

TOWN OF SAINT ANDREWS
W. C. O'NEILL ARENA COMPLEX DINING ROOM
MINUTES

Hearing of Objections –Municipal Plan Amendment 161 Augustus Street

September 11, 2017 at 6:00PM

RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

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 the proposed Municipal Plan Amendment for 161 Augustus Street with the following members present: Mayor Doug Naish, Deputy Mayor Brad Henderson, Councillors Edie Bishop, Dan Boyd, Guy Groulx and Andrew Harrison. Also present were: Angela McLean, Clerk, Chris Spear, Treasurer, Hap Stelling, Manager of Planning, and Nikki Mott, Receptionist.

Absent at recording of attendance: Councillor Kurt Gumushel. Arrived 6:11 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

It was moved by Councillor Bishop, seconded by Deputy Mayor Henderson and carried that the Agenda be approved as presented.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Naish noted that Council would hear comments this evening, but would not be making any decisions at this meeting.

INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BY-LAWS AND MOTIONS

Business and Tourism, Heritage and Culture Portfolio – Deputy Mayor Henderson

Those that wished to express their opinion on the proposed Amendment to the Zoning By-law for 161 Augustus Street are listed below:

With approximately 36 people in attendance and no verbal opposition to the application the following citizen's provided their comments:

Bill Smith – Mr. Smith spoke of his support for the applicant. He feels council should take a pro-active stance and find a way to allow her business to operate.

Lois McLenaghan – Ms. McLenaghan also spoke of her support for the applicant. She inquired to staff on what sort of objections have been received, which the Mayor stated that is not the point of this discussion. That the meeting is for council to hear support or objections from the public.

Doug Wyles – Mr. Wyles spoke of his support for the applicant. He stated "*council should be all over this*" meaning the request before council.

Donna Ramsden – Ms. Ramsden spoke of her support for the applicant. She expressed confusion on why a re-zoning was required and mentioned the Bed & Breakfast and the Community College as also being in that area. Council explained that the property is currently zoned residential, while the Community College is Institutional and the Bed & Breakfast would also be zoned appropriately. Deputy Mayor Henderson noted that this application is not the first of its kind and that there is a process which has to be followed. Mayor Naish also noted that all

residential properties are allowed a home business but there are guidelines and requirements that have to be followed. One of the issues Ms. Donahue has run into is the number of employees on staff exceeds the minimum for a residential/home-based business. Manager of Planning, Hap Stelling, confirmed that the number of employees for a home-based business is the owner plus one additional employee.

Lisa Pomeroy – Ms. Pomeroy is in support of the application. She mentioned that the property used to be a boarding house and inquired if any special licenses were granted for the students to reside there. She was reminded by Council that the discussion is about support or objections to this application only.

Kim Sharkey – Mrs. Sharkey expressed her support for the applicant and stated that the town has always been a tourist town, with businesses operating for only part of the year. She noted that it was nice to have a business that operates year round and to not have to fight for parking during the peak season (referring to the former location on Water Street).

Michelle Tidd – Ms. Tidd noted that her grandmother lives across the street from the business. Ms. Tidd shows support for the applicant and noted that her grandmother used to be terrified to go outside when the property was still a boarding house; due to the constant traffic, partying, and RCMP presence. She noted her grandmother feels much safer now knowing a reputable business is across the street.

QUESTION PERIOD

None

COUNCILORS' AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Henderson stressed to the public that he understands that it has been a long ride and wanted to assure the residents that this is the correct process that has to be followed. These procedures are set in place so that a citizen cannot open a bar, convenience store, etc. right out of their home. He assured the supporters that this process does not mean the council will reject the application. He just stressed that due diligence has to be followed.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Naish also concurred with the Deputy Mayor's comments and also noted that as a municipality we are bound by not only our own by-laws and Municipal Plan, but also by the Community Planning Act.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

At 6:22PM, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Harrison and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Doug Naish, Mayor

Angela McLean, Clerk