

Police and License Committee Notes
January 27, 2010
Council Chambers

Present

Councillor J. MacPherson, Chair

D. Kampen, MPA, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Day, Planner
K. Proctor, P.Eng. Town Engineer
Sgt. B. Rehill, RCMP
S/Cst. S. Smith
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

C. Boyd Jr., TDL Antigonish
J. Gilby, Director of Operations, TDL Group Corp.
M. Greatorex, Corporate Counsel, TDL Group Corp.
D. Ritcey, District Manager, TDL Group Corp.

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and Round-table introductions were made.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as circulated.

Review of Notes; December 14, 2009, Meeting

The Committee briefly reviewed the notes of the meeting held on December 14, 2009.

Business from the Notes

- Concerns re Traffic at Tim Hortons® East Main Street

The Chair noted the purpose of the meeting was to discuss traffic concerns which currently impact the east end of Main Street.

Sgt. B. Rehill advised that he had reviewed the area and noted his concern of traffic congestion and vehicles being backed up as far as the Canal Bridge as they que to enter the parking lot and concern potentially for emergency vehicles accessing St. Martha's Regional Hospital. He further noted west-bound traffic is also impacted by the congestion, and that much of the problem appears to relate to the drive-thru.

S. Day, Planner, presented a plan of subdivision featuring some property lots in the area. M. Greatorex acknowledged cars queued to enter the parking lot is a concern. He noted that TDL is attempting to reach an agreement with a neighbouring property owner in an effort to gain additional lands for improvements, but is unsure if an agreement will be reached.

In response to a question from K. Proctor, Town Engineer, M. Greatorex advised that moving the drive-thru to the other side of the building was not a feasible option.

- Impact of Bridge Construction at East Main Street

S/Cst. S. Smith noted that due to bridge work constraints, left-hand turns by vehicles travelling east may not be permitted.

K. Proctor, Town Engineer, presented drawings of the proposed bridge construction area and reviewed them with Tim Hortons® representatives. He identified constraints that cannot be changed such as overhead wires and telecommunications equipment.

K. Proctor agreed to provide M. Groatorex with copies of portions of the drawings which M. Groatorex will endeavor to incorporate with auto-cad and overlay the drawings in an effort to conceive longer term plans. He noted discussions would continue for both short-term and long-term plans for the area, and noted restricted access to the site during the construction period as a major concern.

CAO D. Kampen advised that K. Proctor could liaise with Tim Hortons® representatives on further discussions of common concerns/issues.

S/Cst. S. Smith noted that other businesses in this area would also be impacted by the construction and noted the impediment that equipment such as large cranes and trucks would have during construction.

K. Proctor agreed to speak with Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal representatives in an effort to determine whether they have a communications plan to advise businesses and residents of the impending project and its impact.

Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.