



Peggy's Cove Commission Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, April 16, 2020

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Via Conference Call

Members in Attendance

John Campbell - Chair

Gary Logan – Vice Chair

Aonghus Garrison

Peter Richardson

Jeannie Chow – Dept. of Business

Gordon Smith – Dept. of Municipal Affairs

Graham Fisher – Dept. of Municipal Affairs

Member Regrets - None

Matt Whitman – HRM Councilor

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm

1.1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the April 16, 2020 agenda *upon motion, duly seconded, Motion carried.*
Commissioner Logan acts as Chair for the next agenda item due to conflict of Commissioner Campbell.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Conflicts declared per agenda item 3 - J. Campbell

3. Application review - Ambassatours

The Ambassatours application for the construction of temporary bathroom facilities in the Sou'Wester parking lot was reviewed and discussed by the Commission.

Motion that the application be approved for one year but if there is continued need for washroom facilities then it is expected that Ambassatours make a new application after one year and work with the Commission on appropriate design. Approval letter to be amended to reflect this requirement. *Upon motion, duly seconded,* the Commission agrees to approve the application. *Motion carried.*

4. Other Business

4.1 Governance Document

Updates will be made by Commissioner Logan on the following items:

- In the event the Chair or the Vice Chair is not available, the Commission meeting can continue as long as there is a quorum of Commissioners.
- Correspondence will be excluded from posting on the website due to confidentiality. All other information will be posted unless deemed confidential by the Commission.
- If required, teleconference meetings are permitted and considered valid with all the authority as regular in person meetings.

4.2 Correspondence - Paruch letter

A response letter has been drafted and discussed by the Commission. Commission instructed G. Fisher to include in the letter:

- a contact for the Harbour Authority;
- attach the letter that was sent from the Commission to Develop NS.

4.3 Mobile Vending Follow-up

The Commission continued to discuss how best to address the issue of mobile vending and the issue of non-compliance with current by-laws.

Motion that direction was given to Commissioner Smith to further develop a policy statement on the definition and the issues surrounding mobile vending. This policy to also to be reviewed by Department of Justice. ***Upon motion, duly seconded***, the Commission agrees to have a policy statement developed for further discussion. ***Motion carried.***

Motion that due to the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions it would be appropriate to extend the current abeyance of the bylaws as they relate to mobile vending to reduce the strain on existing affected businesses. ***Upon motion, duly seconded***, the Commission agrees to extend the abeyance of enforcing the bylaws related to mobile vending. ***Motion carried noting one dissenting vote.***

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm. Next meeting Wednesday, May 1, 2020 by teleconference.

Follow-ups....

Table at the next meeting the following 3 questions for discussion:

1. How does the Commission want to enforce the by-laws?
2. Are there parts of the by-laws that enforcement should be focused on?
3. Are there parts of the by-law that need to change to protect sensitive parts of the cove?

Discussion ensued around submissions for new businesses to ensure compliance.

4.4 Consideration of By-Law Review

Commission to have RFP prepared and ready starting with the by-law review, when budget approved in March.

Motion Commission to request a meeting of the Chair/Vice Chair with the Deputy Minister to discuss the role of the Commission as well as Ministerial appointments, ***upon motion, duly seconded***, the Commission agrees to proceed. ***Motion carried.***