

# Peggy's Cove Commission Minutes

## April 12, 2018

### Members in Attendance:

- Gordon Smith
- Aonghus Garrison
- Brian Fitzpatrick
- Jeannie Chow
- John Campbell, Chair
- Councillor Matt Whitman
- Peter Richardson

### Member Regrets:

- Gary Logan, Vice Chair

### Non-Members in Attendance:

- Graham Fisher
- Jennifer Weagle

#### 1. Call to Order

3:05 p.m. by Chair

#### 2. Review/Approval of February 8, 2018 Minutes

Approved as presented.

#### 3. Governance Study

Gordon Smith provided a brief review of and update on the Governance Study, noting that the RFP will be released later this week with a two-week response time frame. The successful bidder will have 12 weeks to complete the study, and results should be available this summer. At the request of the Chair, Graham and Gordon will ensure that the successful bidder has all past reports and studies for historical context.

#### 4. Meeting Schedule

The Commission discussed the frequency of PCC meetings until the completion of the governance study. The Chair suggested meeting in May and June and taking a summer break. The Commission agreed to keep the monthly appointments in their schedules in case there are applications that require attention.

#### 5. Letter to HRM

Graham Fisher circulated and reviewed a draft letter prepared on behalf of the Chair to the HRM Planning Department, thanking staff for their cooperation and assistance in dealing with development related matters within the boundaries of the Peggy's Cove Preservation Area, and re-iterating processes and procedures when an inquiry is made. The Commission reviewed the letter and made minor suggestions. Moved by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Gordon Smith, that the letter to HRM be approved as amended. Motion passed.

## **6. 2018 Public Meeting**

The Commission discussed plans for the 2018 Public Meeting, agreeing that it would be a good opportunity to partner with the successful Governance Study bidder to hold a joint public meeting, possibly in mid-June 2018. The purpose of the meeting would be for information sharing with the community, with a focus on residents/land-owners, as well as leased businesses. Aonghus Garrison agreed to make the Visitor's Centre available for the meeting. The Commission discussed a possible public meeting agenda, noting that they should be prepared for questions outside of the Commissions scope, such as infrastructure and lighthouse maintenance, and that the permit process should be outlined for the information of the community. An ad will be prepared to advertise the public meeting, which will include information on the scope of the Commission. A targeted mail-out will also be prepared, to be circulated to people that attended the last public meeting as well as other area stakeholders. It was suggested that the email addresses from any submissions through the website also be invited. The Chair suggested that a notice of the meeting be posted on the mailbox and asked Gordon to check with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to see if they have any infrastructure work planned for the area. The area MLA Hugh MacKay will be invited by the Chair to attend and say a few words.

## **7. New Business**

- Graham Fisher circulated an email from a property owner at 48 Peggy's Point Road. The email outlines planned improvements to the property for commercial uses (property has commercial zoning) as a restaurant/take out food establishment. The Commission did not note any concerns with the proposal.
- Graham Fisher circulated an email from a property owner who recently purchased a property at 116 Peggy's Point Road, for the purposes of a vacation rental. The Commission discussed the proposed use, noting that the property was used as a vacation rental in the past. Gordon Smith confirmed that dwelling units are permitted to be used as rental properties in the By-law. The Commission discussed the possible need to update the By-law in this regard to meet the needs of the current community. Moved by Gordon Smith, seconded by Councillor Whitman, that the Peggy's Cove Commission confirms the By-law enables the use of 116 Peggy's Cove Road as a vacation accommodation, as per the request of April 11, 2018. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.