

**Town of Kensington
Minutes of Public Meeting
Monday, August 30, 2010
7:00 PM**

Council Members Present: Mayor Gordon Coffin; Deputy Mayor Paul Chessman
Councillors: MacLean, Spencer, Caseley and Mill.

Staff Members Present: Town Manager/Administrator, Geoff Baker; Deputy
Administrator: Wendy MacKinnon.

Visitors: Robert Wood, Don Sinclair, Shelley Moase and Edyth
DesRoches

Regrets: Councillor Gallant

PURPOSE: The purpose of the meeting is to allow residents and other interested persons an opportunity to make representation concerning an amendment to the Town of Kensington's Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw to allow the addition of a wind turbine into the *Recreation and Open Space Zone as a Special Permit Use* to facilitate the installation of a wind turbine at the Community Gardens Complex. The purpose of the meeting is to **also** allow residents and other interested persons to make representation prior to a request being made to the Minister of Finance and Municipal Affairs to approve an amendment to the Town of Kensington's Official Plan as it relates to the aforementioned proposed bylaw amendment.

Mayor Coffin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and explained the purpose of the meeting. He read a report from the CAO into the record and opened the floor for anyone to present their comments on the proposed amendment.

Robert Wood – Community Gardens Manager made a presentation on the process which led to the Community Gardens being named one of the five rinks on PEI chosen to receive funding for a Wind Turbine and explained the potential savings on electricity and CO₂.

Don Sinclair – Barrett Street

Mr. Sinclair - If the wind turbine is approved will there be 3 or 4 more located in this area?

Mayor Coffin - At this point in time there are no plans for additional turbines in this area.

Mr. Sinclair - Is the proposed rink turbine larger/taller than the Town of Kensington's waste water treatment plant turbine?

Mayor Coffin - No, the Town's turbine is a 100 kW turbine with a hub height of 37m and a rotor diameter of 21m. The rinks turbine (AOC15/50) is a 50 kW turbine with a hub height of 30m and a rotor diameter of 15m.

Mr. Sinclair - How much will the Wind Turbine cost?

Robert Wood - The turbine will cost \$300,000 with \$230,000 being contributed by the Federal and Provincial Government and \$70,000 being provided by KARA.

Mr. Sinclair - How long will it take to get the money back?

Robert Wood - It will take 5-7 years.

Mr. Sinclair - Will there be any noise with the Turbine?

Robert Wood – The turbine decibel rating is 48 dB which falls somewhere between a whisper and normal speaking voice.

Mr. Sinclair - Have there been any complaints regarding the City of Summerside Turbines?

Mayor Coffin indicated that as far as he knows there have been no complaints and that the City of Summerside are quite happy with their turbines.

Councillor MacLean commented that it was important that residents understand that KARA is not a Town owned entity.

Mayor Coffin explained the complete process that the Town must proceed under to rezone a parcel of land.

There being no further questions or comments to the proposed amendment to the Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw or the proposed amendment to the Official Plan, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Geoffrey Baker
Chief Administrative Officer

Gordon Coffin,
Mayor