

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

January 6, 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 Main Street SE

PRESENT BY TEAMS

Councillor Ron Chapman (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Tina Petrow (Vice Chair)
Aaron Holmes
Charles Kabano
Shelly McIntosh
Rich Smith
Mark Steffler

STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON

Gail Gibeau, Team Leader, Planning & Development

STAFF PRESENT BY TEAMS

Stephen Utz, Director, CAO Office

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Terry Meier
Dan Oneil

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. MINUTES

2022-P-001

Moved By Shelly McIntosh

That Municipal Planning Commission adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

3. PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

None

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- 4.1 Amendments to Development Notification Standards in Public Notification Bylaw No. B-02/2019 and Land Use Bylaw No. B-01/2016

Administration seeks comments from Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) on proposed amendments to Public Notification Bylaw No. B-02/2019 and Land Use Bylaw No. B-01/2016, which would allow for online advertising of Development Permit decisions.

S Utz presented the application and advised as to the purpose and intent of the appeal period.

A comment was made that advertising in the newspaper gives information to people who would not otherwise have reason to know about something that could affect them. S. Utz advised that there would still be signs on the property, letters to adjacent landowners, and a prompt in the newspaper directing people to the City website. The prompts would list the affected neighbourhoods. S. Utz advised that development notifications are not currently sent via MyAirdrie. This could likely be done fairly quickly and easily, but he would need to speak with Legislative Services and Communications about any legal impacts.

It was asked whether there would be any cost savings passed along to the applicants. S. Utz advised that there would likely be cost savings for business owners because they can open their doors earlier, but there would not be a reduction in application fees.

S. Utz advised that notifications for decisions on permitted uses are advertised on the City website now. Decisions on discretionary uses currently have to be advertised in the newspaper and adjacent landowner letters sent out. It was asked whether an interactive map could be used to notify people. S. Utz confirmed that an interactive map would be an excellent way, but the City does not have that technological ability at this time. This would have to be discussed with Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

S. Utz clarified that Bylaw No. B-77/2021 had been drafted to read "The City may publish" instead of "The City shall post" to provide Council with maximum flexibility on prompting methods, in print media or otherwise. Council can determine if they want this to be mandated.

A question was asked about whether public hearings and SDAB hearings will still be advertised in the newspaper. S. Utz advised that those are things which already can be advertised online only, but he would need to speak with Legislative Services and Communications about current practice. It was asked whether freeing up space in the newspaper would reduce the City's advertising costs. S. Utz advised that it would be up to Council if they want to budget the same number of dollars and advertise City initiatives and events. The benefit to residents would be better value for tax dollars spent on notifications, with an equivalent or better online presence for development permit decisions.

It was asked whether there will be a closing date for appeals in the newspaper to give people sufficient heads up. S. Utz suggested that the website could include information on a 3-week rotation basis. He could discuss this further with Communications.

It was asked whether there is a precedent to be able to determine that "substantially all" people in Airdrie have internet access. S. Utz can look for statistics on that and can report back to MPC.

2022-P-002

Moved By Rich Smith

That Municipal Planning Commission recommends that Council adopt Bylaw B-77/2021 and Bylaw B-78/2021, being bylaws to amend the Public Notification Bylaw No. B-02/2019 and Land Use Bylaw No. B-01/2016 respectively, as amended, allowing for online advertising of development decisions.

CARRIED by vote of 6 in favour, 1 opposed
Opposed: A. Holmes

5. COUNCIL SYNOPSIS

December 13, 2021

6. ROUND TABLE

A. Holmes – Will there be public engagement regarding the design for the new library? S. Utz advised that there will be opportunities for public involvement, but that he would need to report back with more information from Communications. Deputy-Mayor Petrow indicated that there has been a recent public release regarding the hiring of the design consultant.

M. Steffler – Any update on the tour of zero lot line developments in Calgary? G. Gibeau will be sending out information to the Board next week.


S. Utz – There are internal processes required among Statutory Holidays in the Christmas season to prepare the agenda for the first meeting in January that proves to be challenging. Administration requests MPC to give this consideration later in the year.

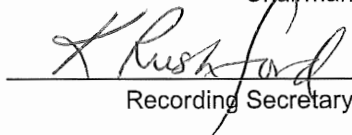
7. NEXT MEETING

January 20, 2022

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.



Chairman


Recording Secretary