

**BIRCH COVE DESIGN
STEERING COMMITTEE
MARCH 16, 2009**

MEMBERS: Paul Morgan, Planner, HRM Regional Planning
Terry Drisdell, Project Manager/Planner, Waterfront Development Co.
Anne Muecke, Senior Planner, Griffiths Muecke
Navid Saberi, President United Gulf Developments Ltd.
Rob Leblanc, Consultant for Project
Ross Cantwell, Colliers International
Colin Darlington
Manon Gilroy

ALTERNATES: Patricia Portman, Alternate
Michael Delli Colli, Alternate

OTHERS: Councillor Debbie Hum

REGRETS: Wayne Ingalls
Maria Medioli

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Paul Morgan at 6:56p.m. in the Keshen Goodman Library.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Debbie Hum, Councillor for the area, welcomed Committee Members to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Each person in attendance introduced and gave a brief description about themselves.

3. ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE

Paul Morgan circulated a 'Public Participation Program for the Birch Cove Area Planning Study/MPS Amendment Process' document. Mr. Morgan explained that the Birch Cove Steering Committee shall be established to provide direction in the public participation program for the Birch Cove Study Area. Requests for representatives were made by placement of notice in a local newspaper and written invitations were to be made to all property owners in the study area and known community organizations within the vicinity. The selection of committee members is made by the Chebucto Community Council. He explained that these meetings are open to the public and reviewed the Committee's mandate.

Referring to the handout, Mr. Morgan reviewed the following:

- Goals
- Study Objectives
- Consultant Qualifications
- Project Management
- Tasks

It was asked what the rules of Council are. Councillor Hum explained that Council follows Rogers Rules. There are also rules of conduct that are stated on the HRM website.

Councillor Hum suggested a meeting be held for the public, so that they are able to ask questions and to address concerns. She requested a Committee package be circulated including reports and a list of Committee members including their contact information.

Mr. Rob Leblanc explained that their website will contain all of this information.

Mr. Morgan explained that the Committee will need to schedule a meeting to review the design brief before the end of June 2009. The target completion date of this Committee is to finish by Fall 2009.

4. CONSULTANT'S WORK PLAN

Mr. Rob Leblanc gave a brief overview of the services Ekistics will be providing. Reviewing the organizational chart, he explained that they will be conducting interviews

this week. Reviewing a list of action items, he noted they are recommendations of Council. The overall work plan has been broken down into three phases: understanding of background phase; consultation phase; and a design phase. Ekistics will be working on the draft report over the summer and will bring it back to this Committee by the end of August for its comments. Once completed there may be an open house. Overall there will be two workshops and two open houses. He explained that his presentation as well as more information regarding the work plan can be found on their website at <http://www.ekistics.net/>

5. DISCUSSION

Discussion regarding workshop venues and possible dates took place, after some discussion it was decided that the workshop will be held at St. Peters Church on June 18, 2009 with a Committee meeting to be held prior to that on June 3, 2009 also to be held at St. Peters Church. Councillor Hum added that she would try to put publication of this workshop in the Bedford News.

It was recommended that Committee members review the Westside Study Project for a sense of background. Councillor Hum noted that she would speak with Roger Wells to see if binders could be made up for the members of this Committee.

It was decided that at the next Committee meeting, they would elect a Chair.

At this time each member had an opportunity to express their comments and concerns. The following comments were discussed:

- look at the alignment of Kearney Lake Road (should be further to the South)
- preserving view plains and the quality of life
- include walkways
- traffic issues
- followup on having a stakeholder agreement / service agreement with the Province on opportunities of having the land as a park
- sewage / drainage
- the need of vs. no need for a bicycle lane
- storm water run off issues
- St. Peter's church is not currently interested in selling its property.
- solar panels / heating and the right to light
- water lots (how many can be filled vs. can not be filled in)
- sea levels and what it will impact

It was noted that the barge is used for research and development and has a 500 metre controlled excess zone. Discussion on possibilities of a marina and concern with noise levels may disturb the acoustic scientist.

6. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:40p.m.