

KENTVILLE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

September 11th, 2018

PRESENT

Mayor Sandra Snow, Councillor Eric Bolland, Councillor Cate Savage, Councillor John Andrew, Councillor Craig Gerrard, Deputy Mayor Lynn Pulsifer and Councillor Cathy Maxwell

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Sandra Snow called the Public Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that all Council members were in attendance as well as Planning & Development Director Beverley Gentleman, and Recording Secretary Patricia Gourley.

Also, in the audience were CAO Mark Phillips and Kirsten Harrison, Planning Technician and Assistant Development Officer.

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSAL

Director Beverly Gentleman reported on the Town of Kentville's Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw Review and only the proposed changes were discussed. Director Gentleman noted that these changes had received First Reading by Town Council on July 30th, 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received regarding these changes for tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(a) Rebecca Green-LaPierre - Forest Hill

- Rebecca expressed her concern regarding the future of her property at 78 Prospect Avenue of 8.55 acres recently purchased for a possible hobby farm, which would become non-conforming if the proposed changes were passed.

(b) Mike Carter - Acadia Drive

- Thanked Director Gentleman for her presentation and expressed his concerns with the proposed zoning changes for in and around Acadia Drive.
- Mike noted that he was interested in the make up of the Review Committee to try and understand where their background comes from and was concerned that the background of one committee member seems to a line with a developer who may be doing some work in that area.

(c) Gary Cleveland - Acadia Drive

- Expressed his concern that the rezoning in and around his neighbour area is unnecessary.
- Questioned the make up of the Review Committee.

(d) Carrie Yeo - Mitchell Avenue

- As a business owner in Centre Square, Carrie expressed her frustration regarding the current signage bylaws and her concerns regarding current enforcement.
- Inquired how the bylaw enforcement would be handled if these bylaws were updated as proposed.

(e) Leah Morrison - KBC

- Noted KBC's interest in the proposed bylaw signage changes.
- KBC does have an interest on what the impact of these documents will have on the business community.

(f) Paul Dixon - 325 Main Street

- Express his concerns regarding the proposed changes to the signage bylaw, especially the reduction in size in the signage for his larger buildings in Town.

(g) Sandra Wentzel – Acadia Drive

- Noted that she did not think the proposed changes to the zoning in her area would improve her neighbourhood.

(h) Mike Carter – Acadia Drive

- Given the proposed zoning change to the lands in and around Acadia Drive, I would respectfully ask Council to dismiss the proposed rezoning to R2 and to strongly consider zoning those areas R1 so they are consistent with the existing housing in that area.

(i) Krista Laing - West Main Street

- Requested more information regarding the noted flood way fringe and the proposed berm along the back of River Street.

(j) Ben Heisler – Anderson Blvd.

- Concerns were expressed regarding the possible rezoning of his neighbour area
- Requested information regarding the commercial development on Park Street occurring on a property that abuts his property

NEXT STEPS

That a Second Reading of the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw is scheduled for September 24th, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Eric Bolland and seconded by Councillor John Andrew

that the Public Hearing adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

*Councillors who voted in favour of this motion:
Andrew, Bolland, Gerrard, Maxwell, Pulsifer & Savage*