

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Minutes of a Meeting of Planning Advisory Committee

Via Virtual Meeting, Bridgewater NS
Thursday, September 24, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson – ex officio
Peter Simpson, Member at Large - Chair
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2 – Vice Chair
Councillor Michael Ernst, District 8
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9
Councillor Errol Knickle, District 10
Ann Mech, Member at Large
April Whynot-Lohnes, Member at Large

Staff

Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services
Darren Shupe, Senior Planner
Byung Jun Kang, Municipal Planner
Zachary Thompson, Sustainability Planner
Bill Schurman, Director of Recreation
Jennifer Harrietha, Administrative Assistant

Regrets

Councillor Lee Nauss, District 3
Councillor John Veinot, District 4

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Simpson called the virtual meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

Chairperson Simpson read aloud The *Procedure for Addressing the Committee* (printed at the bottom of the Agenda) to those in attendance.

Noted for this virtual meeting comments could be submitted via comments in Facebook Live and/or by telephone.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following was added to the AGENDA:

- **Staff Introductions**

Mr. Merrill introduced the new Planning staff to the Committee. Mr. Darren Shupe, Senior Planner and Mr. Zachary Thompson, Sustainability Planner. Also, in attendance and introduced was Mr. Bill Schurman, Director of Recreation.

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Whynot, that the Agenda be approved as amended. Carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mayor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Ms. Whynot-Lohnes that the Minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting of April 23, 2020 be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no updates from the April 23, 2020 PAC Minutes.

6. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MATTERS

6.1 MODL2040 Project

MODL Planning staff, Mr. Shupe, Mr. Kang, and Mr. Thompson presented the report MODL2040 Background Report, version 1.0 to the Committee (attached to the Agenda).

In 2018 the Province of Nova Scotia mandated minimum planning of all areas within Municipalities by passing Bill 58 to amend the Municipal Government Act. The MODL2040 project is designed to determine the appropriate level of minimum planning for the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL). The background report was presented to the Committee as an update on the process, identifying key issues and to act as an initial reference. Items identified will require further development as the process moves forward.

The following items were discussed:

- Demographics and Housing – seasonal and permanent resident data
- Municipal Infrastructure and Services – there were no comments on this section
- Drinking Water Protection – protection and funding
- Coastal and Inland Flood Risk Mitigation - factors affecting storm surge (tides)
- Climate Emergency - land conservation policies

The process has stages and timelines and public engagement is important to get a final document for Council approval.

PUBLIC INPUT:

The follow was received via Facebook Live:

Wendy Joanne

- Resident to register with Tourist Accommodations Registry as of April 1, 2020 if using Airbnb for whole home rental
- What are the alternatives to internet communication with public?

Mr. Shupe noted that although the internet would be the primary way to communicate to the public, alternatives included mailouts and radio announcements.

There were no phone calls received.

7. HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MATTERS

There were no HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MATTERS to discuss.

8. ADDED ITEMS

There were no ADDED ITEMS to discuss.

9. IN CAMERA

There were no IN-CAMERA items to discuss.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, January 28, 2021

Chairperson Simpson thanked Councillor Ernst and Councillor Veinot for their service on the Committee and wished them luck on their future endeavors as they are not re-offering in the 2020 Municipal election.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at 8:43 p.m. it was moved by Councillor Whynot and seconded by Councillor Ernst that the meeting be adjourned. Carried unanimously.