

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 22, 2019

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, with the following members present:

- Jody Crook - Chair
- Murray Atkinson
- Cecil Swimm
- Shawna Nickerson

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson - absent

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Dave Andrews, Development Officer
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following item was added to the Agenda:

- Land Use/Rezoning Application - Ken Anthony Re: Lobster Holding Facilities Update

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting held June 20, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING RE: CANNABIS PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING USES

Notice of the Public Participation Meeting was advertised in The Vanguard Newspaper on August 7, 2019 and posted on social media.

The CAO explained the process to consider proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to address Cannabis Production and Processing Uses in the Municipality of Barrington. These uses currently fall under the Agriculture Section of our MPS and LUB. The proposed amendments will provide stronger controls for the protection of our residents and give clearer direction to developers.

Proposed amendments will allow cannabis production and processing uses in the Business Park and Rural Development zones only and must be done by Development Agreement. Proposed amendments also require the building to have a 200 foot setback from any property line.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that this type of operation is subject to a variety of federal and provincial regulations as well,

The Chair read two emails which were received expressing concern regarding proposed locations to allow cannabis production and processing uses and potential odour. Both concerned citizens suggested locations away from populated areas.

It was reported that results of the meeting tonight will be presented to Council and if Council decides to move forward with amendments then there will be another public hearing.

Seven members of the public were present which were given an opportunity to address members. Most concerns expressed related to location and potential odour.

The Public Participation Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR LOBSTER TANK SHOPS

Cecil Swimm informed members that residents have expressed concern to him regarding setback requirements for lobster tank shops. Setbacks are currently 30 feet for side yards and 40 feet for front and rear yards. It is being suggested that there be a 100 foot setback required in the Rural Development Zone and Residential General Zone and a more defined definition for a lobster tank shop be created.

It was agreed that the Building Inspector research this matter to determine setbacks and definitions used by other municipal units.

PERMITTED USES IN THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT ZONES

It was reported that concern has once again been expressed regarding light pollution as a result of the large light which has been installed on a lobster tank shop in the Port LaTour area. It was reported that the property owner installed a camera and light on his property for security reasons.

It was agreed that other municipal units be contacted to determine what by-laws they have in place regarding light pollution or dark skies.

LAND USE/REZONING APPLICATION - KEN ANTHONY RE: LOBSTER HOLDING FACILITIES UPDATE

Members were advised that as a result of the PAC Report presented to Council, Council has decided not to proceed any further with proposed amendments to the MPS and LUB to allow lobster pounds, lobster storage facilities and associated lobster and seafood retail within the Commercial General Zone as a permitted use by development agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting