

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 18, 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
- Robbie Newell
- Cecil Swimm

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Update from previous meeting Re: Coastal Wetlands Mapping.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by R. Newell that minutes of the last previous meeting held January 21, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ICSP FINAL REPORT

The final draft of the Integrated Communities Sustainability Plan was circulated to members for their review prior to the meeting. It is now proposed that the plan be approved and forwarded to Council for approval. The plan will then be incorporated in the Municipal Planning Strategy.

It was reported that a letter of evaluation had been received today from Service Nova Scotia. In this letter it is reported that all nine (9) aspects of the plan are deemed to be acceptable pending incorporation into the revised Municipal Planning Strategy.

Resolution PAC100201

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by R. Newell that the Planning Advisory Committee recommends approval of the final Integrated Communities Sustainability Plan, to Council, and that the final Integrated Communities Sustainability Plan be incorporated into the Municipal Planning Strategy once the Municipal Planning Strategy review is complete.

Motion carried unanimously.

COASTAL WETLANDS MAPPING

A map was shown to the Committee by the Municipal Planner. This map indicated the current coastal wetland areas contained in the Municipal Planning Strategy, as well as other areas that have since been defined by the Department of Natural Resources which should be included in the Coastal Wetland areas. Due to improvements in digital photography and other areas of mapping, we are now able to more clearly and accurately define zone boundaries. Our mapper Michel Melanson is in the process of updating these maps and will provide them as soon as it is possible to have them completed.

MPS AND LUB REVIEW - RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Coastal Wetlands Zone has already been reviewed by members and the next section of the MPS to be reviewed will be the Rural Development Zone. General Zones are being reviewed first, and then the smaller and more restricted zoning areas will be reviewed.

The Rural Development Zone is a “wide open” zone that allows many land uses. It was questioned whether or not this large zone could be better regulated by subdividing it into smaller zones for better control, or whether some of the uses allowed in the zone could be better regulated by Development Agreements. It was suggested that Development Agreements would be the better approach for additional regulation in this zone.

Members then reviewed the uses currently listed for the Rural Development Zone. The ICSP Planner made a list of potential uses that could be regulated by Development Agreement. This list will be provided at a subsequent meeting of the Committee when proposed revisions are again discussed.

WIND TURBINE GENERATORS

As part of the consideration of the Rural Development Zone, the Senior Planner presented proposed documentation for the regulation of wind turbine generators in all zones. It is suggested that wind turbine generators be regulated in three parts according to the size of the generators. The wind turbine generators would be regulated as large scale, small scale and micro scale generators and would have different restrictions depending on the size and zones in which they are allowed. These proposed regulations were reviewed by the Senior Planner and discussed by members. They will be further refined by the Senior Planner for further discussion at a subsequent meeting.

OLD FORBES BURIAL GROUND - HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

An application has been received from the Forbes Point Cemetery Association requesting that the Old Forbes Burial Ground located in Forbes Point be registered as a Municipal Heritage Property. This burial ground contains many burial plots of the Forbes family who originally came to this area in the 1780s. The original owner of the property was Private Alexander Forbes who subsequently gave it to his son John Davis Forbes. The burial ground at the present time is in a state of ill repair although the Cemetery Association intends to maintain it.

Resolution PAC100202

Moved by C. Swimm and seconded by R. Newell that it be recommended to Council that the Old Forbes Burial Ground in Forbes Point be registered as a Municipal Heritage Property.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:36 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 19, 2010.