

**Peggy's Cove Commission Minutes  
September 13, 2018**

**Members in Attendance:**

- Gordon Smith
- Aonghus Garrison
- Jeannie Chow
- John Campbell, Chair

**Member Regrets:**

- Peter Richardson
- Gary Logan, Vice Chair
- Brian Fitzpatrick
- Councillor Matt Whitman

**Non-Members in Attendance:**

- Graham Fisher
- Jennifer Weagle

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. by the Chair.

**2. Governance Study Update**

Gordon Smith updated that the governance study specifications were released for tender twice; however, no bidders were received.

**3. Tourism (Funding) Announcement**

Gordon Smith advised that the province announced a \$2 million investment in Peggy's Cove, as a part of a new Tourism Revitalization of Icons Program. Develop Nova Scotia will lead the planning and implementation of tourism infrastructure enhancements at Peggy's Cove, which will include consultation with community and business stakeholders. Develop Nova Scotia (formerly the Waterfront Development Corporation) will be invited to the next meeting to present to the Commission to get a better idea of plans for Peggy's Cove.

The Commission discussed the possibility of combining the master plan study that will be undertaken by Develop Nova Scotia with the governance study requested by the Commission. It was noted that both will include consultation with residents, the commission, the public and Tourism Nova Scotia, so would be a natural fit. It was suggested that the Business Nova Scotia funds earmarked for the governance study could be combined with the funding for the master plan.

The Chair raised some questions including whether Develop Nova Scotia have the expertise to carry out the governance study portion, and if they would do it in house or commission the study themselves.

Jeannie Chow advised that they could raise the idea with Business Nova Scotia to see if this would be a possibility, and if so initiate discussions with Develop Nova Scotia about the idea of combining the governance study with the master plan study.

**4. Newsletter/Public Meeting**

Graham Fisher circulated a draft newsletter to provide an update the Peggy's Cove community about the Commission and its website, and the process for development in the Peggy's Cove Preservation Area.

The Commission discussed the draft newsletter and suggested that it include a note of the tourism funding announcement, the impact that may have on the work the Commission has been doing, and the plan to hold off on the public meeting pending further information about the Master Plan.

Gordon asked members to take a closer look at newsletter and provide any feedback by Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> to Graham. Graham noted that he has up to date contact information for business owners and residents in the area, and the newsletter will also be posted on the mail box.

#### **5. Email Inquiry – 154 Peggy’s Point Road**

An email inquiry was received and reviewed from Saber Paiwnd, inquiring about a property for sale at 154 Peggy’s Cova Road and about possible land use of the property.

The Commission discussed a response, noting that they should be directed to the Peggy’s Cove Commission website to review the bylaw and zoning; however, property boundaries and blue prints cannot be provided. It was noted that pre-approval cannot be granted prior to submission of a formal Development Permit application, although the Commission and staff are available to answer questions after review of the by-law and zoning.

The Commission discussed various uses of the property, within the by-law and zoning.

After discussion, it was confirmed that 154 Peggy’s Point Road is currently zoned residential, and that the Commission could entertain an application by a property owner to rezone the property to enable a change of land use.

#### **6. Other Items**

The Chair advised that he was asked to be a part of the Chester-St. Margarets Support Network, a private-public sector tourism group, as a resident. He advised that he will be taking part, as a resident, and not as a member of the Peggy’s Cove Commission. He hopes for insight into how other local communities are dealing with development and tourism.

Jeanie Chow noted that a call was received from a resident inquiring about purchasing the Degarth House. She clarified that Tourism Nova Scotia is a tenant of the Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal owned property, and is not for sale. The Commission suggested that the Degarth House should be looked at as a part of the master plan Study.

The Commission discussed the process associated with public purchase of private property and discussed the role and purpose of the master plan.

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.