

TOWN OF SAINT ANDREWS
W. C. O'NEILL ARENA COMPLEX DINING ROOM
Hearing of Objections -By-law 16-02 Heritage Conservation Meeting
MINUTES
April 24, 2017 at 6:00PM

A Meeting of the Town of Saint Andrews Council was held at the W. C. O'Neill Arena Complex Dining Room beginning at 6:00PM to Hear and Consider Objections and Comments to By-law 16-02, A Heritage Conservation By-law with the following members present: Mayor Doug Naish, Deputy Mayor Brad Henderson, Councillors Edie Bishop, Dan Boyd, Kurt Gumushel, Guy Groulx and Andrew Harrison. Also present were: Angela McLean, Clerk, Chris Spear, Treasurer, Hap Stelling, Manager of Planning and Gail McLaughlin, Administrative Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Naish called the meeting to order at 6PM stating that, "In compliance with Section 56(1)(d) of the *Heritage Conservation Act of New Brunswick*, the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews is holding this public meeting tonight as advertised for the consideration of objections to the proposed By-law 16-02, A Heritage Conservation By-law for the Town of Saint Andrews."

Mayor Naish provided a brief comment of the process for the meeting, stating that individuals present who wished to address Council would be given a 5-minute time frame to provide their comments. He also reminded Council that the meeting was intended to hear and consider the comments of the citizens and that no comments or debate was anticipated from Council at this meeting. He noted that there would be ample time to review and discuss the input and that the earliest he anticipated any further consideration would be June.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Naish noted that Council has received letters and emails for consideration and would be reviewing the correspondence at a later time.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Those that wished to express their opinion on the Draft By-law and their position are listed below:

Lee Sochasky- Chair of the Heritage Board- Spoke in support

Jim Stewart- Requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Phoebe Ann McGee and acknowledged her work with Heritage initiatives within the Town. He then went on to express his opposition to the enactment of a Heritage By-law

Shelly Turner- Representing the St. Andrews Chamber of Commerce- stated the Chamber is supportive of the proposed By-law.

Donne Smith-Spoke in favour of the proposed By-law

Sylvia Humphries- Spoke in support of the proposed By-law

Jim Crichton – Spoke in opposition to the proposed By-law

David Doncaster- Spoke in opposition to the proposed By-law

He asked the following questions

1. Is there a significant problem in maintenance of Heritage Houses?
2. Is there a study demonstrating economic benefits?
3. How do you as a Councillor balance the homeowners freedoms against the By-law benefits?
4. Why not set up a By-law that homeowners can voluntarily sign up to become participants?

Jeff Holmes- Representative of the BIA/Waterfront St. Andrews. Spoke in favour of the proposed By-law.

Dale Dauphnee- Vice-President of the St. Andrews Civic Trust- Spoke in favour of the proposed By-law

Dean Secord- Spoke in opposition to proposed By-law

Dave Clarke- Spoke in opposition to the proposed By-law

Pat Mann – Spoke in opposition to the proposed By-law

Jeff McLean- Spoke in opposition to the proposed By-law

Gary Melvin- Spoke in opposition to the proposed By-law

Lydia Fife- Spoke in opposition to the proposed By-law

Suggestions that were brought to the floor included: 1) holding a referendum 2) promotion of heritage characteristics not restrict homeowners 3) voluntary sign up rather than enforcement

Mayor Naish thanked everyone for their input and stated that Council would be reviewing all correspondence as well as this evening's comments in the next few weeks and that any Council decisions would not be made at the May 1st Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20PM, it was moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Gumushel and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Doug Naish, Mayor

Angela McLean, Clerk