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**ATTENDING**

Mayor Jeff Cantwell, Councillor Carl Oldham, Councillor Wendy Donovan, Councillor Jodi MacKay, Bobby Barach, Scott Roberts, Melinda Norris & Oliver Jacob

**ALSO ATTENDING**

Director Chrystal Fuller, Planner Devin Lake, Councillor Mercedes Brian, Councillor Oonagh Proudfoot, Councillor Wendy Elliott & Recording Secretary James Collicutt

**ABSENT WITH REGRET**

Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin & Steve Mattson

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM

**1. AGENDA APPROVAL**

**MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED**

**CARRIED**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED**

**CARRIED**

**3. MPS SECTIONS 1 & 2**

Public, Committee and Council comments – tracked and recorded in a spreadsheet to assure comments are addressed – public consultation has been extensive and Staff do not plan to hold any additional major consultations. Staff have received direction from Council to maintain the timeline as presented; however, if PAC believes there is a need for another major consultation Staff will take it to Council for direction.

**Section 1**

The following chapters were reviewed by Staff:

- *'Purpose'* outlines why the document is produced and the importance of the MGA.
- *'Community Profile'* provides a snapshot of where we are now, who Wolfville's citizens are and how best to direct future planning efforts to accommodate this data.
- *'Disruptors'* identifies socioeconomic uncertainties that affect the implementation of objectives and priorities set out in the MPS.
- *'Regional and Provincial Coordination'* illustrates how the MPS is consistent with the Statements of Provincial Interest.

**Section 2**

The following chapters were reviewed by Staff:

- ‘Sustainability and Resilience’ establishes a multi-pillar approach to sustainable community development to promote equity for current and future generations.
- ‘Our Shared Future’ is a desired future that will be worked toward during the life of the plan.
- ‘Community Priorities’ identifies objectives and links to policies in the document.

**Committee Discussion**

The Committee noted for Council’s consideration that the intent of the first two sections is to set a direction for the community; however, the sections at present do not describe what that community would look like in sufficient detail. Furthermore, there are too many priorities and the language is too passive – these priorities at present could be applicable to many municipalities and need to be more specific to Wolfville.

The Committee suggested that the 15 priorities could be grouped into fewer more widely-encompassing priorities supported by bolder language that are more easily attained and have clear indicators of success. These sections are precursors to the more specific sections that are to follow.

The Committee agreed that there may be a worthwhile conversation to be had in regards to what the 4 over-arching priority groups would be.

Staff are to review these sections and post them to the website for public discussion.

**2.3 COMMUNITY PRIORITIES**



Community priorities are specific statements of what the Town will strive to achieve from a land use, community design and development perspective. The priorities provide a road map to achieving the ‘Shared Future’ over time. These priorities will be considered when dealing with development and planning issues in the Town. The policies of this plan shall be consistent with and supportive of these priorities. It will be important to monitor the achievement of these priorities over time.

Guided by the four dimensions of sustainable community development, the Town of Wolfville will work towards achieving the following priorities:

West

End Update



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- A 3-year ongoing process, developers would like to get to PAC/Council ASAP but developer's requested changes will lengthen the timeline.
  - Staff will bring it to the Committee once they've been able to come to an agreement with the developers, otherwise it will come to PAC/Council as an request for direction on how to proceed at a standstill in negotiations.

Next meeting date stay to April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – approved. Summer meeting dates will stay the same but a list of proposed future meeting dates for the Fall will be brought forward for discussion at the next meeting.

**4. QUESTION PERIOD**

No questions.

**5. ADJOURNMENT OF PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 3:21 PM**

**CARRIED**

As recorded by James Collicutt, AA Community Development