

**Municipal Effectiveness Advisory Committee (MEAC)  
Approved Minutes  
July 14, 2016**

**Present:** Chair Jane Nicholson, Vice-chair Byron Mersereau, Bill MacDonald, Alyn How, Issam Mansour, Ron Wesman and Brian Bohaker, and Chris Millier by Skype. Also in attendance Gary Fitzpatrick.

**Administration:** CAO<sup>1</sup> Gregory Barr and Recording Secretary Sandi Millett-Campbell.

**Regrets:** Ruth Thorbourne and Council Paul Paquette

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Nicholson called the meeting to order at 10.05 am.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION #MEAC-2016-JULY-14-1**

It was moved by Councillor Mersereau, seconded by Bill MacDonald to approve the agenda as presented. **CARRIED.**

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – June 23, 2016**

**MOTION #MEAC-2016-JULY-14-2**

It was moved by Bill MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Mersereau to approve the minutes of June 23, 2016 as presented. **CARRIED.**

4. **PUBLIC INPUT – Gary Fitzpatrick**

Mr. Fitzpatrick voiced his concern on the current MPS By-Law on yard sales. Mr Fitzpatrick continually talks to tourist and visitors that has stopped at his yard sale and directed them to downtown or the Visitor Information Centre. Mr Fitzpatrick feels that having yard sales at his place is good for the Town and sees no issues with the parking along Prince Albert Road. The By-Law currently states ...Notwithstanding anything else in this Bylaw, while regular or frequent yard sales are not permitted within the Town, community organization sales and flea markets may be held, with landowner consent, by service clubs and other non-profit organizations in any non-residential zone and no development permit shall be issued unless at least 20 on-site parking spaces are available for the subject sale or flea market. The By-Law is open to interpretation on the number of times a resident may conduct a yard sale. Chair Nicholson thanked Mr Fitzpatrick for attending the meeting and will take his points into consideration when they come to this section in the review.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

i. **Sector Review – Residential**

Chair Nicholson reviewed the homework questions and started the discussion with how open the Committee is to change, the document should be practical to understand and fair for all residents, protect the heritage value of St George Street and the business district as a cohesive section of town with no gaps, and communicate the changes to the residents. Mr MacDonald included that the built heritage of the community needs to be retained. The Committee discussed the option of a

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mixed use zone with the residential area being the main focus but increase the options for economic development in the island zones located downtown. The mixed use for Residential and Commercial use could be around the Price Albert Rd, Victoria St, St James St, Drury Lane area and allow home based business with restrictions, allow a greater flexibility and broader range in this zone, by creating a balance by decreasing the square footage to 51% residential, number of staff and parking issues relating to the home office or home business. The Committee reviewed the current Schedule A, Zoning Map to consider what areas need to be consider in changing.

Homework for next meeting is to review Policies 6.2-6.5.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION – None**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #MEAC-2016-JULY-14-3**

It was moved by Bill MacDonald to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 am. **CARRIED.**

**Next Meeting: July 29, 2016 at 10:00am.**

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Chair Jane Nicholson

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Recording Secretary Millett-Campbell