



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Public Hearing
March 15, 2017
Municipal Planning Strategy Amendment - Transportation Map

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| In attendance: | A. Zebian | Warden |
| | R. Jannasch | Councillor District 1 |
| | K. Monroe | Councillor District 2 |
| | D. Keith | Councillor District 3 |
| | T. Leopold | Councillor District 4 |
| | D. Francis | Councillor District 5 |
| | R. Hussey | Councillor District 6 |
| | J. Daniels | Councillor District 7 |
| | R. Zwicker | Councillor District 10 |
| | C. Osborne | CAO |
| | M. Laycock | Director of Finance |
| | C. McClare | Waste Reduction Coordinator |
| | J. Bourque | Municipal Planner |
| | R. Sherrard | Municipal Engineer |
| | R. Brown | Municipal Clerk |
| | J. Woodman | Administrative Assistant |

There were 19 members of the public in attendance.

Warden Zebian advised that the public hearing is required under 205 (3) of the Municipal Government Act for a proposed amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy. He went on to say this session provides members of the public with an opportunity to bring up any concerns and ask questions on the planning staff regarding the amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy.

Warden Zebian explained the proposed amendment will update the Municipal Planning Strategy, Transportation Map 2, and create a new policy that will enable future updates without an MPS amendment.

Warden Zebian advised when the Public Hearing is complete, the Council meeting will resume and Councillors may then ask questions and make comments at the time before being called to approve or reject the application.

The Warden then called the Municipal Planner, Jeanne Bourque to speak on the issue.

The Municipal Planner reviewed the report and explained that when the new Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) was adopted in 2008, it had been worded in a way that new streets could not be added to the Transportation Map (Map 2) without going through the entire amendment process. She stated that in order to include an updated version of Transportation Map 2 and proceed with any development in several areas, this map, as part of the MPS, must now be amended. Staff are proposing that in addition to making the updates, that a policy be added to enable staff to add streets as they are built without

having to go through the amendment process, which is very cumbersome. She indicated a staff report was prepared and presented to the Planning Advisory Committee, staff held a public information meeting, and then the proposed amendments preceded to First Reading of Council. She advised the next step is tonight's Public Hearing after which Council may hold the Second Reading and make a decision. If approved staff would make the amendments to the MPS Transportation Map 2 and policies.

The Municipal Planner asked if there were any questions from the public.

Tom Calkin of Falmouth questioned why it is being made so easy to make an amendment and felt it shortened the timespan to revise the Traffic Map. The Municipal Planner clarified that the only map that would be updated is Map 2, the Transportation Map of the MPS, which is simply a map of existing streets.

Mr. Calkin further inquired if this is the area where there is contention between Windsor and West Hants regarding the connection of the road systems. The Municipal Planner indicated that MPS Map 2 only contains streets that have been built. There is another map that forms part of the Subdivision By-law, called the Future Streets Map, which shows preferred future street networks in the border area between Windsor and West Hants in Garlands Crossing, but that is a different matter from what is before Council tonight.

Warden Zebian called for any oral or written submissions in favour of the amendment. There were none.

Warden Zebian called for any oral or written submissions in against the amendment. There were none.

Warden Zebian asked if the Municipal Planner had any closing comments. She had no further comments.

Warden Zebian declared the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Abraham Zebian, Warden

Rhonda Brown, Municipal Clerk