

**PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 4, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Susan MacLeod, Chair
Councillor Brian Fralic
Councillor Peter Waterman
Richard Smith
John Winters
Heather Kelly
Robert Ross
Don Kimball
Gary Feindel
Mike MacLeod, Planner

Regrets: Jessica Van Dyne Evans

1. CALL TO ORDER -

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

It was **MOVED** by **Brian Fralic** and **SECONDED** by **Robert Ross** that the Agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 7, 2015

It was **MOVED** by **Richard Smith** and **SECONDED** by **John Winters** that the Minutes of December 7, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENTS – HANK SNOW DRIVE, LIVERPOOL

Mike MacLeod reviewed an application and discussion paper respecting a request from the Friends of Hank Snow Society to rezone a parcel of land on Hank Snow Drive in Liverpool. The property; identified as PID# 70027073; is currently zoned Restricted Residential (R1) under the Region of Queens Municipality Land Use Bylaw. The applicant wishes to utilize the property for the short term parking of recreational vehicles. PID# 70027073 is a 5.7 acre parcel of land located on the south side of Hank Snow Drive across from the Hank Snow Country Music Museum. The Society has utilized this space, on a temporary basis, for RV parking during the annual Hank Snow Tribute.

Susan MacLeod advised that the Society is not interested in operating a campground; at this time; but simply want to be able to tell visitors that they can park on lands of the Society for a night or two if they wish.

Mike MacLeod advised that the Highway Commercial (C2) Zone lists recreational vehicle parking in the list of permitted uses. The Land Use Bylaw does not define recreational vehicle parking; however.

Robert Ross noted that other areas within the C2 Zone could potentially be doing this right now under current regulations. As the Society is not looking at a campground, perhaps the most appropriate way to approach this is to define recreational vehicle parking in the Land Use Bylaw and rezone the property to C2.

Robert also advised that the establishment or maintenance of a buffer area between the proposed use and adjacent residential properties would be a good idea.

Mike MacLeod advised that there is an existing treed area to the west of the former Bristol Avenue diversion road.

Susan MacLeod noted that from discussions she has had with the Society, they only want to utilize the area that has been used during the Hank Snow Tribute.

Brian Fralic noted that the intent of the Society was that this would be a non-profit use of the groups land.

Robert Ross felt that there was demand for this type of use in the Liverpool area and may entice visitors to stay longer and spend money at local businesses.

It was MOVED by **Robert Ross** and SECONDED b Brian Fralic that

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality give notice of its intention to:

1. Rezone a portion of PID#70027073, and located on Hank Snow Drive in Liverpool from Restricted Residential (R1) to Highway Commercial (C2), and
2. Amend the Land Use Bylaw to include a definition of "recreational vehicle park".

AND THAT a Public Hearing be held on May 10, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 249 White Point Road in Liverpool, NS, at 8:55 a.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. LIVERPOOLDOWNTOWN / WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION – TACTICAL URBANISM

Mike MacLeod advised the Committee that the Municipality had recently gone through a strategic priorities process to identify the areas where Council would like to focus on. One of the strategic priorities identified was a Liverpool downtown / waterfront revitalization project. Mike noted that Staff is now in the process of scoping out a framework for the project and was hopeful to have something ready for Council shortly. As the project evolves, PAC will undoubtedly have a role to play in this process. Included in the agenda package was some information on a concept known as tactical urbanism, which is essentially low cost and usually temporary changes to make a defined urban area more attractive or appealing to the public. Mike noted that the intent of this information was to get the Committee thinking about some of the things that could make the Liverpool downtown / waterfront area more appealing.

Brian Fralic advised that while the concept is good, it all gets back to the vision we have for this area. Visioning needs to be an initial part of the process.

Robert Ross agreed that vision is a key component to a project such as this. He noted; however, that buy in from the local business community was also critical to success.

Brian Fralic noted that there has to be an attitude to stand out and be different from the rest of the similar communities in our area. He felt that the Municipality should be setting the example.

Heather Kelly noted that there are a lot of fairly easy things that the Municipality and / or the community could do at fairly low cost. One example that comes to mind is edible landscapes. Many other communities are jumping on this concept. Instead of growing flowers in planters, why not grow edible plants.

John Winters advised that he had been doing a bit of reading up on tactical urbanism, and there is a lot of information out there. He noted that the majority of this information centres around larger cities. Not so much for smaller urban areas. We really need to find things which will succeed in our smaller community. John also noted that the local businesses have to be convinced that it will help them to get buy in.

Heather Kelly noted that there can be simple little things that give the perception of change.

Brian Fralic noted that the painting of Argyle Street in Halifax was a good example.

Robert Ross concurred with John Winter's comments that the scale of the project has to fit the community.

Mike MacLeod requested that the Committee give this information some thought and we will discuss in greater detail at future meetings.

6. HOUSING AND SENIORS TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

Mike MacLeod updated the Committee on a housing and seniors transportation survey project that the Municipality has been working on with the Queens Care Society. The survey hopes to acquire up to date information on the state of housing within Queens as well as to gauge the need / interest in establishing a seniors transportation system in our area. Mike noted that initial response to the survey has been good and is hoping to get some good data from the project.

7. OTHER - /

8. NEXT MEETING -

The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2016.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Councillor Susan MacLeod, Chair

Date