



## Peggy's Cove Commission Meeting

### Minutes

Thursday February 13, 2020

Location: Department of Municipal Affairs  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Maritime Centre, 1505 Barrington Street, Halifax

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#### 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

Matt Whitman – HRM Councillor

#### Agenda Items

##### 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm

##### 1.1. Approval of Agenda

Note – Correspondence of September 9, 2019 to Minister of Business regarding the expiration of commissioner terms was sent from Chair, John Campbell, not Vice Chair and response was received October 28, 2019.

**Motion** to approve the February 13, 2020 agenda with the above noted change, *upon motion, duly seconded, Motion carried.*

##### 2. Approval of Board Minutes of October 10, 2019 and January 9, 2020

**Motion** to approve the minutes of October 10, 2019 and January 9, 2020 *Upon motion, duly seconded*, the Commission approves the minutes as distributed. *Motion carried.*

##### 3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts to declare

##### 4. By-law Enforcement/compliance

Potential options brought forward previously around enforcement of by-laws through HRM or RCMP. Suggestion to invite HRM representative and in-house legal counsel on potential solutions prior to summer season. Ensure M. Whitman or designate is present for the meeting.

##### 5. Other Business

##### 5.1 New Applications

No new application submitted

## 5.2 Correspondence

- Acknowledgement of Letters Sent (if any)

None to report.

- Awaiting response from Chair's letter to the Minister on expiry of commission terms.

Response to Chair's correspondence was received October 28, 2019 from Minister MacLellan. G. Smith and Chair to write a letter in support of any applications of current commission members, for a new term, to support continuity for commission. Vice Chair Logan will not be re-offering.

## 5.3 Presentations from last meeting

Discussion on presentations due to Chair's absence from February meeting. Suggestion to keep Chair/Commission apprised of any new developments.

**Motion** to request in-camera session commencement ***Upon motion, duly seconded***, the Commission approved. ***Motion carried.***

## 5.6 Report on Develop Nova Scotia meeting

**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.***

**Motion** to end in-camera session ***Upon motion, duly seconded***, the Commission approved. ***Motion carried.***

## 5.4 Update on survey responses

Total of 4 responses received to date. The surveys were to form the basis of the workshops for the public meeting. Chair suggesting encouraging businesses/residents to fill our survey, but concern raised with two different initiatives in the works and conflicting messaging around responsibility of by-law changes.

## 5.5 Mobile Vending Follow-Up re resolution from 6 April 2019:

*The commission has agreed that a decision on this matter will be held in abeyance due to the evolving circumstances with the completion of the master plan until the end of 2019. During this period, the master plan recommendations will be reviewed, the bylaws will be reviewed, and a survey will be conducted to understand current compliance of the bylaws. A response to the applicant will reflect the same.*

Note that by August, new commissioners may view the situation differently. Options for consideration: to extend current policy, make a new policy or enforce by-laws as currently written. An amendment would require Ministerial approval – need to clarify how to best proceed.

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.

#### 5.7 Consideration of By-Law Review

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

#### 5.8 Consideration of Public Meeting – Spring 2020 (date TBD)

Discussion of potential dates May 6-12 (prior to opening) or after May 17 (officially open) to book the Visitor Information building. Date to be determined at the next meeting.

### **6. New Business**

List of Commissioner expenses to be posted to the website.

Change of date for next meeting – from March 12 to March 19, 2020

### **7. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm. Next meeting Thursday, March 19, 2020