

From: Milton Countway

Sent: June 8, 2019 8:08 AM

To: Jeff Merrill

Cc: John Croft

Subject: Amalgamation

Good day Jeff;

As a member of the Blockhouse Area Advisory Committee I feel compelled to send my letter of displeasure regarding the amalgamation of the BAAC, OAAC and PIAAC. These are three very distinct communities. Sure all three are part of MODL where I might add do not border on each other. Blockhouse in my opinion is more open to business, has no water frontage therefore I cannot see how someone from this area can honestly sit on a committee with the understanding of waterfront properties and vice versa. Maybe if amalgamation is the way to go why not amalgamate all area advisory committees in MODL. That would surely lessen the work load.

Why do we not go one step further MODL **BORDERS** on Chester, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg, and Bridgewater (with this way of thinking) surely amalgamation with all the municipal units in Lunenburg County would be very beneficial with work loads and cost savings. Surely someone could talk to the province and with a stroke of a pen this could happen no questions asked as the Province has the power to do this.

I am very displeased with the way this is being handled. I just received the document with this agenda on and it was not from MODL staff or my Councillor. It appears to me someone is trying to hide a secret agenda. Although I do know if this is the wish of Council there really is nothing the committees can do about it. It looks like staff put a lot of time in this and at the very same time working on updating OAAC policy. I am left wondering why so much time was being spent on both at the same time. With this amalgamation in the works it seems like a lot of wasted staff time and energy

Jeff would you please forward this to Councillors, PAC members and members of the three area advisory committees affected. As it stands I will not be able to come to the meeting Thursday as of a prior commitment but I hope others show up to show their displeasure.

Sincerely;

Milton Countway

From: Tom Lockwood

Sent: June 10, 2019 2:19 PM

To: Jeff Merrill

Subject: Correspondence re June 13, 2019 PAC agenda

Good Afternoon Jeff:

I share Milton's views.

After two years of work and over 25 public meetings Oakland secured a Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law which has very recently been approved by the Province.

Now we find that MODL wants to consolidate these documents with those of Blockhouse and Princes Inlet. This, in my view, could open up those documents for further public scrutiny and discussion if you seek to change one comma or period. Our two years of work could, potentially, go down the drain.

This could expose MODL to legal action by the citizens of Oakland who thought that things had been settled for the next number of years. I would like to know what gives MODL the right to unilaterally alter documents which have received Provincial approval.

This matter is then put on a PAC Agenda with less than a week's notice. Like Milton, I am not available this Thursday.

I would strongly urge you to remove this from PAC until there has been further thought and discussion.

Please forward these comments to all interested parties.

Tom Lockwood,

Chair

Oakland Area Advisory Committee