

NEW MINAS
AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
November 5, 2009
7:00 p.m. – Civic Center

The regular monthly meeting of the New Minas Area Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center.

In Attendance:

D. Hatt, Vice-Chair, Chairing meeting
D. Chaulk, Village Commission Chair
J. Redmond, Village Commissioner
M. Coldwell, citizen member
J. Bourgeois, citizen member
L. Chisholm, County Planner
T. Silver, Clerk Treasurer/Recording Secretary

Also in Attendance:

Jim Pushie, Plaza Group
Maynard Stevens, Village Commissioner and Resident

Regrets:

Gordon Silver, Chair
Eric Smith, Councillor District 11

CALL TO ORDER

D. Hatt called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, NOVEMBER 5, 2009

It was moved by M. Coldwell, seconded by D. Chaulk, that the Agenda for the regular meeting of the Area Advisory Committee be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, Regular meeting held June 16, 2009

It was moved by J. Redmond, seconded by M. Coldwell that the minutes of the regular AAC meeting held June 16, 2009 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

a) Application for Development Agreement Amendment, 9293 Commercial Street

Leanne Chisholm, County planner, gave a brief description of the application for amendment to the Plazacorp Development Agreement, 9293 Commercial Street. D. Chaulk asked how long this type of thing could go on for the applicant, given the government delays for such things as the roundabouts (which is responsible for Plazacorp's application for DA amendment). Mr. Jim Pushie, from Plazacorp, stated that it has been indicated to him the details of the roundabout should soon be forthcoming, however, his company has been discussing such things for two years. He stated the good thing is his company is moving forward on other developments.

It was moved by J. Redmond, seconded by D. Chaulk to recommend the application of Plazacorp to the Kings County Planning Advisory Committee, to amend an existing development agreement permitting the construction of a group commercial building over 5,000 square feet by changing the completion date for the construction of the facility by two years, to November 4, 2011.

b) Application for member of AAC – John Owen

D. Chaulk stated Mr. Owen is the Village's representative on the Active Living Transportation committee, is a fine gentleman and would make a great member of the Area Advisory Committee.

It was moved by D. Chaulk, seconded by J. Redmond, that the application of John Owen as citizen member of the Area Advisory Committee be accepted, and be recommended to Kings County Planning Advisory Committee.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Maynard Stevens – Maynard Stevens, Village Commissioner and resident, asked permission to read his email to the AAC. Chair Hatt allowed Mr. Stevens to do so, but cautioned the AAC has no authority to deal with the item. Following is the email as read by Mr. Maynard Stevens:

***“To the members of the Area Advisory Committee:
It had been my intention to have discussed at your meeting tonight an email from me concerning an appeal before the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board. Since I sent that email it has been brought to my attention that because the Area Advisory Committee is a Municipal sub-committee and therefore it would not be appropriate for the Area Advisory to comment on my email, I have hereby withdrawn that email and will bring the matter up at the next meeting of the New Minas Village Commission. Thank you.”***

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It was explained to the Committee why it would be inappropriate for the AAC to deal with the item at its meeting. Mr. Stevens thanked the Committee for permitting him to read his email.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of J. Redmond, the meeting adjourned.

Dean Hatt, Vice-Chair

Terry Silver, Recording Secretary