

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 29, 2009
Tusket, Nova Scotia 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Warden Aldric d'Entremont; Councilors Kathy Bourque, Guy Surette, Malcolm Madden, Calvin d'Entremont (arrived 7:10), Committee members: Dianne Crowell, Cynthia LeBlanc-Goodwin, Senior Planner Brad Fulton; Karen Dempsey Planner and Recorder Carol LeBlanc

Regrets: Alain Muise CAO, Lorelei Doucette Acting Property Inspection Director, Committee members Robert Amirault and George Emin

The meeting is called to order at 7:05 by Chairman Aldric d'Entremont.

Agenda:

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the minutes of September 24, 2009 as circulated.
Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

Identify and Prioritize Issues – Karen Dempsey

Since our last meeting CAO Alain Muise asked Council for endorsement of the ICSP issues and priorities and Council approved them as presented. List of issues and priorities is attached. The document will be used as we go forward in turns of developing the goals and objectives and the policies within the Municipal Planning Strategy. The issues and priorities will guide Council with its five year capital plan.

Regional sustainability challenges and issues – Karen Dempsey

Many sustainability issues are not contained by municipal boundaries. In order for communities to become more sustainable, it is imperative that municipalities work collaboratively with one another to address regional issues. As part of the ICSP development process, a regional group formed which brought together those involved with ICSP development in Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne and Yarmouth Counties. Through a series of quarterly meetings from December 2008 – October 2009, the group identified the following areas which were common throughout ICSPs in the region and which would be best addressed from a regional perspective.

- R 1 Water Quality Protection
- R 2 Transportation
- R 3 Climate Change Adaptation
- R 4 Local Food and sustainable Agriculture
- R 5 Solid Waste Management
- R 6 Renewable Energy Development
- R 7 Education for Sustainability

Housekeeping Issues

Members that do not receive their package information the Friday before the meeting, please contact Sheila immediately. E-mail addresses will be verified.

To review what was said at the last meeting Karen explained that the process timeline for the ICSP and the MPS review will require the focus of PAC. 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.

After discussion the committee felt the seven regional issues would meet the needs of the Municipality of Argyle. Complete document attached.

It was moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Malcolm Madden to recommend to Council that the seven regional sustainability challenges and issues be included as part of the ICSP document.

MOTION CARRIED

Argyle's Goals – Karen Dempsey

The foundation principles have been developed to provide guidance and focus for the development of goals, objectives and policies with the ICSP/MPS. These principles are based on the Natural Step definition of sustainability. The Foundation Principles are: Natural Environment, Resources, Economy and People & Communities.

It was moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to recommend to Council to include the four foundation principles.

MOTION CARRIED

Karen presented the draft goals and objectives developed to date. They will form both the basis of the ICSP and the MPS for the Municipality of Argyle. Council will have opportunities for changes to the document.

Many of the goals and objectives are inter-related and should be considered collectively. These goals combined with the foundation principles and the Municipality's new vision statement provide guidance and direction for the future development of Argyle Municipality in its journey towards becoming a more sustainable municipality. Our goal is to sustain viable and vibrant communities supported by a strong local economy, a versatile cultural and heritage scene, strong social networks and a healthy environment. Clean air, pure water and uncontaminated soil are crucial to the well-being of our economy and the health and quality of life of our citizens.

The goals are:

- (a) **Sustainable Development** – to provide a high quality living environment for all residents, both now and in the future.
- (b) **Environmental Health** – to protect biological diversity and natural systems in order to maintain and improve environmental air, water and soil quality.
- (c) **Economic Development** – to encourage the economic growth and diversification of all sectors of the local and regional economy in order to maximize employment opportunities, retain youth and a skilled workforce and provide the varied services and amenities required by residents and business in a sustainable community.

- (d) **Residential Development** – to promote a variety of housing forms suitable for all ages and incomes that offer residents a choice of accommodation possibilities so that they may remain in a rural community throughout their lives.
- (e) **Social/Cultural Development** – to ensure that residents have local access to a range of health, educational, social, cultural and recreational services and opportunities.
- (f) **Transportation** – To encourage on both local and regional level the provision of safe, rapid and efficient transportation systems for the movement of people and goods.

Detailed goals are attached.

After discussion Karen will draft an additional objective under social/cultural that talks about the importance of Acadian culture and language and overall cultural diversity and will e-mail revision to committee members.

It was moved by Cynthia LeBlanc-Goodwin and seconded by Kathy Bourque to recommend to Council the goals and objectives with one revision the additional objective for inclusion in the ICSP.
MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

Diane Crowell forwarded for info purposes to all committee members a letter from Minister. A copy of the letter is attached.

Councillor Madden inquired on the health of committee member Robert Amirault.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee will be held on November 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Committee members will receive their information packages by November 20.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on motion by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque.

Recorder,
Carol LeBlanc

Date approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____