

PRINCES INLET AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mahone Bay Centre Hall

30 April 2014, 7:00 pm

AAC Members Present.

Anne Cosgrove
Kelly Nelson
Bob Weld
Richard Wentzell
Jim Betts
Councillor Errol Knickle

Municipal Staff.

Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning
Douglas Reid, Planner

Regrets.

None.

(1) member of the public in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 7.00PM, with introductions of staff and members.

As this was the first PIAAC meeting in some time, J. Merrill called the meeting to order, and the first order of business was for Committee members to determine its election of new Officers.

Housekeeping.

2a. Election of New Officers

K. Nelson was elected Chair. A. Cosgrove was elected Vice Chair. R. Wentzell elected as Secretary. Mr. Nelson took over responsibilities in running the meeting.

2b. Area Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

Staff presented a draft Terms of Reference. Terms had been developed for all AACs in the Municipality, and have been shared with all Committees in the time since the PIAAC last met. Terms highlight appointment protocols, member responsibilities, and related logistical and communications matters.

It was moved by J. Betts, seconded by A. Cosgrove, that the Princes Inlet Area Advisory Committee accepted the Terms as presented. ***Motion carried.***

2c. Updates from Staff

Staff also provided the Committee with other pertinent municipal policy documents that had been created and/or amended since the last PIAAC meeting. This included **MDL-56** (AAC Membership Selection Policy) and **MDL-37** (Code of Conduct Policy). Some discussion concerned with the language found in such policies, in particular as it pertained to representation, self-interest, and conflict of interest.

Staff noted that a "Planning Orientation" presentation had also been developed for new AAC members since 2011/12. The AAC asked that presentation of such materials would be worthwhile for the PIAAC, given the time lapse in their activities. A Presentation will be made at the next meeting.

It was noted there are two positions on the PIAAC currently vacant, and that no new parties had come forward seeking to fill such. As well: the current terms of existing members were all scheduled to expire in October 2014. The PIAAC is expected to still be involved with the Review at that time. After discussion, the PIAAC asked that a recommendation be put forward to the Municipality, noting:

It was moved by A. Cosgrove, seconded by B. Weld, that Council consider an extension of the appointments of existing Princes Inlet Area Advisory Committee members, in their undertaking of a Plan Review process, with new appointment terms set to expire in May, 2015 for B. Weld & R. Wentzell, and in May, 2016 for K. Nelson, J. Betts, and A. Cosgrove. ***Motion carried.***

New Business.

3a. Princes Inlet Plan Review.

The previous Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law was adopted in 2005. At Council's direction, a Plan Review has been initiated, with Public Notice having appeared in the local paper. The first step in the Review is a presentation of a Background Report by staff to the Area Advisory Committee, highlighting issues for consideration in revising the Strategy & By-law. This Report will be presented at the next AAC meeting.

Public commentary noted that communications about PIAAC meetings can be more accessible, including clear communications on the municipal website. It was noted that planning staff might also make presentation about the Plan Review to the local Ratepayers Assoc. Annual General meeting in August.

Future meeting dates were discussed, as quorum will be required for the PIAAC to hold any Plan Review meetings. Mondays and Wednesdays over the next several months was noted as more operable dates.

Next meeting date.

Wednesday May 21st, 7:00PM, Mahone Bay Centre.

J. Betts moved to adjourn at 8.15PM.

Meeting adjourned.