



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Public Hearing
August 9, 2016
Special Events By-law (S-001)

In attendance:

R. Dauphinee	Warden
R. Allen	Councillor
S. Pineo	Councillor
R. Matheson	Councillor
J. Daniels	Councillor
P. Morton	Councillor
G. Miller	Councillor
M. Laycock	Director of Finance (Acting CAO)
B. Carrigan	Director of Public Works
K. Dempsey	Director of Planning
J. Bourque	Municipal Planner
D. Dignan	REMO Coordinator
C. Lowe	Accountant
R. Brown	Municipal Clerk
C. Remme	Executive Assistant

There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

Warden Dauphinee advised Council that the Public Hearing is required under Section 168 of the *Municipal Government Act*, for dealing with the Special Events By-law (S-001).

Warden Dauphinee called on REMO Coordinator, Don Dignan, to speak on the By-law.

The REMO Coordinator advised Council that Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) Nova Scotia requires communities to have a Special Events By-law. He went on to note that the document had been drafted using a template provided by the EMO and reviewing a number of similar by-laws throughout the Province. The Coordinator explained that the main purpose of the By-law is to allow the Municipality, as well as other units such as the RCMP, fire, and Emergency Health Services (EHS) to review any events taking place in the region that could affect the general public. He noted that there are components of the By-law that require event planners to have plans in place for safety, fire, health, and other items such as traffic control.

Warden Dauphinee thanked the Coordinator for his presentation and asked if there were any questions on the presentation.

Councillor Pineo asked if music festivals would fall under the By-law to which the Coordinator responded that the By-law would apply to any event expecting 500 people or more in attendance.

Councillor Matheson asked if the By-law was mandated to which the REMO Coordinator responded yes, noting that the Municipality had been using the Town of Windsor's By-law which did not allow for enforcement.

The Warden called for written submissions in favor of the by-law. There were none.

The Warden called for oral submissions in favor of the change. Tom Calkin (member of the public) asked if there would be an opportunity to inform the public of the new By-law and communicate the penalties. The REMO Coordinator responded that notice of the Second Reading of the By-law had appeared in the paper and he would ensure that the By-law was placed on the REMO webpage. Warden Dauphinee suggested that information regarding the new By-law be placed in the next Municipal newsletter to inform all residents.

Warden Dauphinee called for written submissions against the By-law. There were none.

Warden Dauphinee called for oral submissions against the By-law. There were no submissions.

Warden Dauphinee asked if the Coordinator had any closing remarks. The Coordinator had no closing remarks.

Warden Dauphinee asked if there was anything further from the floor. Jane Davis (member of the public) asked for clarification on the definition of an event in terms of the length of time the event lasts. The Coordinator stated that any event of 500 people or more would have to meet the requirements of the By-law regardless of the length of time the event ran for.

Warden Dauphinee declared the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

R. Dauphinee
Warden

R. Brown
Municipal Clerk