

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

July 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:15 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Cathy Stoddard, Chair
- Murray Atkinson
- William Malone

Absent were members Shaun Hatfield due to work commitments and Cecil Swimm.

- Brad Fulton, Senior Planner
- David Andrews, Development Officer
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

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 W. Malone and seconded by M. Atkinson that minutes of the last previous meeting held June 16, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

DRAFT FUR INDUSTRY ACT REGULATIONS

The Senior Planner provided members with a written review of the proposed Fur Industry Act Regulations. These regulations were released on July 14, 2011 for public comment. There have been two public meetings held in Yarmouth County conducted by the Department of Agriculture in order to obtain public input to the regulations. The Fur Industry Act was given royal assent by the Province on May 11, 2010, but will not be proclaimed until the regulations are approved. The proposed municipal requirements in Barrington Municipality's Municipal Planning Strategy are stricter than the Provincial regulations.

The proposed regulations were reviewed in general terms by the members. It was noted that public notification is not required by the Province and that the Province is now requesting comments from the public and any interested groups before enacting the regulations.

NON-CONFORMING USES

There was discussion regarding non-conforming uses within the Municipality and how they may be dealt with in the Land Use By-Law. Several individual non-conforming uses were discussed by members. These will be researched with the Development Officer for practical considerations and further discussed at a later meeting.

LIMITATIONS FOR HOME OCCUPATIONS/COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES IN RG ZONE

There was some discussion regarding concern for larger home occupations in this residential area.

Outdoor open storage in this residential area was also a concern. The size of accessory buildings was also a concern in this area.

Concerns will be further addressed in the amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law.

MISCELLANEOUS CONCERNS

It was suggested by the Senior Planner that a flexibility clause dealing with future development be included in the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law. This would allow for flexible boundary lines when necessary in certain areas where Council might wish to add more flexibility for zoning boundaries.

It was also discussed that there may be areas where the boundary lines would not be allowed to be flexible. The Senior Planner will make appropriate suggestions for inclusion in the review.

Also, there are administrative procedures contained in the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Laws for public hearings and for notifications. These will be included in the Land Use By-Law rather than the Municipal Planning Strategy for the sake of flexibility in making amendments.

The format of the documents for staff use will now be 3 ring binders. Maps will be included in the documents and in 11 X 17 format for ease of use. Service maps for the sewer services in Barrington and Wood's Harbour will also be included in the documents, also for ease of use and reference.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 22, 2011.