



**TOWN OF SAINT ANDREWS
PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION
W.C. O'NEILL ARENA DINING ROOM
ELECTRONIC MEETING**

Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

OPENING OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

The Town of Saint Andrews provided the community with an opportunity to provide feedback and comments on the Zoning By-Law Z20-02. The public viewed a copy of the Zoning By-Law Z20-02 on the Town of Saint Andrews website www.townofstandrews.ca on the main page under Featured Documents. A print version was available for picked up at the Town of Saint Andrews Office at 212 Water Street, Saint Andrews during regular business hours, Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION

*Alexander Gopen, Planner, Southwest New Brunswick Regional Service Commission.
Overview of the current version of the Zoning By-Law Z20-02.*

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK AND QUESTION PERIOD

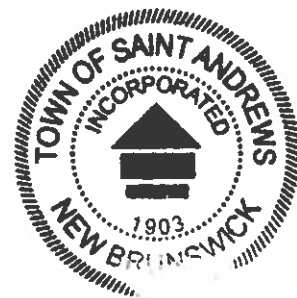
1. *I have a question about my property being switched from Central Commercial to Mixed Use. I was sent a letter stating an upcoming change to my zoning. I want to get my roof replaced before winter but need to know if I need a building permit and will I be affected by the rezoning?*
 - a. *There are several properties being rezoned within the Central Commercial zone as they are residential with a commercial zoning. Currently, in order to get a building permit, a commercial entity would need to be tied to it. By moving to Mixed Use, the zoning would allow for residential use and to get a building permit under these steps. A straight replacement of a roof does not need a building permit if structural changes do not occur.*
2. *Short-Term Rental By-Law, directly supporting the Municipal Plan and the Zoning By-Law, we do not know what this will look like. Issues with capping of Short-Term Rentals when negatively effecting Long-Term Rentals. When will this be made available?*
 - a. *The By-Law will be provided to Council for review and then open to the public. We anticipate September for a copy to Council for review.*
3. *None of the Tourism Accommodation Levy people were notified of the Municipal Plan and when it was being moved forward. Why was this not done?*
 - a. *The Town has sent notices to all residents of the Town of Saint Andrews on the Municipal Plan, Secondary Municipal Plan, and Zoning By-Laws. These notices were mailed out to ensure each household got a copy. The public has been notified on many occasions of the documents and the process they are taking.*
4. *The Short-Term Rental By-Law permit process, when it is made, will you be notifying everyone and hosting another public information session, or will you be jumping to first reading?*
 - a. *This is a separate By-Law outside of the Municipal Plan process. Council has not seen a copy yet, but staff are working on it. Right now, the documents are on independent paths. I do not know if the session will be before first reading or after. For Local Governance Act By-Laws, we can make changes right up to third and final reading. The Community Planning Act needs to have Public Hearing of Objections based on legislation.*
5. *Concern is, the Town's reference in the Municipal Plan on the impact on the long-term rental, the language does give Council the ability to cap, limit, or lottery short-*

term rentals. We are not sure how this will affect the By-Law and how it meets with the Municipal Plan. This should be removed. Do not penalize Short-Term Renters.

- 6. *How do we get the Municipal Plan changed?*
 - a. *You can submit your comments to Council and changes could occur if deemed necessary. It is built into the Municipal Plan without specifics so we can have a By-Law that highlights the process.*

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:32 p.m. the meeting be adjourned.



Doug Naish, Mayor

Paul Nopper, Clerk – Senior Administrator