

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Minutes of a Meeting
**INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE**
Held in the Council Chambers, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater
Wednesday July 9, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Mayor Don Downe
Councillor Lee Nauss – Chair
Councillor Don Zwicker
Councillor Frank Fawson
Councillor Michael Ernst
Councillor John Veinot
Councillor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson

Staff: Darrell Hiltz, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Satu Peori, Acting Director of Engineering & Public Works
Viorica Sporea, Senior Economic Development Officer
Dave Waters, Economic Development Officer
Jennifer Langille, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO/Strategic Initiatives Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Nauss called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. AGENDA

The following was added to the Agenda:

1. Whynott Community Wind Farm (Mullock Road)

Moved by Councillor Zwicker, seconded by Councillor Ernst that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

3. MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Zwicker, seconded by Councillor Bolivar-Getson that the Minutes of the June 19, 2014, Infrastructure, Environment & Economic Development Standing Committee be approved with the following amendment:

As requested by Councillor Fawson Item No. 4.1 should include; Mr. Waters will acknowledge pond access and a parcel of land for the Northfield Fire Department for access for a one-bay sub-station during review of the Osprey Village master plan.

Members discussed that a meeting should be arranged between the Municipality, Department of Transportation, and the Fire Chief of Northfield Fire Department regarding road access. Mr. Waters will organize this meeting at time of the master plan review. Mayor Downe noted that he will be present for this meeting.

Moved by Councillor Zwicker, seconded by Councillor Bolivar-Getson that the Minutes of the June 19, 2014 be approved as amended. Carried.

Item No. 5.1 was discussed at this time.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 ILLEGAL DUMPING & HIGHWAY/SHORELINE GARBAGE

In attendance was Stephanie Smits, Municipal Joint Services Board and Kirk Symonds, Region 6 Solid Waste Management.

Ms. Smits provided information, as a result of an outreach meeting held on Tancook Island, the resources available to the residents of the Islands (Big and Little Tancook) to ensure waste is disposed of properly. She gave a brief description explaining what is common practice for waste collection, bi-annual clean ups, tire collection and electronic return.

What is being done on Tancook is very promising; however Councillor Ernst would like to see the Municipality take a lead in the managing of road side waste i.e. disposable paper cups. He circulated a brochure from United Kingdom outlining large fines issued to litter violators.

Ms. Smits said that there will be enforcement coming into effect this year, and the Joint Services Board is waiting to have the Department of Justice register the by-laws.

Mayor Downe commented that there should be larger fines to litterers, maybe a reward system for people who report litterers, and 'Litter Pig Awards' to discourage litterers.

Councillor Fawson inquired what was in place to educate children, so in the long term there is change. Mr. Symonds stated that early education with children is very important regarding recycling and waste disposal. They use the 'waste in its place' concept. He stated that culture plays a big part in how children move from elementary into junior/senior high with their recycling habits. He stated that high school is one of their priorities.

Councillor Ernst would like to know how the Municipality is going forward on the illegal dumping issue. He was asked by the Committee to further explain what he expects the Municipality to do on the topic. Councillor Ernst will prepare a report for the next Standing Committee meeting.

Mayor Downe expressed that this has been a topic of concern for him for quite some time, and he looks forward to seeing what Councillor Ernst addresses in his report.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 FANCY LAKE WATER MONITORING

Ms. Peori said staff is still trying to arrange a meeting of members from the Town of Bridgewater, Hebbville Village Commission and the Petite Riviere Watershed Committee. Committee members suggested that it may require Mayor Downe and Mayor Walker working together to get the meeting organized. Staff will try another attempt to get representation together to meet regarding this issue.

4.2 AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY CODE OF ENGAGEMENT

Ms. Sporea gave a brief summary of the aquaculture industry. In her research she noted that the aquaculture industry at the International level has a growth rate of 4% per year, and by 2020 will provide approximately 60% of the World's fish food supply. In Canada it amounts to a 2.1 billion dollar industry, Nova Scotia accounting for 50-100 million of that industry with 750 direct jobs and 1000 indirect jobs.

Currently the industry has outgrown its current regulations. The Nova Scotia Government recognized aquaculture as an issue, and put together an Economic Development Strategy to deal with the issue. Last year the Province nominated an independent panel of parties. This panel included two law and environment professors from Dalhousie to draft recommendations related to Nova Scotia's aquaculture, which has just been made public (month of July 2014).

There will be four public meetings held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. regarding the proposed recommendations:

Yarmouth July 21, 2014

Tatamagouche July 22, 2014

Baddeck July 23, 2014

Halifax July 24, 2014

Ms. Sporea stated that it would be approximately one to two years before the revised regulations would be ready, and it is difficult to provide feedback on the Code of Engagement with the obsolete regulations. Her recommendation to the Standing Committee would be to acknowledge with thanks, the receipt and reading of the Aquaculture Industry Code of Engagement.

Councillor Fawson and Councillor Ernst both attended meetings regarding this issue last year. Councillor Ernst circulated notes from that meeting to Council, and if required could circulate to this Committee if requested. Councillor Fawson noted that this issue will have an impact in the local community and the question is how does the Municipality want to be involved?

Mayor Downe commented that by attending the meeting(s) you would hear all the points relevant to the industry people and community members. Hearing the opinions of the two groups would be beneficially.

Ms. Sporea plans to attend the meeting in Halifax, and Chairman Nauss plans to attend the meeting in Yarmouth.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.2 THE IVANY REPORT – ASSISTING SMALL BUSINESSES

The Committee discussed issues facing new small businesses in the Municipality. They debated tax breaks (Provincial) or reducing the commercial tax rate as a way to assist these businesses.

Ms. Sporea stated that she and Mr. Waters plan to meet with local business owners in the Municipality. The first of these meetings is scheduled for Friday, July 11th. She suggested that they would be able to report back with information once all the meetings are completed. At this time the Committee would like to explore the issues for new businesses, not existing.

Mr. Waters noted that the Economic Development Strategy (which the Economic Development Department used the Ivany Report as a parallel) has outlined many concerns facing businesses in the Municipality, and in that Strategy they have plans for meetings with the public and reporting to Council.

Mayor Downe commented that the Economic Development Department should follow the same platform; for consistency, as the Province and other Community groups/organizations are regarding the Ivany Report and small businesses. Councillor Fawson mentioned attending a Now Lunenburg meeting, a private community group interested in supporting change as a result of the Ivany Report, and inquired if the Economic Staff were following the group. Mr. Waters stated that the Department is aware and following some of the projects Now Lunenburg are working on.

Ms. Sporea was asked to review and summarize the Ivany Workshops hosted by UNSM and report back to the Infrastructure Economic & Development Standing Committee. Mr. Hiltz noted there was a letter received by the Municipality summarizing this, and will ensure Ms. Sporea receives a copy.

There were some comments that the Municipality may want to look at the needs of businesses already here, and incentives for the Municipality's own parcel of land at Osprey Village to entice businesses and promote expansion.

6. ADDED ITEMS

6.1 WHYNOTT COMMUNITY WIND FARM (MULLOCK ROAD)

Councillor Fawson updated the Committee on the wind farm located off the Mullock Road, near the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre. There have been a number of community meetings regarding the impact of the wind farm to the public. The Municipality has no direct involvement as the area is not zoned. Councillor Fawson will continue to attend the community liaison meetings, making it clear the Municipality has no involvement, and will keep this Committee informed.

7. IN CAMERA

There were no In Camera agenda items.

There being no further business at 11:39 a.m., it was moved by Councillor Zwicker, seconded by Councillor Bolivar-Getson that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

COUNCILLOR LEE NAUSS - CHAIRMAN

**SATU PEORI, ACTING DIRECTOR OF
ENGINEERING**