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Planning Advisory Committee

Case 20284: Application for a 9 hole golf course at 2108 Hammonds Plains Road through development agreement.

Tim Beed, Planner Date: July 6th, 2016

# Site Context

- Located at 2108 Hammonds Plains Road.
- The site is predominately vacant and heavily treed with remnants of numerous old quarry sites throughout.
- A Nova Scotia Power line runs along the eastern border of the site.
- A Disc Golf course abuts the eastern portion of the site.
- In close proximity to Hammonds Plains Consolidated school and a number of local commercial, service and light industrial uses along Hammonds Plains Road.



# 2108 Hammonds Plains Road

Hammonds Plains Rd-

Hammonds Plains Consolidated School

213

# Hammonds Plains

. Fishand Chips

Hatfield Farm =

Second Lake



# **Planning Context**

- **Plan Area:** Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains and Upper Sackville
- **Zoning:** MU-1, C-4, P-2
  - Permits multiple uses on the property; however, a **development agreement** is required for a commercial recreation use.
- Land Use Policy: Mixed Use B
  - Provides for a limited amount of commercial and industrial development.



# **Planning Policy Mixed Use B**

- Consider aspects of commercial developments such as lot size, separation distances, highway access, location of parking areas, setbacks from the highway, limits on outdoor storage and display and signage.
- Commercial Recreation uses can be considered where it can be shown that a site has high commercial recreation potential which can be exploited without creating negative external impacts.
- When considering a Golf Course, the layout of club houses and greens are to be designed in such a way that the impact on watercourses and adjacent development is minimized, including hazards resulting from stray golf balls.

# **Applicant Proposal**

**Applicant:** Ekistics Plan + Design.

**Proposal:** A 9 hole (37 ha) golf course, parking lot, and maintenance building by Development Agreement at 2108 Hammonds Plains Road.

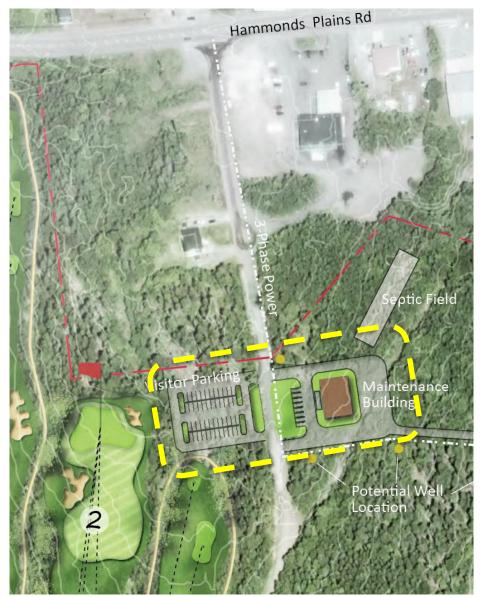
 The proposed design also includes a 20m riparian buffer along an onsite stream, an irrigation pond, and a stormwater management plan that utilizes 8 proposed ponds to retain and filter rain water runoff.



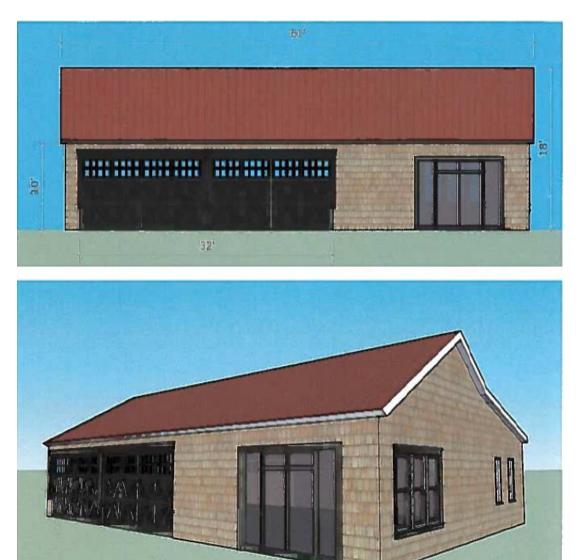




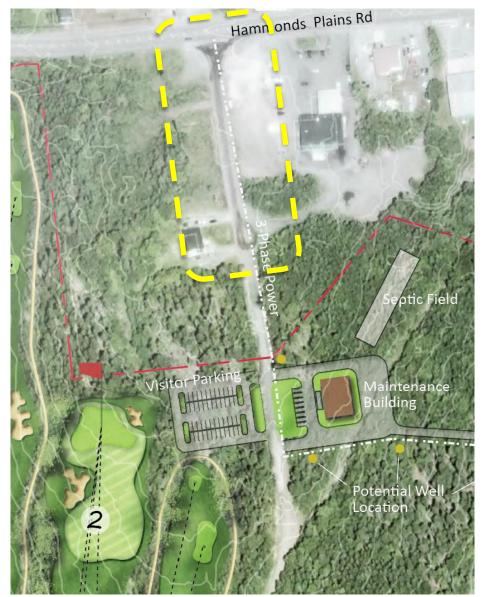
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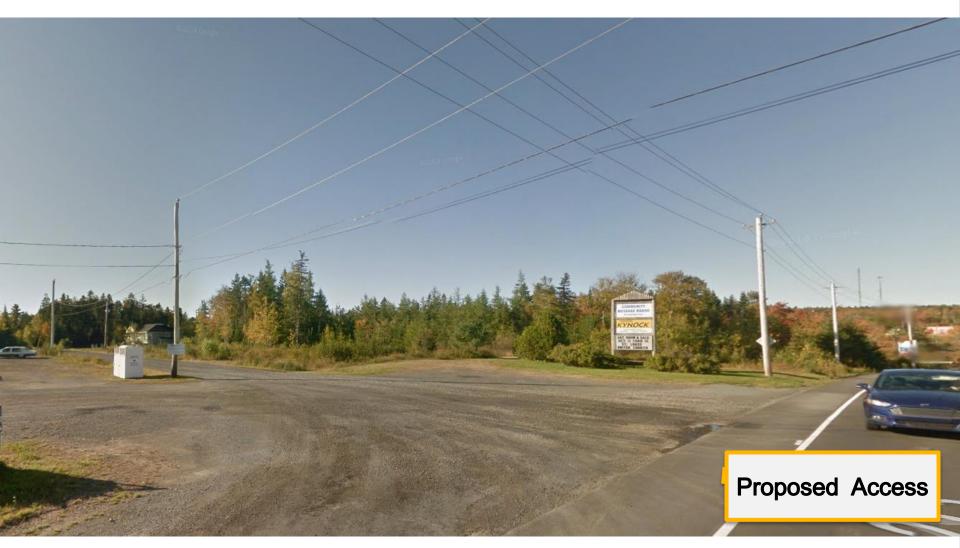
#### **Maintenance Building**



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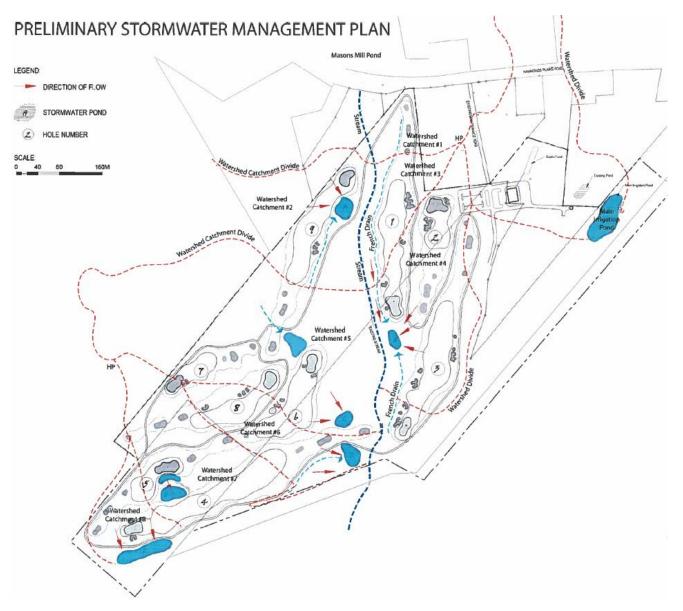








### **Stormwater Management**



### **PIM Feedback**

- Public in attendance were mostly in favour of the proposed development.
- Common Themes Included:
  - Water quality protection.
  - Traffic impact.
  - Existing recreational opportunities on the site.

# **Planning Process**

- Public information meeting
- Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting
- Detailed review of proposal
- Negotiation with applicant /draft amending agreement
- Staff report (recommendation on draft agreement)
- Public hearing at Community Council
- Decision
- Appeal Period
- Signed and Registered



#### **Role of PAC and Council:**

- When entering into a development agreement, the recommendation from PAC and decision of council must reasonably consider the intent of the relevant policy.
- The vote by Community Council will represent a rational interpretation of the meaning and intent of the Beaver Bank, Hammonds Plains, Upper Sackville Planning Policy as discussed during this presentation.

#### **Thank You**

#### **Comments and Questions**

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# **Development Agreement**

- Legal Contract for land use(s).
- Typically overrides Land Use By-law.
- MPS spells out when and where.
- Things to be considered identified in MPS/Charter and Regional Plan.
- Decision must be consistent with MPS policy

