

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

December 16, 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:

- Murray Atkinson
- Cathy Stoddard
- William Malone

- Karen Demspey, ICSP Planner
- Brad Fulton, Senior Planner
- David Andrews, Development Officer
- Brian Holland, Clerk-Treasurer

Also present was Mr. Lee Keating on behalf of the Clyde River Land Use Committee.

Absent were members Shaun Hatfield and Cecil Swimm.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by W. Malone that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by W. Malone that minutes of the last previous meeting held October 21, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW AND UPDATE FROM LAST MEETING

A brief review of the Municipal Services covered during the last meeting was conducted by the ICSP Planner.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

Members then agreed to discuss Agricultural Services' policies within the Municipality. It was suggested that a logical means of addressing these agricultural services was to divide them into food agricultural services, commercial livestock services and the fur industry.

There was some general discussion regarding food agricultural services in relation to berry growing within the Municipality. It was the consensus of members that a general policy be included in the Municipal Planning Strategy that would support local initiatives and farmers markets.

During the discussion of commercial livestock operations there was some general discussion of hobby farms and hobby farming within the Municipality. It was agreed by consensus that there is a need for various definitions to be included to better identify and restrict commercial livestock farming and hobby farms.

FUR INDUSTRY (MINK FARMING INDUSTRY)

It was indicated that provincial regulations are soon to be enacted, hopefully early in the new year, which will further regulate the operation of fur farms.

Mr. Keating indicated that the Clyde River Land Use Committee has established a protocol for testing the water in the Little Goose Creek. He indicated that their committee has two major concerns with fur farming which are water contamination and odour. Both of these concerns are related to the processing and disposal of manure from fur farms.

It was suggested that the Development Agreement process be used for the regulating of where fur farms may be established within the Municipality. The Development Agreement process would require a public participation process prior to the establishment of any fur farms.

Members then discussed the separation distances that are required in other municipalities such as Yarmouth and Argyle. It was the general consensus of members that fur farms should be required to be at least 500 feet from any water course, and it was also agreed by consensus that new mink farms and expansions of existing mink farms should be done by Development Agreement.

It was also suggested that the separation distance to be included in a Development Agreement be one (1) kilometer from any residential or institutional use.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed their discussion of this matter, members then adjourned the meeting by mutual consent at 9:25 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website December 17, 2010.