



**NORTH WEST PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
January 9, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Ann Merritt, Chair  
Dave Haverstock, Vice Chair  
Councillor Tim Outhit  
Ross Evans  
Nick Horne  
Keith Boutilier  
J. Christopher Bewsher  
Robert Jarvis

**REGRETS:** Councillor Lisa Blackburn  
Donalda MacIsaac

**STAFF:** Shayne Vipond, Planner III  
Stephanie Salloum, Planner II  
Ben Sivak, Principal Planner  
Meaghan Dalton, Planner I  
Alicia Wall, Legislative Support

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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*The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. the Committee adjourned at 8:37 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., at the Sackville Heights Community Centre Gym, 45 Connolly Road, Middle Sackville.

The Chair turned the meeting over to the Legislative Support at this time.

## **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Alicia Wall, Legislative Support called for nominations for the position of Chair of the North West Planning Advisory Committee.

The following names were put forward, Ann Merritt and Keith Boutilier.

Ms. Wall called three more times for any further nominations, there being none, the vote was taken by secret ballot and Ann Merritt was declared Chair of the North West Planning Advisory Committee.

Ann Merritt assumed the Chair and the Legislative Support took their seat.

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the North West Planning Advisory Committee.

The following names were put forward, Nick Horne and Dave Haverstock.

The Chair called three more times for any further nominations, there being none, the vote was taken by secret ballot and Dave Haverstock was declared Vice Chair of the North West Planning Advisory Committee.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 3, 2018**

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded Nick Horne

**THAT the minutes of October 3, 2018 be approved.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Keith Boutilier

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

**5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

**6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE**

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

## **9. REPORTS**

### **9.1 STAFF**

**9.1.1 Case 21402: Sackville Rivers Floodplain Council initiated project to amend the appropriate planning documents to reflect the most recent floodplain mapping for areas surrounding the Sackville and Little Sackville Rivers**

The following was before the Committee:

- Initiation Report
- Interactive Map showing existing and updated floodplains
- Sackville Rivers Floodplain Study – Phase II (2017)
- Statement of Provincial Interest Regarding Flood Risk Areas

The Chair invited Ben Sivak Principal, Planner, to present Case 21402.

Ben Sivak explained they were seeking the Committee's advice prior to making recommendations to North West Community Council and that the floodplain study was completed in 2017. Reasons for the study were: public safety, protection of personal property, reducing the need for flood control and to reduce cleanup costs/damages after the fact. Climate change is a contributing factor to the increased size of the floodplain. Currently, there is a 5% chance of a 1 in 20 flood event in any given year and there is a 1% chance of a 1 in 100 flood event in any given year. Provincial legislation states that the Municipality must plan for these flood events. High risk flooding areas include the Sunnyside Mall area, Range Park, Sackville Cross Roads and McCabe Lake.

The Committee considered the application with staff responding to questions. Members agreed that this was a good use of funds and questioned whether increasing watercourse buffers and expanding culverts could aid in flood prevention.

Sivak noted they were exploring options to determine the best course of action, and that when permits are issued in the floodplain area, applicants are being referred to the website as well as being advised that the Floodplain Study exists. Currently there are roughly 600-700 properties located within the floodplain area.

**9.1.2 Proposed 2019 North West Planning Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule**

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated October 29, 2018

MOVED by Nick Horne, seconded by J. Christopher Bewsher

**THAT the North West Planning Advisory Committee approve the proposed 2019 meeting schedule as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated October 29, 2018.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9.1.3 Case 21639: Initiation of Planning Document Amendments - Margeson Drive Master Plan - Margeson Drive and the Highway #101 Interchange, Middle Sackville**

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff Memorandum dated January 10, 2019

The Chair invited Shayne Vipond, Planner III, to present Case 21639.

Due to technical difficulties, staff was unable to deliver their power point presentation.

Shayne Vipond provided background information on the project and advised it has been in the works for about 8 months to a year. These lands have received requests for individual development as well as corporate development and currently there are competing interests. Vipond advised that Regional Council passed a Resolution on December 4, 2018 mandating the North West Planning Advisory to form the

Public Participation Committee for the Margeson Drive Master Plan. Vipond is looking to have the North West Planning Advisory Committee create a list of agenda items to be actioned.

During the discussion, members expressed having public input prior to creating an initial agenda. It was noted that the timeline for the project is about 24 months. Stakeholders as well as the Province are being consulted.

It was agreed that this matter would be brought forward to the next meeting for further discussion.

**10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**11. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE**

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 6, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the BMO Centre Boardroom, 61 Gary Martin Drive, Bedford.**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Alicia Wall  
Legislative Support