

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 24, 2009
Tusket, Nova Scotia 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Councillors Kathy Bourque, Malcolm Madden; Calvin d'Entremont Committee members; George Emin, Robert Amirault, Cynthia LeBlanc-Goodwin, Senior Planner Brad Fulton; Planner Karen Dempsey; Alain Muise CAO, and Recorder Sheila Wilson

Regrets: Warden Aldric d'Entremont, Lorelei Doucette Acting Property Inspection Director, Guy Surette, Alfred d'Entremont and Dianne Crowell

The meeting is called to order at 7:03 by Acting Chairman Calvin d'Entremont in the absence of Chairman Aldric d'Entremont

Agenda:

On motion by Malcolm Madden and seconded by Kathy Bourque the agenda is approved with the addition of housekeeping regarding agendas.
Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes

It is moved by Robert Amirault and seconded by Malcolm Madden to approve the minutes of August 27, 2009 as circulated.
Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

Housekeeping Issues

Karen Dempsey explains to the Committee that following the last PAC meeting, and in terms of developing the ICSP, that there are sometimes issues that come to the PAC that can alter the ICSP development process previously approved. The timeline for this process has to be adhered to in order to meet the contractual deadline of March 31, 2010 so that the Municipality does not lose substantial monies flowing from the gas tax funds.

Ms. Dempsey stated that at the time the ICSP/MPS Process Timeline and Public Participation Program were developed it was made clear to the PAC that the ICSP is a sizable task and should be the main focus of the Committee until the March deadline.

There are certainly ongoing items that have to be dealt with, however it is important to focus on the ICSP as we are constrained by time and resources. This is brought to the Committee's attention because sometimes there are last minute items that are requested to be added to the agenda and not only does it not give ample time for the planner to prepare, but it is using time that is required for the ICSP development process.

Ms. Dempsey would like to ensure that the members of the committee are participating fully and suggest that when a member is not in attendance that written comments be provided to the planners so that they maybe shared with the members present at the meetings.

CAO Muise mentions that the policy is that once the agenda is circulated a week before the meeting, that no new items will be added. Any items are to be added prior to circulation. If a planning issue is pressing and requires immediate PAC attention, than a separate meeting could be called thereby respecting the time line of the ICSP.

ICSP Issues and Priorities

Planner Karen Dempsey had circulated a list of issues and priorities for ICSP prior to this meeting and requested the Committee to review and discuss the issues listed under each of the four pillars of sustainability so that PAC could prioritize those issues and determine which were of greatest importance to Argyle Municipality. This in turn would help to focus the scope of the ICSP as well as the goals, objectives and policies within the ICSP/MPS. After considerable discussion, the Committee prioritized each of the categories and subcategories within the list of sustainability issues presented.

Exit 32

We have received a letter from the Department of Transportation as a response to our letter and petition, they are currently reviewing both Exit 31 and 32 and they will report to us when they are completed.

Other Business

Planner Brad Fulton reminds the Committee of the Public Participation on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

The next Planning Advisory Meeting will be held on October 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 9:00 on motion by Malcolm Madden and seconded by Kathy Bourque.

Recorder,
Sheila Wilson

Date approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____