

Peggy's Cove Commission Meeting Ombudsman Final Report Response Special Meeting Minutes

Thu, April 25, 2024 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Via Teams/Conference Call

Members in Attendance:

Nicole Campbell – Chair Maria Bartholomew -Vice Chair Karren Fader Jeannie Chow, Dept. of Economic Development Christina Lovitt – Dept. of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Regrets: Judy Dauphinee, Pam Lovelace, HRM Councilor, Graham Fisher – Dept. of Municipal Affairs and Housing – non-voting member, David Mitchell, Dept. of Economic Development – non-voting member

Meeting commenced at 9:05 a.m.

Agenda: Develop response to Ombudsman Final Report

- It was noted that a response letter was due to Ombudsman by May 3, 2024

C Lovitt left meeting at 9:09 am

- It was noted that business competition was not a pillar being considered by PCC
- It was noted that PCC looked at potential uses not current uses of the Cove.
- It was noted that a balance of residential and commercial was a key factor

C Lovitt returned to meeting at 9:26 am

- In residential zone the new COR expanded rights for businesses in those areas, a balanced approach was applied.
- All communication and consultation to community indicated everyone had an opportunity to speak during the process. Even extended the LUB timeline and process as a result of community requests.
- It was noted that it was a robust process and PCC and Consultant expanded the process when community requested so. The process respected the community and that guided how long it took. Process was grounded in community comments in *What we Heard* as rationale to listen to community and respect their wishes.
- Conservation zone key purpose of PCC under the Act is preserve unique beauty of Peggy's Cove.

Key themes that emerged:

- 1. PCC purpose and preservation
- 2. Process of LUB and how robust it was
- 3. Consistency and rationale
 - a. Pay respect to **What We Heard** report
 - b. Consistency regarding areas
 - c. Understanding appropriate balance in Cove

M Bartholomew left at 10:00 am

Adjourned at 10:04 am