

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Highlands East held on November 10, 2009 6:30 p.m. in the Lloyd Watson Centre Lounge, Wilberforce, Ontario.

Members Present:

Reeve, Dave Burton
Councillor Suzanne Partridge Ward 2
Councillor Donna Graham Ward 3
Councillor Gary Stoughton Ward 4

Staff Present:

Clerk, Irene Cook

Regrets: Deputy Jim Mackie

Attendance:

Liz Danielsen The County Voice
Stella Thorogood
Ken Sanderson
Nadeen Sanderson
Patricia Simiana
Gwendolyn Saunders
Jane Tousaw
Sue Shikaze
Linda Mumford
Jim Sangster

Special Delegations

Chris Jones
Justin Hawkins

Affiliation

Meridian Planning Consultants
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DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF.

- The Reeve called the meeting to order.
- The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m.
- A quorum was present.
- He reminded Council of the Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest as noted on the agenda.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof:

None declared.

Open Meeting

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Moved by: Donna Graham
Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this scheduled Public meeting be declared open under Section 17 and 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13 as amended in order to inform the public of the Municipality's intent to review and update its Official Plan.

Carried.

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Purpose:

The current Official Plan was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on December 7, 2004. In accordance with Provincial law, the Municipality is required to hold a public meeting on or prior to the 5 year anniversary of the Official Plan and decide if the Official Plan requires changes to reflect current issues and legislation.

The following is a brief summary of current initiatives and issues that may precipitate changes to the Official Plan for the Municipality of Highlands East:

- The Province of Ontario released a new Provincial Policy Statement subsequent to the approval of the current Highlands East Official Plan. The Provincial Policy Statement is the primary policy document for land use planning in Ontario and local planning documents and planning decisions are to be “consistent with” this document.
- The Province of Ontario has recently approved two major amendments to the Planning Act. Bill 26 and Bill 51. This new legislation creates new requirements with respect to the processing of applications and also provides Municipalities with new regulatory measures that may be used in the administration of planning approvals.
- The County of Haliburton has recently undertaken an Official Plan Review and this draft amendment is now available for public review.
- The Municipality of Highlands East has acquired geo-referenced base mapping from the County of Haliburton and will incorporate this new mapping with the Official Plan.
- The draft Official Plan will not be adopted by Council at this public meeting. Rather, comments provided at this meeting will be considered by Council in the preparation of an amending document. If Council for the Municipality of Highlands East adopts the Official Plan, the document will be forwarded to the County of Haliburton for approval as the County is the approval authority for Official Plans

PUBLIC NOTICE WAS GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

Public notice for the meeting was given as follows: October 7, 2009 - first class prepaid mail to all persons & bodies as per Planning Act, notice posted in local newspaper(The Bancroft Times, This Week, The Echo) for two consecutive weeks September 28- October 3 and October 5th – 10th, 2009. Posted on Municipal Website on September 25th, 2009 and municipal offices on September 28th, 2009.

Official Plan Review

Chris Jones, Meridian Planning Consultants discussed with Council and those in attendance the Municipality of Highlands East Official Plan. The Official Plan was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in 2004 and under the requirements of the Planning Act Council is to undergo a review and update of the Official Plan every five years. The review and update of the Official Plan will take into consideration the changes under the Planning Act, Provincial Policy Statement, County of Haliburton Official Plan, etc. Mr. Jones discussed provincial initiatives and parameters, analysis of land use data and information, and discussed local issues. The floor was then opened to group participation and comments were requested from those in attendance. Mr. Jones is looking to provide a discussion paper from the input at this meeting before the end of the year or early 2010 with a draft

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Official Plan amendment to be ready early 2010 and final approval of the amendments in the summer of 2010. Written submissions can be made to Irene Cook, Clerk or Chris Jones, Meridian Planning Consultant.

Adjournment

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Moved by: Donna Graham

Seconded by: Gary Stoughton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Public meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at **8:05 p.m.**

Reeve, Dave Burton

Clerk, Irene S. Cook