

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Minutes of a Meeting of the
**INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Held in the Council Chambers, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater
Wednesday, January 16, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Councillor Lee Nauss
Councillor Frank Fawson
Councillor Bolivar-Getson
Councillor Michael Ernst
Councillor John Veinot
Councillor Hustvedt (as a presenter)

Staff: Tammy S. Wilson, Chief Administrative Officer
Roger Stein, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Dave Waters, Economic Development Officer
Linda Roskell, Administrative Assistant
Ms. Stephanie Smits, Operations Manager, Public Outreach
Ms. Angela Taylor, Public Outreach Coordinator
Mr. Jim Annand, Operations Manager, LRCRC
Mr. Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning & Development Services

Absent: Mayor Don Downe
Deputy Mayor Zwicker
Tracy Thompson - Strategic Projects Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Nauss welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Nauss asked if there was anything to add to the agenda. There were no items to add.

Moved by Councillor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Councillor Fawson that the agenda be approved. Motion Carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED DECEMBER 19, 2012

Moved by Councillor Fawson, seconded by Councillor Veinot that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

At this point in the meeting, Councillor Nauss skipped to Item 4.3, the Waste By-Law Update by Ms. Smits.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.3 Waste By-law Amendment Update by Stephanie Smits from the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre (LRCRC).

A memo by Ms. Smits with the proposed amendments was handed out to all present. Ms. Smits went over this memo in detail.

There were a few questions with regard to the by-law officer, sorting of dumpster waste, unsecured loads, clear vs. blue bag options, as well as quantities of black bag garbage. These questions were all answered by Ms. Smits and Mr. Annand. A motion was made to recommend to COW the following:

Moved by Councillor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Councillor Ernst that the Solid Waste By-law Amendment be approved. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Councillor Fawson that the Solid Waste By-law Enforcement Policy be approved. Motion Carried.

Mr. Annand introduced the new Public Outreach Coordinator, Ms. Michelle Wile. She will be taking over Ms. Taylor's position as Mr. Taylor will be filling in for Ms. Smits while she is on maternity leave.

Councillor Hustvedt joined the meeting at 10:30 am

4.2 Osprey Village Update by Mr. Waters

Discussion with regard to the water issue arose again. Ms Wilson stated that BPSC has approved water for the lot where Nothin Fancy will be located. We also have a MOU with regard to 2 parcels of land. In order for us to expand beyond these parcels, BPSC wants to see more residential in our development plan. If it was all commercial they could not guarantee good water conditions as a long line would have to be put in and a fast rate of water would have to be used. The school has water but they have water run-off every day. BPSC will not take on liability for low quality water. Councillor Bolivar-Getson asked if we explored the other side of Champlain Drive. The answer was "no" as we do not own that land. Councillor Veinot stated that if usage is a problem then why can't new businesses just flush their water every day like the School. Ms. Wilson stated that flushing of water has to be paid for by the school and didn't think that other business may want to do that. Councillor Fawson suggested that we go for another opinion on the matter. Ms. Wilson stated that she had met with the Utility Review Board and they stated that they would not force a utility to proceed if water quality was an issue. She also stated that Terrain was also consulted but BPSC did not accept their concept plan. There are two options, we could buy in bulk or we could have on-site systems. Ms. Wilson stated that they met with various developers in 2006-07 to ask what they thought about the program and maybe it is time to run another couple of concepts by them. Councillor Fawson stated that he agreed with Mr. Waters earlier and we should park the water issue for the time being. We need to keep our options open for either commercial or residential. It was suggested that we speak to developers to see if any of them plan to develop on the land next to the school. Then we could run water out to that sight and hopefully commercial will follow. Ms. Wilson stated in order to do that we would need to know the costs with regards to a new road, water and sewer. She figured it would be in the range of \$2 million.

Mr. Waters stated that on the previous plan it showed the front end as commercial property; however, the developers would not proceed for various reasons i.e. it was too costly, they didn't like where the power lines were, the location of the pond, etc. It

would take too much fill to get these lots ready. If we gave them the land free than maybe they would develop. He agreed that another sit-down with developers to see what they think was a good idea. In order to do that he felt that water had to be in the equation.

There was other concerns brought forward, one being about the RDA. Ms. Wilson stated that many person hours have gone into this program. Mr. Waters has double hours already and he also has VIS, Tourism, Doers & Dreamers and Saltscape he is working on. If Osprey Village is a priority then we have a problem. If we had \$120,000 imagine what we could do. We will need something decided by February. Mr. Waters stated that RDA or REN would not touch the Osprey Village project.

Mr. Stein sated that we need to allow Engineering to work on the road issue so we have to get ready to start the process. Councillor Veinot stated that we secure what we have and recommend to COW that we start to service the lot. Ms. Wilson stated that Nothin Fancy was waiting to hear from us and she suggested that the motion should read as follows:

“That staff take the steps necessary to prepare to commit the provision of infrastructure to service the lot subject to the condition of agreement of purchase and sale being satisfied so that MODL is not taking any risks so we will get that final check from them that we are in.”

Moved by Councillor Veinot, seconded by Councillor Fawson that the above motion be forwarded to COW. Motion Carried.

4.1 Citizens for Public Transit Update – Ms. Wilson & Councillor Hustvedt

Ms. Wilson stated that she would like to see a motion come out of this discussion something like the following: “That MODL agree, subject of agreements of other units, to apply for funding for other models of transportation.” She stated that Councillor Hustvedt would go over the information as she had to leave for another meeting.

Ms. Wilson left the meeting at 11:40 am.

Councillor Bolivar-Getson stated that she would support the motion as she has never been a fan of a defined route.

Councillor Nauss stated that we should take a 10 minutes recess at this time (11:45). At 11:55, the meeting continued.

Councillor Hustvedt spoke about a recommendation to explore possibilities as well as the province to come out with a new strategy. He stated that he would like to see a go ahead for councilors to look at options or a strategic workshop. There are many modes of travel, fixed route, dial-a-ride, vital signs and a hybrid model. Councillor Veinot asked if everyone has to pay for it even though they cannot use it. It felt that only those people using it should have to pay for it. Councillor Hustvedt was not aware of other jurisdictions that do have area rates. Councillor Veinot also asked, “what if the government cuts the funding back?” The public will not let us take it away once it is being used. He also stated that people in the out-laying areas need the transportation most. Councillor Hustvedt stated that starting something that we may not be able to maintain is a concern. Before us today is for us to look at other models. Councillor Bolivar-Getson stated we should go forward to Service NS and Municipal Relations,

however, she asked “do we need money for this”? Councillor Hustvedt stated that he was confident that the money was available. Councillor Hustvedt also stated that TOB has agreed to be the administrative lead. Councillor Hustvedt suggested the following motion: “to report to Joint Transit to work with the province and other units to continue to explore transportation options. Councillor Fawson stated that this motion should be incorporated with Ms. Wilson’s motion earlier.

Moved by Councillor Fawson, seconded by Councillor Ernst that Ms. Wilson’s and Councillor Hustvedt motions should be combined. Motion Carried.

5. **NEW BUSINESS: Nil**
6. **ADDED ITEMS: NIL**
7. **IN CAMERA - NIL**
8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, at 12:30 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Veinot to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting date will be Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

COUNCILLOR LEE NAUSS - CHAIRMAN

ROGER STEIN, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING