

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Minutes of a Meeting
PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held in the Council Chambers, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater
Thursday, June 13, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson – ex officio
Peter Simpson, Member at Large – Chair
Councillor Michael Ernst, District 8 – Vice Chair
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9
Peter Berrigan, Member at Large
April Whynot-Lohnes, Member at Large

Staff Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services
Byung Jun Kang, Municipal Planner
Jennifer Harrietha, Administrative Assistant

Regrets Councillor Lee Nauss, District 3
Councillor John Veinot, District 4
Councillor Errol Knickle, District 10

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Peter Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

There was no public in attendance. The *Procedure for Addressing the Committee* (printed at the bottom of the Agenda) was not required to be read.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Staff added the following item to the agenda under Item 7. HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MATTERS: *LaHave Islands Marine Museum, Non-Substantial Alterations.*

Moved by Ms. Whynot-Lohnes seconded by Councillor Ernst, that the Agenda be approved as amended.

Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Whynot, that the Agenda be amended to discuss the communication portion only of Item 6.2 *Consolidation of Blockhouse-Oakland-Princes Inlet Plan Areas.*

The Committee discussed the Motion on the floor.

The current Motion on the floor was voted on. Opposed - Ms. Whynot-Lohnes, Mr. Simpson, Mayor Bolivar-Getson. Motion defeated.

The original Motion on the floor was voted on. Opposed – Councillor Ernst. Carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Mr. Berrigan that the Minutes of the Special Planning Advisory Committee meeting of May 7, 2019 be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

Councillor Ernst noted that there was an issue with the recording of the May 7, 2019 meeting of Planning Advisory Committee (PAC). Staff commented that they will investigate.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 Riverport and District Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Update

Mr. Merrill provided update on the amendments to the Riverport and District Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law. Municipal Council did not approve the recommendation put forth by PAC on May 7, 2019. Council requested that Riverport and District Fire Department prepare a Flood Adaptation Plan for the proposed addition and for emergency operations in the event of a flood. Staff will provide updates as the process continues.

5.2 NS Planning Conference: Housing for All Update

Three (3) staff members from the Municipality attended the conference. Staff shared some topics of interest with the Committee.

6. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MATTERS

6.1 Provincial Minimum Planning Requirements

Mr. Merrill presented the report *Provincial Minimum Planning Requirements* report (attached to the *Agenda*) to the Committee.

The Province of Nova Scotia passed Bill 58 which amends the Municipal Government Act (MGA). Once the Bill is proclaimed (in late summer/early fall) it will make:

- planning mandatory in all areas of the municipality,
- set minimum planning requirements,
- require engagement with abutting municipalities on planning matters,
- complete a plan review every ten (10) years.

Once the Bill and regulations are in place municipalities will have three (3) years to meet the minimum requirements.

Some questions/comments noted by the Committee were:

- how the areas within the municipality will be zoned,
- development agreements,
- engagement programs,
- implications on the current planning areas, and
- the ten (10) year plan review.

There was no action from PAC on this matter.

Staff will be providing feedback as the process continues moving forward to the Committee and Council.

6.2 Consolidation of Blockhouse-Oakland-Princes Inlet Plan Areas

Staff is seeking direction from PAC regarding the consolidation of the Blockhouse, Oakland, and Princes Inlet Plan Area documents, as directed by Municipal Council (November 27, 2018). Mr. Byung Jun Kang presented the staff report and the background report is attached to the *Agenda*.

Letters were received opposing the consolidation from Mr. Thomas Lockwood, Chair of Oakland Area Advisory Committee and Mr. Milton Countway, member of Blockhouse Area Advisory of the planning documents. Mr. Merrill read the letters aloud to the Committee.

The following was discussed:

- Communication with the Area Advisory Committee (AAC) and residents in the three (3) communities,
- timeline for completion of the proposed consolidation,
- Expression of Interest (EOI) for Princes Inlet AAC,
- naming the consolidated plan area, and
- Provincial statement of interest

Moved by Councillor Ernst, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Planning Advisory Committee recommend to Council; 1) the Municipality advertise for members to be appointed to the Prince's Inlet Area Advisory Committee, 2) invite the residents from all three (3) plan areas effected (Blockhouse-Oakland-Prince's Inlet) to meet and proceed with discussion on the consolidation of the planning documents.

Clarification was asked if the recommendation was required to go back to Council.

The Committee discussed the EOI for Princes Inlet and the timeframe for community/committee meetings (September 2019).

Motion on the floor was voted on. Carried unanimously.

7. HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MATTERS

7.1 LaHave Islands Marine Museum, Non-Substantial Alternations

The LaHave Islands Marine Museum is requesting the following maintenance work:

- Replace cracked/rotten clapboards,
- Sink and fill any rusty nails protruding from clapboards,
- Replacing old putty around window frames,
- Painting the clapboard, trim and window frames using the same colors.

No action is required by the Committee as it is for information purposes only.

8. ADDED ITEMS

The ADDED ITEM was discussed under HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MATTERS.

9. IN CAMERA

There were no IN-CAMERA items to discuss.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, July 25, 2019

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at 8:49 p.m. it was moved by Councillor Whynot and seconded by Mayor Bolivar-Getson that the meeting be adjourned. Carried unanimously.

PETER SIMPSON, MEMBER AT LARGE – CHAIR

**JEFF MERRILL, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**