

PUBLIC MEETING
September 29, 2010
Approved Minutes

DATE: September 29, 2010

TIME: 7:30 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.
8:30 p.m. - 8:55 p.m.

PLACE: Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive

COUNCIL: Mayor Jenkins, Councillor Gary Clow, Councillor Diane Griffin, Councillor Stevie MacDonald

PLANNING BOARD

MEMBERS: Norm LaLonde, Cliff Campbell, Rob DeBlois,

STAFF: Robert Hughes, Chief Administrative Officer, Vahid Ghomoshchi, Director of Planning and Adele Gillis Recording Clerk

PUBLIC: 3 Residents - Mike Wood, David Dunphy, Leigh Jenkins

Note:

A copy of the Amendments to the Official Plan and Development Bylaw #29; Appendix B Sustainable Subdivision (Evaluation Criteria and Scoring System), and Proposed Zoning Map were available as handouts for the Public.

These documents were also available for viewing on the Town of Stratford's Web Page.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Mayor Jenkins then turned the meeting over to Councillor Gary Clow, Chair of the Planning and Heritage Committee.

Councillor Clow thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Councillor Clow then noted that we are here this evening to hear the proposed amendments to the Town's Official Plan and Development Bylaw to enable the Sustainable to Subdivision policy.

Following the adoption of our community sustainability plan- Imagine Stratford 2008, we have been reviewing our policies and operations to ensure that we are moving towards a more sustainable future.

One area where we can have a big impact is encouraging new subdivision development to be more sustainable. When we say sustainable subdivision we are talking about subdivisions where

more green space is kept for resident use, where more social interaction is possible, where housing choices are increased, where environmentally sensitive land is protected, where trees are protected, where infrastructure costs are reduced, where more active transportation is possible etc.

We have therefore developed the sustainable subdivision policy and bylaw and presented that to public at our past public meeting in August 2010. During and after the public meeting we didn't receive any negative feedback from the public.

Tonight, as promised at the previous meeting, we are presenting the proposed amendments to the Town's Official Plan and Development Bylaw and seeking your input.

We hope that you will agree with our goals of a sustainable subdivision where there is increased resident health and wellness, better protection of natural resources and more efficient servicing and that you will offer your advice on how we may best achieve those goals through the proposed amendment to the Official Plan and Development Bylaw.

Councillor Clow then turned the meeting over to the Director of Planning, Vahid Ghomoshchi to explain the proposed amendments in more detail.

The Director of Planning also noted that the Town did not receive any negative comments from the Public on the first public meeting. The Director of Planning then presented a brief overview of Stratford's Sustainable Plan, showing the 24 principles of a sustainable subdivision. A review of all the main indicators categorized in four dimensions, the scoring table and how the point system works.

The Director of Planning also displayed by power point and read Policy PR3: Sustainable Subdivision, Amendments to the Development Bylaw #29; Section 18 - Sustainable Subdivision Overlay Zone to all those in attendance.

Councilor Clow then asked the Public if they had any questions.

Mike Wood asked if Apartments are included in a special use permit?

The Director of Planning replied that Apartments will require a Special Permit from Council.

A resident joined the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and noted that the Advertisement in the Guardian stated that the meeting started at 8:30 p.m.

The Guardian Ad was checked and it was verified that there was indeed a mistake in the time. The meeting was also advertised on the Town's Web Site and the correct time was stated at 7:30 p.m.

Councillor Clow then noted that this meeting would be adjourned at 8:10 p.m. and we would take a break and restart the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

One member of the Public showed up at 8:30 p.m.

8:30 p.m. Councillor Clow called the meeting to order and turned it over to Vahid Ghomoshchi,

The Director of Planning then presented a brief overview of Stratford's Sustainable Plan and the Amendments to the Official Plan and Development Bylaw #29, Appendix B Sustainable Subdivision (Evaluation Criteria and Scoring System), and Proposed Zoning Map.

There being no questions the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.