

Notes from the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting
Held on March 12, 2010

Members Present:

Rick Archdekin	Town of Wasaga Beach
Harry Hughes	Township of Oro
Garry Matthews	Township of Melancthon
Percy Way	Township of Amaranth
Barry Ward	City of Barrie
Tom Elliott	Township of Springwater

Regrets:

Rick Milne	Town of New Tecumseth
Sonny Foley	Town of Collingwood
Ron Simpson	Town of Bradford-West Gwillimbury
Bill Van Berkel	Town of Innisfil

Staff Present:

Wayne Wilson	Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer
Barb Perreault	Senior Environmental Officer
Chris Hibberd	Director of Planning

The meeting was called to order by the Director of Planning at 9:45 a.m.

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

Rick Archdekin was elected the Chair and Harry Hughes Vice Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC).

2. Adoption of Agenda:

Members of the PAC adopted the Agenda for the March 12, 2010 meeting. Moved by Harry Hughes and seconded by Barry Ward.

3. Business Plan Discussion:

NVCA staff (CAO, Director of Planning and Senior Environmental Officer) provided an overview of the Planning and Regulations Program. This included discussing relevant legislation, program priorities, staffing and actions contained in Appendix D Planning Services.

The overview also included 2010 action items such as examining opportunities to establish municipal streamlining agreements as well as opportunities to increase efficiencies, consistency and eliminate the potential for duplication or overlap.

The committee had an open discussion on planning and regulation program that included questions or comments on: differences between Official Plan Schedules and Regulation mapping; avoiding potential for duplication with municipalities; and, opportunities to improve communications.

The committee also discussed: local drainage versus regulatory floodplain; what works were considered minor and would not require permit approval (e.g. decks); and, need for accurate screening maps associated with the proposed municipal screening agreement.

The chair advised the members that there would be an opportunity to provide additional questions or comments to staff after the meeting. The Chair further advised that these comments should be submitted to staff within a week following this meeting.

Subsequent to the discussion, the following recommendation was moved by Barry Ward and seconded by Tom Elliott, and supported by all members:

Recommendation

That Planning staff develop a final version of the Planning Services component of the 2010 -2012 Business Plan based on recommendations of the Planning Advisory Committee, for consideration of the Board of Directors at their April 9, 2010 meeting.

4. Other Business:

Harry Hughes noted that Oro Medonte have placed several television screens in municipal facilities to aid in communications to residents. Mr. Hughes indicated that there may be an opportunity for NVCA to also use these features for communication purposes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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