

## **Planning Advisory Committee**

March 21, 2018

6:00 PM

Committee

**Present:** Councillor Simon Lawand, Chair  
Mayor Danny MacGillivray  
Councillor Susan Campbell  
Jack Langlois  
Gary Stewart  
Rachael McLean, Planner  
Susan Higdon, Town Clerk (ex-officio)

### **1. Call to Order**

Councillor Lawand called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by J. Langlois

Seconded by Mayor MacGillivray

“That the agenda be approved as circulated.” Motion carried.

### **3. Approval of Minutes – February 21, 2018**

Moved by Councillor Campbell

Seconded by J. Langlois

“That the minutes of February 21, 2018 be approved with the Call to Order being changed from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM.” Motion carried.

### **4. Resignation of Matthew MacDonald**

Matthew MacDonald sent an email to the committee announcing his resignation. He cited that he was very busy with work and was not able to make many meetings which he felt was unfair to the committee. Councillor Lawand did reach out to him for feedback but he was not able to get in touch with him. J. Langlois noted that he did speak with Matthew where he did state that he would like to offer his services but only on a part time basis because of time issues. It was felt by all that his enthusiasm and experience would be an asset to the committee. The terms of reference approved by council states that there are to be three residents and three councillors. If he chooses to stay part time he would not be a voting member. J. Langlois will contact Matthew and report back to the committee if this is something he would be interested in.

### **5. George Munroe Grant Interpretive Panel**

John Ashton provided a quote for the design and development of an interpretive panel to honor George Munroe Grant. MP Sean Fraser initiated contact with Mr.

Michael Ignatieff who is the great grandson of George Munroe Grant. He devoted a chapter in his book – True Patriot Love; and he is quite excited to be a part of the potential celebration.

The plaque that is currently on the Town Hall would be moved to the new site as well. Mayor MacGillivray noted that he was in Durham where they have a similar display of what the Town of Stellarton will be looking at and it was quite nice.

Councillor Lawand reported that Council has renamed Valley Woods Park to Olympic Park in honour of Babe Mason and Blayre Turnbull. There will be two interpretive panels there as well. The pond is still Jordi White's Pond- the interpretive panel will include that information.

## **6. Fairview St. Review**

Rachael McLean submitted a letter of recommendation to Council regarding the 10 Fairview St. vs. 10 Fairview Ave confusion. Council requested that it be passed to the PAC for their recommendation. Rachael recommended renaming the street completely. There are two people on the street that would be affected. It was suggested that the new name of the street not be associated with a family. Mayor MacGillivray will approach Mr. Dave Gordon and report back to the committee on suggestions. A recommendation to rename the street and a street name recommendation will be forwarded from the PAC to council.

## **7. Sale of Land to RCMP at Foord St. Detachment**

Rachael received a call for the RCMP leasing department regarding the purchase of more land to help with their parking issue. They are currently land locked and they are parking on the lower part and have placed stairs to access the lower 'parking lot.' The Albion Path was there but it has since grown in. There was discussion regarding the ball field parking and access. The first part of the process would be to get a surveyor to come in and establish the stakes.

- Rachael will touch base with the Town Engineer to provide an estimate on the cost to create a parking space for the ball field.
- Rachael will do a conceptual plan with Town Engineer
- The survey will establish the value of the land and will converse with the RCMP to see if that would be an acceptable option.

## **8. Update on Initiatives**

### **a. Trail Connection between River St. and Bridge Ave.**

Councillor Lawand, Mayor MacGillivray and G. Stewart were to speak with residents in the area. There is a legal document that needs to be in place, and survey work would need to be completed. Paul Corbin will be contacted by Rachael to provide details on trail standards as it may have changed since Gary Stewart did trail work. Rachael suggested in her email to come down across the pumping station. Rachael will provide alternative options to the

current suggestion and identify property owners; she will draft a letter with an easement option as opposed to “right of way”.

**b. Request for street signage in Albion Business Park**

This initiative is currently on hold until more lots are sold and the need arises to be revisited in the future.

**c. Roundabout Sign**

Councillor Lawand followed up with Dave Freckleton at NSCC. He did speak with the Truro campus, but there is nothing new to report at this point.

Councillor Lawand will continue to monitor this initiative.

**d. Bridge over Bear Brook**

Town Clerk reported that the Connect 2 grant would not be feasible at this time, because the application is due by the end of March. There are permits from the Department of Environment that would be required that would not be ready in time. Paul Corbin stated to the Town Clerk that the bridge would cost the same as the bridge from the Wellness Centre to Auburn Ave.- approximately \$160,000.00. Councillor Lawand recommended that a request for this project be forwarded to Council for budget consideration for fiscal 2018-2019. The Town Engineer will be asked to provide a quote for the cost of the bridge.

**e. Commemorative Benches along Albion Trail**

G. Stewart will follow up for next meeting.

**f. Town Crier Uniform**

Councillor Lawand thanked Town Crier Jack Langlois for presenting to Council in March. He stated that it is now on Council agenda and is no longer a PAC issue.

**g. Private School**

Rachael reported that she is working the Kate- who is involved with establishing a private school on Stellar Street. In reading her business plan she is reporting that there is no need to change any zones. She has all the necessary pillars such as recreation and environment that will fit within the development agreement. This school would be a great asset to have in the downtown area.

**h. Investment Readiness Kit**

This issue is closed. No interest to pursue.

**9. Other Business**

**a. Skate Board Park**

G. Stewart asked about the establishment of a skate board park. Councillor Lawand noted that when he was campaigning he heard this numerous times. No plan has been presented to Council at this point. This is something that can be brought up during budget deliberations if PAC wanted to make a recommendation.

**b. G. Stewart Piece of Land**

G. Stewart brought up an issue regarding his piece of land that he is requesting access to. Councillor Lawand noted that Council has discussed this issue and

that there are conflicting maps. Councillor Lawand recommended to G. Stewart to see the Town Engineer regarding the matter.

**10. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18 beginning at 6:00 PM.

**11. Adjournment**

On a motion from G. Stewart, the meeting was adjourned.