



Peggy's Cove Commission Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, December 10, 2020

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Via Teams/Conference Call

Members in Attendance

Nicole Campbell – Vice Chair
Janice Steeles
Karren Fader
Pam Lovelace – HRM Councillor

Jeannie Chow – Dept. of Business
Gordon Smith – Dept. of Municipal Affairs
Non-Voting Member - Graham Fisher – Dept. of Municipal Affairs

Regrets

Peter Richardson – Chair

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order

Chair Richardson was not able to attend, Vice Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm

1.1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the December 10, 2020 agenda *upon motion, duly seconded*, the Board approves to adopt the agenda as distributed. **Motion carried.**

1.2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the November 12, 2020 minutes *upon motion, duly seconded*, the Board approves the minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

2. Restricted Funds for Peggy's Cove Safety Initiative (Paul D'Eon)

Mr. D'Eon, the Special Projects Director, of the Lifesaving Society – Nova Scotia Branch was requested to sit on a task force after the unfortunate drowning of Jamie Quattrocchi to consider additional safety measures at Peggy's Cove. A number of recommendations were selected i.e. increased signage etc. to improve safety at the Cove. The Quattrocchi family raised \$7,500 and identified Mr. D'Eon from the Lifesaving Society to identify recommendations for the use of the funds in honor of Jamie.

Commissioners discussed a few ideas such as:

- Vessel fully equipped for rescue from the water
- Revisions of current signage
- A memorial naming others who have lost their lives at the Cove
- New equipment - Nitrogen fueled equipment to shoot life rings into the water

Commissioner Smith to provide contact information at Develop NS to Mr. D'Eon to co-ordinate their approach regarding public safety. Mr. D'Eon to link back to family and provide ongoing progress.

3. Statement of Work/Land Use By-Laws

Commissioner Smith made updates to the Statement of Work per feedback from Commissioners and reached out to Develop NS to confirm the use of their standing offer. Once document finalized, 3 consultants will be chosen from the standing offer list and bids will be requested by Jan. 8-11th in preparation for discussion/decision at the commission meeting on Jan. 14th, 2021.

4. Proposed Parking Inventory Sign

Commissioner Steele distributed information about a proposed sign placement and discussion ensued on its imposed impact. PCC has no direct authority or responsibility related to signage on the road but have concerns as noted.

Commissioner Smith to draft an email on behalf of the Commission to Develop NS citing discussed elements relating to esthetics/size/location and interference with Cove views when entering and exiting the Cove as concerns raised by Commissioners. Once a response is received it will be shared with Commissioners and a decision on whether a presentation from DNS is warranted.

5. Master Mailing List

To ensure we have the most updated personalized mailing list vs. not sending just to 'occupant' for sending out our newsletter the current mailing list was shared with Commissioners. G. Fisher /W. Anderson to go through and update list from feedback provided by Commissioners. An additional page will accompany the newsletter to ensure proper addressing and encourage addressees to inform us of any inaccuracies. Resident Commissioners also encouraged to ask if newsletter received and have some printed copies available to share with residents.

6. LinkedIn Page

Commissioners discussed the questions of whether PCC needs a stronger integrated approach to communication via social media pages etc. Currently there is reliance on government organizations such as Discover Halifax/ /Tourism NS/DNS Master Plan as their role for communication to attract visitors. PCC legislation and by-laws were created with our role defined as issuing permits and protection of the cove for resident and users. PCC website and annual newsletter are the primary means of communication as we are not generally producers of content and should reconsider the use of LinkedIn accounts.

Continue discussion at our next meeting i.e. leave things as status quo/delete LinkedIn Page.

7. Commissioner Expectations (Goals/accomplishments during term)

There was consensus that we should ensure the community understands that the role of the Commission is to work for the community with the common goal for development control. The Commission wants to focus on bridging the divide between commission/community – role and responsibility to ensure relationships are improved going forward.

The DOB Board Orientation session last month provided a deeper understanding of the role of commissioners within government's overall strategy and how PCC impacts future planning

A new Navigator assigned to PCC from Dept. of Business, Leanne Tremblay, to join next meeting.

Commissioner Lovelace could formally request a staff person for HRM planning and development as a resource for PCC meetings relating to HRM permitting and compliance. All in agreement for her to move forward with the request

8. New Business

8.1 Development Application - Paruch

Application reviewed by commission as to whether the proposed project is in compliance with the current Peggy's Cove Land Use Bylaws.

Motion to approve the Paruch development application as submitted *upon motion, duly seconded, Motion carried.*

Graham Fisher to draft response from Vice Chair and send back to Commissioners for review/approval before mailing to applicant.

8.2 Link with HRM

Invitation to HRM Planning Group to speak at next meeting to determine the possibility of having a resource for PCC meetings going forward.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn *upon motion, duly seconded*, Board adjourns at 5:04 pm with no further business to discuss. *Motion carried.*

Next meeting – January 14, 2021 (3:00-5:00 pm)