

**NORTH WEST PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**September 14, 2006**

**PRESENT:** Ms. Gloria Lowther  
Ms. Barb Grant, Vice Chair  
Councillor Bob Harvey

**REGRETS:** Ms. Ann Merritt  
Mr. Warren Hutt  
Mr. Walter Regan  
Mr. David Grace  
Councillor Gary Martin

**STAFF:** Mr. Andrew Bone, Planner I  
Ms. Stephanie Parsons, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS/PURPOSE OF MEETING**

Ms. Barb Grant, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Fenerty & Program Rooms, Sackville Library.

**2. CASE 00937 - Application by HRM to amend the adult entertainment provisions within the Sackville Drive Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law and the Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law**

Mr. Andrew Bone, Planner, provided a presentation outlining why staff is reviewing possible amendments to the Sackville Drive Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw and the Sackville Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law as it relates to adult entertainment provisions in Sackville. Mr. Bone began his presentation with a definition of adult entertainment and adult retail. He noted that although defined, adult entertainment is not permitted in Sackville. This is a regulatory problem as provincial legislation says HRM cannot outlaw establishments.

In his remarks, Mr. Bone advised that as a result of concern expressed regarding the issuance of permits to Sensations in Dartmouth, Planning Services reviewed and implemented a new policy which provides Council the power to review applications on case per case basis and either permit or deny the property owner to enter a contact.

The following concerns that were identified in Dartmouth were:

- Compatibility with residential uses, surrounding commercial uses,
- Proximity to schools, libraries, parks, playgrounds, day cares,
- Design,
- Signage, buffering, screening,
- Hours of operations,
- Parking and traffic generation.

Two options available to deal with adult entertainment are creating an adult entertainment zone or through a development agreement, which is more flexible and provides Council more discretion.

In concluding his remarks, Mr. Bone advised that the next step would be to prepare a report for Council, which would include possible amendments, if there are changes there will be a public hearing

There were two members of the public present Mr. Bruce Webb, RCMP and Ms. Christen Libscombe, Chronicle Herald, they had no comments.

Councillor Harvey suggested that staff consider a public process that would treat adult entertainment and adult retail applications the same. Currently adult retail stores are treated as commercial establishments but the compatibility issues are the same as adult entertainment applications.

In response to Ms. Lowther, Mr. Bone advised that adult entertainment in Bedford handled through development agreements.

Responding to Ms. Grant, Mr. Bone advised that when the Load of Mischief was first established it was a permitted use. When the land use changed the operations became non conforming but still legal. Once the owner ceased operations and abandoned the previous land use for six months they were not allowed to reestablish operations.

**3. CLOSING COMMENTS**

There being no one else wishing to speak, the Chair thanked members of the public and staff for their comments.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Stephanie Parsons  
Legislative Assistant