of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan and Municipal Planning Strategy in future years as an eligible project.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was also suggested that in the introduction a paragraph be added explaining the reasons why an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan is needed and has been completed.

Resolution PAC100102

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by R. Newell that a paragraph be added to the introduction in the plan explaining the reasons why the plan is necessary.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members were also informed that the ecoNova Scotia Inventory Audit project that is currently being done requires that the plan include a statement on the reduction in the production of greenhouse gases by the Municipality and the conservation of energy in municipal facilities.

Resolution PAC100103

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that a paragraph be added to include the appropriate policy objectives of reducing greenhouse gas emissions produced by the Municipality, and the reduction in energy used, wherever possible, by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of members that the final version of the 2009 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan would be forwarded to members and reviewed again at the February 18th meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee, and at that time would be approved and forwarded to Council for their approval at their February 22nd meeting.

COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

The ICSP Planner reviewed a document that had been circulated to members for their review. Members then discussed this document and its incorporation into the Municipal Planning Strategy.

Resolution PAC100104

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by C. Stoddard that the proposed Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Environmental Stewardship revised policy statement be approved in principle.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC MEMBERS

It was brought to the attention of the committee that the public members who serve on the committee serve for a term of two years. The two year term of the current public members expires at the end of March. As a result the Municipality will be advertising for public members in the very near future. The participation of Mr. Newell and Mr. Swimm as public members for the previous two years is much appreciated as they have provided valuable insights to the committee for municipal planning.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the committee will be held on February 18th, the third Thursday of the month, as scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:20 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website January 22, 2010.

