



TOWN OF SAINT ANDREWS SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Electronic Meeting

Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

A Special Meeting of the Town of Saint Andrews Council was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present Deputy Mayor Brad Henderson, Councillors Guy Groulx, Edie Bishop, and Andrew Harrison. Also, present: Chris Spear, CAO/Treasurer, Paul Nopper Clerk – Senior Administrator, Alexander Gopen, Planner, SWNBSC.

Absent – Mayor Doug Naish, Councillors Kate Akagi, and Kurt Gumushel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 262 - 07/20

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

Carried 3 - 0

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NONE

PRESENTATIONS

Alexander Gopen, Planner, Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission made a brief presentation on the Draft Zoning By-Law.

COMMUNICATION

NONE

INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BY-LAWS AND MOTIONS

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Discussions and Council Workshop regarding the Draft Zoning By-Law.

Council had a working session on the Draft Zoning By-Law. The following are items that the Council reviewed:

- *Addition of a statement on the intent of the Zoning By-Law;*
- *Variations and how they will be only under special circumstances;*
- *Definitions and explanations on concerted dwellings and dwelling units for long-term and short-term use;*
- *Height ranged from buildings in the Historic Business District with reviews of peak concept. Mr. Gopen to provide additional feedback from architects;*
- *Height and types of fences for front yards and flanking yards;*
- *Chickens only to be allowed outside the Town Plat and Historic Business District, a map was provided highlighting the properties that could entertain chickens based on lot size;*

- Portable and temporary garages and how they should not be allowed. A provision in the by-law to set up October 1st and take down April 1st of each year;
- Building and Fire Code regulations for group homes, short-term rentals, and care facilities;
- No tri-plexes in the Town Plat, converted dwellings should be limited to 2 units in the Town Plat,
- Mixed-use zone and residential zoning;
- Signage, flag signs allowed, COVID-19 and other medical signage allowed for public health reasons;
- Murals and if there should be terms, conditions, and process for approval; and
- Lounge licenses based on terms and conditions set by the Council.

QUESTION PERIOD

1. Why is it that short-term rentals are no longer regulated like they used to be? There was one standard such as Canada Select and not everyone could rent to tourists unless licensed to do so.
2. Each lot and each house should be weighted individually, which means some would have to come in for a relaxation... like ours, 6' height all around the property. Even though I would rather a 1' deer fence.
3. There should be regulations for any short-term rentals for safety.
4. In 2009, the New Brunswick Government nullified the Tourism Act which required Provincial licensing and applicable inspections and regulations for any tourism/short-term accommodations. Canada Select still applies but they focus more on aesthetics than the rules of operation.
5. Do not agree with modern buildings allowed in the Historic Business District.
6. If a wider driveway, the throat where it meets the road should be kept a single lane.
7. Think you have a hard task ahead. I like the feedback from the public. Hearing good debate and reasonable conversation about the by-laws. Since this is the first draft, regarding the lounge or the mechanism to get a lounge license, would be unfair to allow the new owner to get a lounge license when many businesses have had a hard time getting wine bars. If the reasoning is the same, are the same terms and conditions going to be placed on the businesses in that district? I suppose if the terms and conditions were to apply like the Red Herring, I do not see why other facilities like that can happen.

COUNCILLORS' AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S COMMENTS

NONE

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

NONE

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

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At 7:47 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Bishop, seconded Councillor Groulx that the meeting be adjourned.



 Doug Naish, Mayor



 Paul Nopper, Clerk – Senior
 Administrator

