

January 23, 2024

The Honourable Susan Corkum-Greek
Minister
Department of Economic Development
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VIA Email: EDminister@novascotia.ca

Dear Minister Corkum-Greek:

Re: Peggy's Cove Commission Draft Land Use Bylaw Status

The Peggy's Cove Commission's purpose as provided under the Peggy's Cove Commission Act is to preserve the unique scenic beauty, character and atmosphere of the Area for the enjoyment of both residents and visitors for property within the Peggy's Cove Preservation area. This is primarily achieved through administering the Land Use Bylaws for the preservation area.

We hope you have enjoyed some well-deserved time off over the holidays. I am writing on behalf of the Peggy's Cove Commission (PCC) with regards to the status of the draft Land Use Bylaws that has been sent for your review and approval.

The PCC and the community feel it is important to express the urgency to approve the new LUB to provide clarity for landowners/businesses planning new projects for the upcoming tourism season. The PCC will need some lead time to review and approve new development permits for the construction season starting in the next couple of months.

While we continue to operate under the existing LUB, the PCC expects to receive requests for amendments to the current LUB so businesses can implement their planned projects before the season starts. Without a defined amendment process as proposed in the new LUB, the PCC will be required to conduct redundant work to assess any amendments. This is time consuming and taxing for the community.

We appreciate the acknowledgement of the importance of a Development Officer to support the PCC and new LUB. We understand the department is looking into options for the development officer role and ideally there would be someone in place when the new LUB becomes effective however, we suggest that approval for the new LUB not be delayed for this item. We recognize it may take a little more time to develop a job description and post for such a position. The PCC will manage operations in the interim as necessary.

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Public communications for announcement of the new LUB will be important to ensure landowners and the community are aware of the timing and details of the new LUB to reduce uncertainty and address any issues. The PCC is happy to participate in the development of a communications plan with the department to support consistent messaging for the success of the new LUB.

We look forward to expeditious approval of the submitted LUB. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Campbell".

Nicole Campbell
Chair, The Peggy's Cove Commission