

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 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
- Robbie Newell
- Cecil Swimm

Absent was member Murray Atkinson.

- Brad Fulton, Senior Planner
- Karen Dempsey, ICSP Planner
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by R. Newell and seconded by C. Stoddard that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. Swimm that the minutes of the last previous meeting held February 18, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

WIND TURBINE GENERATORS

The information that had been previously circulated and discussed was again reviewed by the Senior Planner to confirm that this information is to be included in the proposed revision of the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law. It was pointed out that a setback of one (1) kilometer for large scale wind turbine generators had been suggested and it was desirable to include this requirement. The appropriate change will be made and included when the Municipal Planning Strategy is amended.

MPS/LUB REVIEW AND UPDATE - RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Members continued to discuss the use of Development Agreements to gain a more significant level of control for certain uses in the Rural Development area. The restriction of development of shopping centers in the Rural Development Zone was discussed and it was agreed by consensus that development of shopping centers in the RD Zone should be done by Development Agreement.

There also followed some discussion of parking requirements.

Members then discussed the tourist accommodation regulations that are already present in the Municipal Planning Strategy. It was the consensus of members that these are satisfactory.

HOME OCCUPATIONS

It was agreed by consensus of members that there may be a difference in the requirements for home occupations in rural areas as compared to urban or more built-up areas. Proximity to residences and use of accessory buildings are factors that determine the acceptability of home occupations.

It was suggested that control could be better exercised by use of lot size and separation distance regulations regarding home occupations in various zones. The Senior Planner made notes of various suggestions and will consider them in the revisions when they are prepared.

CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP

This is the last meeting for Mr. Robbie Newell who has served on the Planning Advisory Committee for the past two years. He was thanked for his participation and contribution to land use planning for the Municipality which has been much appreciated.

A new member will be approved by Council in the very near future.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:05 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website March 19, 2010.

