

ST. MARGARET'S BAY COASTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

November 28, 2012

PRESENT: Mr. Michael Murphy, Interim Chair
Councillor Matt Whitman
Mr. Doug Miller
Mr. William Roberts
Mr. David McGregor
Ms. Kathryn Gamache
Mr. Michael Butler
Ms. Jean Wooten-Mustain

REGRETS: Mr. John Leon

STAFF: Mr. Marcus Garnet, Senior Planner, Planning and Infrastructure
Ms. Donna Honeywell, PAC Coordinator
Mr. Matt Godwin, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Michael Murphy, Interim Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the 3646 Hammond Plains Rd, (Hubley Centre) Upper Tantallon, NS.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – October 31, 2012

The Clerk made revisions as directed.

The minutes of the October 31, 2012 meeting were approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Addition:

- Councillor Whitman to address the PAC.

The order of business was approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. PRESENTATION – Planning and Infrastructure

Mr. Marcus Garnet, Senior Planner, Planning and Infrastructure, provided a presentation to the PAC on RP+5; the HRM Regional Plan. He also distributed a presentation to the members of the PAC entitled "Tantallon Crossroads MPS and LUB Review".

Mr. Garnet provided information on the origin and rationale for the Regional Plan, the overarching pillars and goals of the regional plan, as well as projections for population and residential growth.

Mr. Garnet fielded questions from members of the PAC. Ms. Wooten-Mustain queried Mr. Garnet on clear-cutting and Councillor Whitman asked after the 113 and HRM's relationship with other counties.

Mr. Murphy asked where the PAC fits in the current stage of the Regional Plan's development.

Mr. Garnet responded that the PAC will have an opportunity for feedback in April, 2012 and will get a copy of the draft plan in advance.

With respect to his handout on the Tantallon Crossroads, he will be looking for feedback from the PAC on this item as well.

The public consultation for this item was done almost one year ago. The polices have since been drafted and re-drafted; they are trying to be more precise with developers and reflect what

is being put forward by the community. Staff are making attempts to try and expedite the process.

Mr. Murphy noted the PACs desire to see the process keep moving, but would like to ensure he PAC has the opportunity to influence the process.

Mr. Garnet responded by saying staff have agreed to take the proposal to the PAC first and offered to ensure a presentation on the item is provided to the PAC, possibly at its January 31, 2013 meeting.

7. 2013 Proposed Meeting Schedule

The PAC discussed the possible schedule for their meetings in 2013. The PAC decided it would like to stay with the existing schedule of meeting on the last Wednesday of every month, starting at 6:30pm, in the Hubley Centre. Ms. Donna Honeywell, PAC Coordinator, will ensure the space is booked.

8. Reports

9. Added Items

9.1 Councillor Whitman

Councillor Whitman thanked the Chair and members of the PAC for the opportunity to address the committee. He provided information on his background and expressed his interest in supporting the work of the committee and emphasized his availability to attend and assist in other community matters. He noted there is continuity between his activities and those of for Councillor Lund.

Members posed questions to Mr. Whitman in relation to the recent Regional Council decision regarding the formation of new community councils. The Councillor explained the East/West/Central framework and noted the robust powers of the Community Council. The first Community Council meeting for Central is December 13, 2012. This is the Community Council to which the St. Margaret's Bay Coastal PAC will be affiliated.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Matt Godwin
Legislative Assistant