

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
PUBLIC HEARING
Held by **MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**
in the Blockhouse & District Fire Hall, Blockhouse, N. S.
Wednesday, August 19, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Don Downe
Councillor Errol Knickle – District 1
Councillor Donald Zwicker – District 2
Councillor Frank Fawson – District 3
Councillor Michael Ernst – District 4
Councillor Claudette Garland – District 5
Councillor Terry Dorey – District 6
Councillor Cathy Moore – District 7
Councillor John Veinot – District 8
Councillor Eric Hustvedt – District 12

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Lee Nauss – District 10
Councillor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson – District 9
Councillor Martin Bell – District 11

STAFF: Jeff Merrill, Director of Planning and Development Services
Douglas Reid, Planner
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
Heather Whynott, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Downe called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. OPENING REMARKS – PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Downe reported that this is a Public Hearing for Council to receive both written and verbal presentations from the audience in attendance, concerning a proposed Development Agreement between the Municipality and the property owner of civic address #936 Highway 325 in Blockhouse.

2a – Introduction of Council Members and Staff

Councillors introduced themselves, each noting the District and communities they represent. Mayor Downe introduced the members of staff in attendance.

2b – Review of Agenda and Rules of Conduct

Mayor Downe reviewed the agenda, and read the Rules of Conduct that are to be followed by members of the public who wish to speak at the Hearing, which were also printed at the bottom of the Agenda.

3. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS by Planning Staff

Mr. Reid provided a PowerPoint presentation to review the information and details regarding the application for a Development Agreement (DA) for the property located at 936 Highway

325, Blockhouse (PID 60221181). The current property owner is Mahone Auto Real Estate Holdings Limited. The DA, if approved, would permit a change of use (to warehousing and associated retail by Cilantro – The Cook's Shop Inc) of the existing structure and lot to exceed the maximum size requirements identified in the Blockhouse Land Use By-law. His presentation also included information on public engagement and the meetings held with the Blockhouse Area Advisory Committee on this matter.

Copies of an Information Package were available for the members of the public (attached to original Minutes), which included copies of: 1) Public Hearing Notice; 2) Proposed Development Agreement (presented to Council July 14/15); and 3) Blockhouse Secondary Planning Strategy Policy Criteria Chart.

4. WRITTEN AND VERBAL PRESENTATIONS from the Public

4a – Review of Written Submissions

Mr. Dumaresq reported that no written submissions were received at the Municipal Office regarding this DA application.

4b – Verbal Presentations by the Public

Mayor Downe asked three times if there were any members of the public who would like to make a presentation on this matter.

There were no requests from the audience to speak.

5. REVIEW OF APPROVAL PROCESS

Mayor Downe reviewed the approval process, noting that Municipal Council can either make a decision at the close of this Hearing or at the next Council meeting.

Council agreed to make a decision at the close of the Hearing.

6. CLOSING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Downe declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:14 p.m.