

Municipal Effectiveness Advisory Committee (MEAC)
Approved Minutes
February 23, 2017

Present: Chair Jane Nicholson (by Skype), Mayor William MacDonald, Deputy Mayor Pat Power, Alyn How, Paul Paquette and Chris Millier (by Skype).

Administration: CAO¹ Gregory Barr and Recording Secretary Sandi Millett-Campbell.

Regrets: Ruth Thorbourne, Brian Bohaker and Samantha Myhre

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Nicholson called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION #MEAC-2017-FEB-23-1

It was moved by Mayor MacDonald, seconded by Paul Paquette to approve the agenda as presented. **CARRIED.**

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – February 9, 2017**

MOTION #MEAC-2017-FEB-23-2

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Mayor MacDonald, to approve the minutes of February 9, 2017 as presented. **CARRIED.**

4. **PUBLIC INPUT – None**

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

i. **Sector Review – Commercial**

Planner Millier asked the Committee to think of the big issues in the commercial sector and what the Committee would like to see moving forward in the commercial area. The Committee discussed having the commercial section all businesses on the main street, having a mixed retail and services at ground level, retail only on ground level, seasonal businesses, the small population and small area to support in the off season, and the impact of more people ordering online and not in the local retail stores. The Committee reviewed the Future Land Use map and discussed the commercial boundary lines as they are now and how they see the commercial boundaries changing in the future. The Committee discussed parking and if the commercial area needs to restrict number of spaces required or regulate parking in the LUB.

The Committee discussed the current three commercial zones, C1 (General Commercial), C2 (Highway Commercial) and C3 (Heritage Commercial). Planner Millier outlined in the current LUB² there is no policy to support this C3 zone. The Committee discussed if the C3 zone is necessary to keep and if so the Committee would need to set up the parameters of the zone. The Committee liked the idea of the Heritage Zone on Lower St George Street and would like to see

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the zone be limited to tourist activities as a “soft commercial zone” in a way to preserve the streetscape of this important area in Town.

Chair Nicholson will work on rewriting the beginning paragraphs of part 7. The Committee agreed to keep the same format used from the residential section in the commercial section to keep the continuous flow of the document.

Parking Lot: ESA land along Prince Albert Road new designation mixed use (Residential/Commercial) or Commercial only.

6. NEW BUSINESS – None

7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION – None

Homework is to review commercial policy, Part 7 pages 8 to 10 of the MEAC working documents.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #MEAC-2017-FEB-23-3

It was moved by Mayor MacDonald to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 pm. **CARRIED.**

Next Meeting: March 9, 2017 at 10:00 am.

Chair Jane Nicholson

Recording Secretary Millett-Campbell