
Rural Municipality of West River Planning Board Committee

Meeting No	16	Chair	Sharon Slauenwhite
Meeting Date	Monday, May 9, 2022	Phone	902-675-7000
Start Time	7:00 PM	E-mail	admin@westriverpe.ca
Location	Afton Community Center	Session	Public
Present	Mayor Helen Smith-MacPhail, Councillor Sharon Slauenwhite, Councillor John Yeo		
Also	Laala Jahanshahloo – CAO		
Regrets	Deputy Mayor Robert Clow		

● **Call to order**

Chair Sharon Slauenwhite called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

● **Approval of Agenda**

Councillor Sharon Slauenwhite added the following topic was added to the circulated agenda:

- Review the recent changes to the SPA Regulations

It was moved by Councillor John Yeo and seconded by Councillor Sharon Slauenwhite; the agenda be approved as circulated, including any items added to the agenda.

Motion Carried

● **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Councillor Sharon Slauenwhite recused herself from item PLB16.3 citing conflict of interest.

- **Business Arising from Minutes**

- ➔ Nil.

- **PLB16.1**

- ➔ The Municipality hosted the open house meeting for its OP&LUB on April 26, 2022, at Afton Community Center from 2:00-4:00 pm and 6:30-8:30 pm and more than 160 attended the meeting.
 - ➔ An invitation letter was sent to all the property owners within the border of RMWR. The list was created according to the MAPCO assessment 2022 database.
 - ➔ The Municipality will continue gathering the feedback and comments until May 10, 2022. These data will be collected and reviewed for further revision and discussion by the Committee and SJM afterward.

- **PLB16.2**

- ➔ The Committee reviewed the remaining steps of the OP&LUB project:
 - Confirm any revisions are coming out of the latest round of feedback.
 - Send drafts for legal review
 - Receive comments from Perlene and make any required changes.
 - Get Planning Board and council approval on drafts to release for the statutory public meeting
 - Schedule and hold a statutory public meeting.
 - Revisions, if any, are based on comments from the statutory public meeting.
 - Finalize recommendation from Planning Board to send to Council.
 - Council meeting 1 - approval & adoption of the official plan, first reading and approval of bylaw
 - Council meeting 2 - (can be the next day, has to be a separate calendar day): second reading and approval of bylaw and adoption of a bylaw)
 - Submit the package to the Province for ministerial approval.

→ The Council approved holding an open house public on WRC#24 to increase public engagement, and this meeting was an addition to the approved project schedule previously approved by Council, and the original contract, according to MOTION #2021-37, does not include this step. The Committee reviewed the project estimate for the Open House add-on and recommended that the Council accepts the Add-On and includes it in the original Official Plan & Bylaw contract.

● **PLB16.3**

→ According to PLB15.1, these items were deferred to the next meeting of June 13, 2022, as the Development Officer was not present at the meeting

● **PLB16.4**

→ The Committee reviewed the summary of the development permit decisions issued from the beginning of 2022.

● **PLB16.5**

→ The Committee reviewed fees related to amending the NHR Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw and issuing the development permit for PID#219238. As the \$1,500.00 retainer does not cover the total cost of this process, CAO was directed to finalize the total cost and send an itemized invoice to the applicant.

● **PLB16.6**

→ Following Motion#2022-33 and according to Tourism PEI Department of Economic Growth confirmation, PEI's election signage is governed by the laws outlined in section 3.1. (1) (b) (i) and (ii) of the Highway Signage Act Regulations.

● **PLB16.7**

→ It has come to the attention of the Planning Board that on March 30, 2022, Executive Council approved amendments to several sections of the Planning Act Subdivision and Development Regulations, including changes to Section 63 Special Planning Area Regulations. These amendments came into force on April 9, 2022.

- ➔ As Council is aware, a portion of our Municipality is within the SPA, and therefore, we are directly impacted by amendments to these regulations. In addition, given that the Municipality is presently engaged in the process of developing a new OP and LUB, changes to Section 63 of the SPA regulations also impact that project. RMWR was not consulted prior to these changes being made, and the CAO has confirmed that the PEI Federation of Municipalities were also not consulted prior to these changes taking effect nor informed after the date they came into force.
- ➔ Planning Board requests that Council consider sending a letter to the Minister of Fisheries & Communities and the Minister of Agriculture & Land and CC the PEIFM to ask the following questions:
 - What prompted the recent amendments to the Regulations?
 - Who did the work to prepare and review these amendments?
 - Why were the impacted municipalities within the Special Planning Area, who are obligated to ensure compliance, not consulted?

- **Adjournment**

- ➔ The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.
- ➔ The next meeting will be on June 13, 2022.

SHARON SLAUENWHITE _____

CHAIR