

Planning Advisory Committee

October 19, 2018

6:00 PM

Minutes

The meeting was held at the Stellarton Fire Hall

Present: Councillor Simon Lawand, Chair
Mayor Danny MacGillivray
Councillor Susan Campbell
Gary Stewart
Don Taylor
Blaine Murray, Town Engineer
Rachael McLean, Planner
Paul Corbin, Community Development & Recreation
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 G. Stewart

Seconded by D. Taylor

“That the agenda be approved.” Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes – September 19, 2018

Moved by Mayor MacGillivray

Seconded by D. Taylor

“That the minutes of September 19, 2018 be approved as circulated.” Motion carried.

4. Mine Reclamation

Councillor Lawand went over the survey that was done last year. There were 86 respondents. One question was “what elements should land be used for in the Town of Stellarton?”

1. Business/Commercial
2. Recreational
3. Residential

Members of the PAC went on a tour with Alex Martell and Colie Chisholm on the site. It is a huge site and there is potential for all three uses if that is the recommendation.

There was a lot of work done in the past with the first reclamation. Rachael has copies of this in her office. She will forward to the committee.

There was discussion on the steps that will be taken to get input from the public, compile the information, fine tune the site plans and meeting with representatives from Pioneer Coal in December. Councillor Lawand indicated there may be numerous meetings in November to accomplish this goal.

The committee is available on October 30, 2018 from 2:00- 4:00 PM and 6:00 - 8:00 PM to host a public engagement session with invited guests and any member of the public who wishes to attend.

Staff will start the process on the Public Open Session. Rachael is also meeting with Roland- she will discuss what was done previously with this project in the past.

5. Façade Program

Gary Stewart asked for an update on the façade program. Councillor Lawand explained that is something Council will consider for next budget about offering grants to businesses who wish to update/upgrade their façade. The Town's of New Glasgow and Pictou have this program in place.

6. Service Sign/Roundabout sign

Rachael will have an update for next meeting.

7. Climate Change – Blue Acres

Don Taylor brought up the issue with regards to Blue Acres and that they are in a flood plain. With climate change affecting many areas, he felt this is something that should be discussed.

Town Clerk will investigate what is being done in the Town of Truro and the City of Fredericton in relation to their plans in dealing with climate change.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Next Meeting Date/Time

The next meeting is to be determined – after the Public Open Session is done.

10. Adjournment

On a motion from Mayor D. MacGillivray, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.