

TOWN OF MAHONE BAY
Planning Advisory Committee
MINUTES
5 December 2006

The Town of Mahone Bay Planning Advisory Committee met in the Town Council Chamber on Tuesday, 5 December 2006, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Chair	Councillor Lila O'Connor
Members	Mr. John Biebesheimer Ms. Lynn Hennigar Ms. Heather Gordon Councillor Cathie Slaughenwhite-Nowe Deputy Mayor John Bain
Regrets	Councillor David Hennigar
Staff	Geoff MacDonald, Planner Jim Wentzell, C.A.O.

Public Gallery None

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 7 November 2006 were declared approved as circulated.

2. Referrals and Presentations

None.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

(a) Strip Clubs

Mr. MacDonald reviewed his report of 29 November on adult entertainment, which had been reviewed by the Solicitor and revised to include the Solicitor's comments.

Moved by Ms Hennigar, seconded by Councillor Slaughenwhite-Nowe that Council accept the recommendations of the 29 November staff report to define and regulate 'adult entertainment'. Motion carried

(b) Sandwich Board Signs

Mr. MacDonald reviewed his report of 29 November on Portable signs. He also reviewed the comments of the Solicitor, who felt that the Streets By-law should not enable the leasing of any portion of the streets and suggest other ways to deal with the issues. The Committee reviewed various pictures of examples of signs and other encroachments on public streets. The Deputy Mayor introduced the correspondence with the 'Biscuit Eater' café and bookstore and their problem with direction signs. The C.A.O. reported on his conversations with the same establishment and suggested that the direction sign program be extended to allow direction signs on private property where there is no good location on the public street. The Chair reported on her discussion of the issues with the Chamber of Commerce and reported that the Chamber has a committee ready to meet with Town staff as soon as Council has agreed on the general approach to these sign and encroachment issues.

Moved by Ms. Hennigar, seconded by Mr. Biebesheimer, that the Solicitor's comments be incorporated into the report and presented to Council at its next meeting. Motion carried

(c) Mr. MacDonald reviewed material from the MGA Information Bulletins and from the local Government Resource Handbook on development permits, variances, site plans, and development agreements. There was a discussion of how these will be used in the new Planning Strategy. It was agreed that some decisions about how to use site plans will have to wait until the Committee reviews the lists of uses and the development criteria in the Land Use By-law.

4. **New Business**

None

5. **MPS Review**

No report available

6. **Other**

The next meeting date is set for Tuesday, 6 February 2007

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. by agreement.

Chairman

Recording Secretary

MOTION OF P.A.C.

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Moved by Ms Hennigar, seconded by Councillor Slaughenwhite-Nowe that Council accept the recommendations of the 29 November staff report to define and regulate 'adult entertainment'. **Motion carried**

Moved by Ms. Hennigar, seconded by Mr. Biebesheimer, that the Solicitor's comments be incorporated into the 29 November staff report on portable signs and presented to Council at its next meeting. **Motion carried**