



Minutes
Georgetown Town Council Public Meeting
New Land Use Development Bylaws/ Official
Plan
Thursday May 31, 2018 at 6:00 PM

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Public
MEETING

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Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Deputy Mayor Mark Stephen
Councillor Ronald Gallant
Councillor Phillip Hebert
Councillor Cody Jenkins
Councillor Cindy MacLean
Councillor Faye McQuillan
CAO Dorothy Anne Macdonald

Attendance:

Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Deputy Mayor Mark Stephen
Councillor Ronald Gallant.....Absent
Councillor Phillip Hebert
Councillor Cody Jenkins
Councillor Cindy MacLean
Councillor Faye McQuillan

Gallery:

Patsy Gotell
Ian Watson

1.0 Call to Order Meeting;

Be advised that we are recording these proceedings; If anyone else is recording we would ask that you please declare same.

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Mayor Lewis Lavandier

2.0 Conflict of Interest Provision

Part VI, Section 23 of the *Municipalities Act*, which maintains that no member of Council shall derive any profit or financial advantage from his/her position as a member of Council and, where a member of Council has any pecuniary interest in or is affected by any matter before the Council, shall declare his/her interest therein and abstain from voting and discussion thereon.

2.1 Declaration

No Conflict was declared

3.0 Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Stephens to approve the Agenda, seconded by Councillor Jenkins, Motion Carried

4.0 Business/ Presentations from the floor or other

- 1) Ian Watson presentation New Development bylaws/ Official Plan from Upland
Ian was welcomed and the floor was turned over to him to present the Official Plan and New Development bylaws. Ian presented a power point presentation and outlined the changes from the 2009 version.



He presented information on, why we plan? What is looked at and how? Ian noted there were many broad changes. Ian noted besides Specific changes, things like definitions were made clearer, units of measure were made consistent, list of exceptions to development permits, and when you need to apply for development permits, detailed changes to signage, housing, special use permits, and variances. Ian noted the new document not only addressed areas of concern it addressed areas needed to be added and strengthened as a result of the new MGA. It also makes the document easier to follow and understand for Council and citizens. Ian continued to review the entire document pointing out areas addressed and reasons those areas were addressed. Ian also outlined policies that should be put in place to support things like signage and Architectural guidelines.

The floor was opened to questions:

Patsy Gotell questioned was there any input from the community?

It was noted that a public meeting was called in early November to engage residents, businesses to participate. That meeting had representatives from the community and some organizations who offered suggestions and opinions. In November Ian Watson also knocked on doors in the community of residents and businesses asking questions and feedback. For a period of Two weeks after opinion boards were left in the local grocery store encouraging residents to respond. Some participation was observed but it was minimal.

Patsy Gotell stated she felt the document had no strategy. That organizations were not asked to have their own presentations and that the Tourism partners etc. should have had a personal invite to have their own presentation. It was noted by Ian Watson that the town had supplied the Strategic document completed by Viridian only completed a year prior by Destination Georgetown, that was a clear document of engagement between the tourism players and businesses, organizations and the community. This document was referenced during the engagement.

Mrs. Gotell noted she was not saying the new document was a bad document but she felt it had no vision or goals. Mrs. Gotell also expressed that the fees bylaw, noting it had the ability to charge different fees for persons living outside the community was not a good policy and was a discouragement to non-citizens. Councillor Hebert responded that it was part of the fees bylaw in the event it was necessary to enforce. Councillor Hebert also asked Mrs. Gotell to define what she meant about Lack of Vision. Mrs. Gotell noted the community needs to have their say and she did feel this happened. Councillor Hebert did respond by stating in all the planning meetings held and advertised since the first of the year, not one individual has ever attended. Mrs Gotell was thanked by all for her feedback and attendance.

- 2) Other Presentations from the floor
No presentations


There being no further presentations Mayor Lavandier thanked Ian Watson of Upland for all his hard work on the documents presented.

5.0 Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 7 PM

**Note any additional matter not included on the agenda shall only be considered with the unanimous consent of all members at the meeting.*

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Minutes recorded by
CAO Dorothy Anne Macdonald
And submitted by
CAO Dorothy Anne Macdonald
June 1, 2018.



Lewis Lavandier, Mayor



Dorothy Anne Macdonald, CAO