

Meeting Notes

Bedford Waterfront VIC Meeting - Feb 24 2010

Bedford Jr. HS Library

1. In attendance: Ali Cinar, Terry Drisdelle, Victoria Dymond, John Merrick, Rosemarie Sampson and Doug Kolmer, Chair

Regrets: Tim Outhit, Paul Morgan, Mark Ward, Sharon McCready, and Harvey Doane

2. Approval was given to Meeting Notes from October 28 2009 and January 27 2010.

ACTION ALL:

Any final comments from July 6th Working Session with Ekistics are to be submitted to Paul Morgan by Friday March 12th 2010. (See items 4 and 7)

3. Councillor Outhit and Paul Morgan are on the Boundary Review and Governance Committee of Council and were at a community consultation in Sheet Harbour.

The next meeting of this committee is on Thursday, Feb 25th 2010 at 6:30pm at the Sackville Heights Community Centre, 45 Connolly Rd in Sackville.

The subject is municipal district boundaries and size and role of regional and community councils. This review must be completed by Dec 31st and be submitted to the Provincial Utility and Review Board.

4. Terry Drisdelle (WDCL) provided an up date on the Design Study. He summarized the history of the project and identified the two issues that have held up progress: The first was a problem with the financial pro forma. The consultants have resolved this issue. The second was settling on an approach to secure access to the land needed for the second crossing of the CN tracks. The selected approach needed to have a letter from HRM identifying the steps that HRM would take to support this land acquisition. The letter has been received and reviewed by WDCL Planning Committee.

As a result, Terry anticipates that Ekistics would present the Design Study to WDCL Planning Committee on March 23rd. 2010.

At this point, Terry indicated that Ekistics is scheduled to present the Birch Cove Design Study to the Public on **Monday, March 22nd 2010, 7pm at St Peters Church hall at the corner of Bedford Hwy and Kearney Lake Rd.**

We feel that it would be beneficial if as many of us as possible could attend this presentation, as it will serve as a 'dry run' for the public presentation of the Bedford Waterfront Design Study, likely in May 2010.

In terms of the Bedford Waterfront, we are looking to have Ekistics present the Design Study to the Steering Committee and VIC on Wednesday, March 31st, 2010 at our next meeting for our review and comment. (See item 3 above – need to compare what we'll be looking at with the direction we agreed upon in July)

ACTION: Terry Drisdelle to confirm this date.

5. Regarding the Task Group review of the Bedford MPS, **we request that HRM Planning provide 12 hard copies of the MPS to the VIC**, given the need to cross-reference policy elements from other sections of the MPS with the Waterfront specific elements, in order to understand the overall context of existing policy direction. This is too hard to do with the electronic version of the document.

ACTION: Paul Morgan and John Merrick(to distribute the copies)

6. Regarding other planning issues impacting the Vision implementation, Doug Kolmer has been in contact with Elaine Loney, co-chairperson of the Development Committee of the Cobequid Centre of the Cultural Arts Society. (www.cccas.ca) **Please look at their Website and answer the survey.**

This is regarding their interest in taking advantage of the timing of the construction of a new high school in Bedford – probably in Bedford West – to have a cultural facility built in conjunction with the new HS.

The Cultural Society is holding public consultations on their 'vision so far' and Elaine has asked me to be at the meeting on March 4th, 7pm at the Legion in Bedford. I'll be away for that session, so I've asked Rosemarie Sampson to represent the VIC at that meeting.

ACTION: Rosemarie Sampson

7. Next Steps and Next meeting

-Ekistics presentation of the Bedford Waterfront design Study to the Steering Committee and VIC **Wed March 31st at Bedford Jr. HS Library 7 pm**

-Action items as above