

ST. MARGARET'S BAY COASTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

MARCH 27, 2013

PRESENT: Mr. Michael Murphy, Chair
Councillor Matt Whitman
Mr. Doug Miller
Ms. Jean Mustain
Mr. Michael Butler
Ms. Kathryn Gamache

REGRETS: Mr. William Roberts
Mr. David McGregor
Mr. John Leon

STAFF: Ms. Donna Honeywell, PAC Coordinator
Ms. Holly Richardson, Coordinator Planning and Infrastructure
Mr. Darcy Warren, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Tantallon Public Library, Upper Tantallon.

The Chair made round table introductions and introduced Ms. Richardson to the Committee. Ms. Richardson will be making a presentation later in the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 27, 2013

MOVED by Ms. Gamache, seconded by Mr. Butler, that the minutes of February 27, 2013 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- St. Margaret's Bay Coastal PAC working plan.
- Coastal Zone Canada

MOVED by Ms. Mustain, seconded by Mr. Butler that the order of business be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

The Chair asked for an update regarding a speaker from Coastal Zoning. Mr. Butler informed the Committee that he had three persons who would like to make a presentation to this Committee. They are Alexi Westcott, Dalhousie, Bill Whitman, Provincial Ocean Network, and John Charles.

It was agreed that Ms. Honeywell invite Mr. John Charles to the next meeting to update the Committee on Coastal Zoning issues.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – None**6. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION****6.1 Managing Advertising Signage Provincial Highway 333**

Ms. Holly Richardson made a presentation to the Committee on Managing Advertising Signage on Provincial Highway 333. Ms. Richardson gave the Committee an overview and options for the pilot project and how it came to be.

Overview:

- Signage clutter
- HRM and Communities wants solutions for the problems
- Public Highways Act Amended in 2011
- Working with St. Margaret's Bay Regional Tourist Association, Business and Community Representatives
- Options and costs explored
- Support for Uniform Directional Signs

Option:

1. Uniform directional Signs
2. Promotional Advertising Signs
3. No Signs

Ms. Richardson informed the Committee that these options were presented to Council and they decided in principal that they go with Option 1. The Committee was also informed that The Transportation Standing Committee will move to fine tune Option 1. The TSC is still awaiting approval from the province in regards to changes in the By-laws. The TSC final report should come to Regional Council in September 2013 and then community consultations will begin.

Ms. Richardson answered questions from the Committee. The Chair had concerns regarding signage from the Municipality of Chester. Ms. Richardson stated that by-laws are being developed with the ability to extend signage in the future. Ms. Richardson also informed the Committee that HRM wants sustainability, cost neutral. She reminded members that this is a pilot project modelled after PEI's signage management.

7. REPORTS - None**8. MONTHLY STATUS UPDATES**

Case 17362 – 5210 St. Margaret's Bay Road Development Agreement is being appealed.

Case 18044 – Shining Waters DA Amendment – will be coming to the Committee in April 2013.

Case 18079 – Johnson Loop – Tourist Accommodation DA – will be coming to the Committee in April 2013.

9. ADDED ITEMS**9.1 SMBCPAC WORKING PLAN**

The Chair presented a draft working plan for the Committee. This draft included objectives and activity. Discussion ensued among members and who would take the lead responsibility for items such as zoning and by-law land usage, coastal issues, forestry practices, water quality issues, impact of multi-unit dwellings, Highway 103 twinning, and recreational access to the bay and visioning. The Committee continued to discuss their role and decided that a revised work plan would be presented at the next regular meeting.

A copy of the work plan draft is on file.

9.2 COASTAL ZONE CANADA

Mr. Butler informed the Committee that he is a member of Coastal Zone Canada. They have a bi-annual conference, and it is going to be held June 15th through June 19th 2014. He encouraged members to keep the date and hopefully some members will be able to attend. Mr. Butler also informed members that he would update as plans are completed.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – APRIL 24, 2013

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday April 24, 2013 at the Tantallon Public Library at 6:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26p.m.

Darcy Warren
Legislative Support