



ATTENDING

Deputy Mayor Carl Oldham, Mayor Jeff Cantwell, Councillor Wendy Donovan, Scott Roberts, Melinda Norris & Recording Secretary James Collicutt

ALSO ATTENDING

Director Community Development Chrystal Fuller, CAO Erin Beaudin & Planner Doug Parrish

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Councillor Jodi MacKay, Oliver Jacob, Steve Mattson & Bobby Barach

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Deputy Mayor Oldham, called the meeting to order at 1:34pm

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 21st, 2017

Page 3, bullet point #4, complete sentence to read "... and limited Staff resources."

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 21st, 2017 BE APPROVED AS AMENDED

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 29th, 2017

Page 1, Motion #3, add the word "POLICY" to the end of the motion.

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 29th, 2017 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED

CARRIED

4. LOUNGE SEATING POLICY DISCUSSION

Wolfville has historically only permitted lounge uses in the C-1 zone through DA. Any policy changes to lounge seating restrictions will apply to all lounges and would require all existing lounge development agreements to be amended to preserve existing hours of operations and noise restrictions written into their individual development agreements.

Staff noted that at the July 4th consultation session some lounge owners felt that restrictions on lounge seating is impacting their ability to compete businesses outside of Wolfville and that provincial regulations are sufficient. Lounge owners identified home alcohol consumption as having a more grievous impact on the Town – especially when excessive – and noted that consumption in lounges is at least supervised.



Staff recommended to remove the cap on lounge seating.

Staff read aloud Public Participation Meeting submissions from Sean Myles and Lynda MacDonald.

Committee Discussion

The Committee acknowledged that Wolfville’s businesses should be able to enjoy the benefits of the local craft beverage movement as fully as other nearby businesses outside of Town.

The implementation of a comprehensive alcohol strategy is a critical component. Furthermore, requiring all establishments to make server intervention training mandatory through the comprehensive alcohol strategy would be preferred.

The province’s regulations appear to work well in other (university) communities and removing the cap encourages developers to come to Wolfville and take advantage of the food and craft beverage culture that is growing in the area. A broader policy change that encourages development in the west end of the Town to ease concerns about residential/commercial conflicts in the east end of Town may also be worth while.

The Committee was supportive of removing the cap, but asked if enabling additional enforcement support for time/places of key concerns would be possible? Staff noted that approval cannot be linked to enforcement action.

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT COUNCIL AMEND THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY TO REMOVE THE SPECIFIC CAP ON LOUNGE SEATING, AS DESCRIBED IN ATTACHMENT 1 OF THE STAFF REPORT DATED JULY 19th, 2017.

CARRIED

5. FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Proposed meeting dates for the remainder of 2017 were accepted by the Committee.

6. QUESTION PERIOD

No further questions or comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT OF PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Planning Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27th, 2017.

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 2:28 PM

CARRIED

As recorded by James Collicutt, AA Community Development

Approved at the September 20th, 2017 meeting of PAC.