



Notes from the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting No. 5/08
Held on June 13, 2008

Members Present:

Richard Lloyd	City of Barrie
Mary Brett	Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
Gord Montgomery	Township of Mulmur
Garry Matthews	Township of Melancthon
Bill Van Berkel	Town of Innisfil

Regrets:

Rick Milne	Town of New Tecumseth
Brian Sonny Foley	Town of Collingwood
Ron Simpson	Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

Staff Present:

Chris Hibberd	Acting Director of Planning
Wayne Wilson	CAO

1. Adoption of Agenda:

Chair Lloyd and Members of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) adopted the Agenda for the June 13, 2008 meeting with revision to item 2 as follows: change noted dated from March 14, 2008 to May 9, 2008.

2. Review notes from the May 9, 2008 meeting:

The meeting notes from the May 9, 2008 Planning Advisory Meeting were reviewed and with no requested changes.

3. Township of Mulmur circulation regarding duplication in planning:

Gord Montgomery presented an overview of the Township of Mulmur's concerns on planning duplications between the NVCA and Township. Specifically Gord identified three key areas that included: arbitrary, duplication and accountability. In regards to arbitrary, Mulmur has concerns with unfair review fee system where easier applications appear to pay for hardier files was identified. Pertaining to duplication, Mulmur has questions on why is there more than one agency reviewing stormwater management.

It was noted by staff that the fees are structure to address program costs and overall revenue relates to the work received. Furthermore staffing is based on the workload. The fees are structure such that

the developer has a known cost and the review in the case of subdivisions is structure to reflect size of the proposal.

Members of the PAC advised that most have consulted with their municipal staff and overall found the NVCA role a useful service. Richard Lloyd noted that Barrie staff found that the Conservation Authorities provides an arms length and valuable service. Bill Van Berkel advised that Innisfil staff has not raised any concerns however this matter will be heard at the next council meeting. Mary Brett indicated that Adjala Tosorontio staff thought there would an increased cost to the Township if they had to provide the same environmental planning service as the NVCA. Mary also noted concerns with the NVCA review fees and their impact on municipal fees. Garry Matthews advised that Melancthon has no concerns with NVCA's planning role.

ACTION ITEM: NVCA staff to meet with Township of Mulmur representatives to further discuss the matter.

4. Review and Discussion of Business Plan development / timelines for 2009 Budget Development.

The targeted dates for the 2009 budget development were outlined which included June 13, 2008 target date to present the 2009 initiatives. For 2009 Staff would proposing to keep the status quo, however there would be an examination of expanding the planning assistant position which is currently a summer contract position.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Prepared by: C Hibberd