

**Call to Order** The Public Hearing was called to order with Warden Thurber in the chair at 6:02 p.m.

**Attendance**

Councillors present:

- Jim Thurber, Warden
- Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden
- Linda Gregory, Councillor
- Maritza Adams, Councillor

Staff present:

- Linda Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer
- Gordon Wilson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Cora Lee Bremner, Executive Secretary

Regrets:

- Randall Amero, Councillor

**Prayer**

Warden Thurber welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to pause to seek guidance for the meeting.

Purpose of Hearing –  
Chair

Warden Thurber opened the Public Hearing and outlined that the purpose of this hearing is to provide a formal opportunity for Council to receive public comments on the proposed Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Wind Turbine Development. Council will also receive public comments on amendments that address Wind Turbine Development at the Municipal Airport, Conway Area and in the Digby Wellfield Protection Area.

Chris Millier-Planner  
with the 4 Site Group

Mr. Millier gave an overview of the process to date and the purpose of the Strategy and By-law. A number of meetings were held to get background information, regulations and the options for the Municipality were reviewed. The first documents did not receive support from Council in July. Council came up with alternative approaches after hearing the views of the public. The pros and cons have been discussed for different options.

The major differences in the proposed documents are as follows:

- Utility scale wind turbines will be permitted as-of-right;
- Minimum requirements have been established for the siting of utility scale wind turbines – minimum setback from a property line 750 meters; minimum separation distance from a dwelling on an abutting property 1000 meters;
- No public hearing or Council approval required for issuance of a permit to construct.

Municipal Planning  
Strategy and Land Use  
By-law for the  
Regulation of Wind  
Turbine Development  
in the Municipality of  
the District of Digby

The purpose of this hearing is to provide a formal opportunity for Council to receive public comments on the proposed Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Wind Turbine Development.

Written Submissions:

- Carol & Ashraf Mahtab
- Dan Mills
- Moya & Dermot Murphy
- Judith Peach

- Nora Peach
- Sister Barbara Bowser, Society of Our Lady Saint Mary

Verbal Submissions:

- Anna Fabigan, Margo Woodman, and Wanda Vantassell, all residing in the District of Digby got up to speak against the proposed bylaw.

Proposed Amendments to the following Secondary Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws:

- Conway and Area
- Digby Municipal Airport
- Digby Wellfield Protection Area

Secondary Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws for Conway and Area, Digby Municipal Airport, and Digby Wellfield Protection Area already exist. The changes to these documents are being made to ensure that the entire Municipality be treated the same in regards to the regulation of wind turbines. The purpose of this hearing is for Council to receive public comments on amendments that address Wind Turbine Development in the Conway Area, Digby Municipal Airport, and Digby Wellfield Protection Area.

Written Submissions: None

Verbal Submissions: Margo Woodman spoke against the proposed changes to the planning strategies listed above.

Sessions were closed for verbal submissions on the MPS/LUB for the Regulation of Wind Turbines at 6:24 p.m.

**Adjournment**

**Moved and seconded that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 6:24 pm.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**WARDEN**

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**CLERK**