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Rural Municipality of North Shore

Progress Report on the Official Plan and Bylaw Review

The Special Committee for the Official Plan and Bylaw Review met via conference call May 5, 19 and 26 and in person June 2 and 9, and will be meeting again on June 23. In person meetings have been streamed online using Facebook Live to allow the public to watch and ask questions. These meetings have included discussions on the various sections of the proposed new Bylaw. This report serves as a summary of each meeting discussion and a progress report for Council on the status of the project.

May 5, 2020

The Committee reviewed the application types covered by the Bylaw, including Development Applications, Variance Applications, and Bylaw/OP Amendments. For each application type, the requirements of the application and the process by which the application will be reviewed including who is involved, was discussed. Flow chart diagrams were presented to illustrate the review process.

May 19, 2020

The discussion at this meeting continued on application types from the previous meeting and included a new process for Reconsiderations and Appeals. The committee also discussed Zones and the Permitted Uses for each zone, and the proposed changes to the zones from the current North Shore Bylaw/Zoning Map. A summary of the permitted uses in each zone was presented in a table format for comparison across the different zones.

May 26, 2020

The committee further reviewed the permitted uses in each Zone. Discussions focused on which uses are compatible with residential uses, multi-unit residential uses and tourist establishments; as well as buffer requirements between each zone. The committee further discussed opportunities for private central services in residential areas and reduced lot size requirements. Lot size and development standards (minimum setbacks and maximum height) for each zone were also reviewed. The proposed changes provide more consistency throughout the municipality, with minor changes to accommodate parking on site with increased front yard setbacks.

June 2, 2020

The Committee reviewed the updates to the Future Land Use and Zoning Maps. Changes to the maps reflect changes to the Zones in the Bylaw, including the removal of the Resort Commercial Zone. Those properties currently zoned Resort Commercial have been rezoned as Tourist Establishment, or Multi-Unit Residential, where applicable. The create of a National Park zone was also presented to account for the variety of uses and development within the Park for which the federal government is not required to obtain municipal approval or permits for.

June 9, 2020

The Committee reviewed the overall structure of the Bylaw, the wide range of content in the General Provisions section; and proposed changes and additions to the content of the General Provisions. The

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committee discussed in detail regulations for Nonconforming Lots (existing undersized lots) and Tourist Establishments, two topics which have been raised with concern on numerous occasions throughout the review process.

June 23, 2020

On the agenda for the June 23 meeting, the Committee will be discussing the General Provisions for Subdivision and the Subdivision application process.

Work Plan and Schedule

Following the discussion on subdivisions, a complete draft of the Bylaw will be provided to the Committee for their review. A meeting to discuss any further issues or concerns with the draft Bylaw will be scheduled for July. The committee will also discuss options for public consultation on the draft document, while adhering to the public health order for social distancing.

If you have any further questions about this report or the progress of the project, please do not hesitate to contact me at hparnham@outlook.com

Best regards,

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