

# **Planning Advisory Committee**

Development Agreement to Permit the Construction of Three Additional Units (Total of 7 Units)



## **Disclaimer**

These applications are not the Town's proposal. It is a property owner's right to make an application for a development agreement or a zoning map amendment. No approval or decisions have been made.



## **Development Agreement**

What is a Development Agreement (DA)?

A development agreement is a legally binding contract between a property owner and the Town that stipulates standards, design requirements, terms, and conditions to which the property owner must adhere.

Aspects of a development that may be addressed in this agreement include:



A development agreement may also influence the use, of fencing and other similar site features to ensure the matter is addressed adequately, stipulate how the project should be phased, enforce certain special requirements, and require the developer to make contribution towards funding public infrastructure.



## **Development Agreement Process**

# Application & Preliminary Review

- Submission of draft design and proposal.
- Preliminary review by staff.
- Formal application for development agreement.

# Public Participation Opportunity

- The public is informed about the proposal and relevant policies to consider.
- The public is given the opportunity to provide input on the proposal.

# Planning Advisory Committee

- Review of proposal, comments and feedback from the public participation.
- Make a recommendation on the development agreement to Council.

## First Reading

Council considers
 First Reading of
 the agreement and
 schedules a public
 hearing.

# Public Hearing

- Overview of the proposal.
- Council hears directly from the public.

# Second Reading

- Council considers
   Second Reading
   and decides on the
   proposal.
- Notice of Council's decision is advertised, providing the right to appeal Nova Scotia Utility Review Board (NSURB).



# **Application Details**

**Applicant/ Owner:** Tom Mattinson, Six Point Star Homes.

Summary of Proposal: to create 3 additional units, two within

the existing structure and one Garden Suite

Location: 96 Church St. (PID: 25013814)

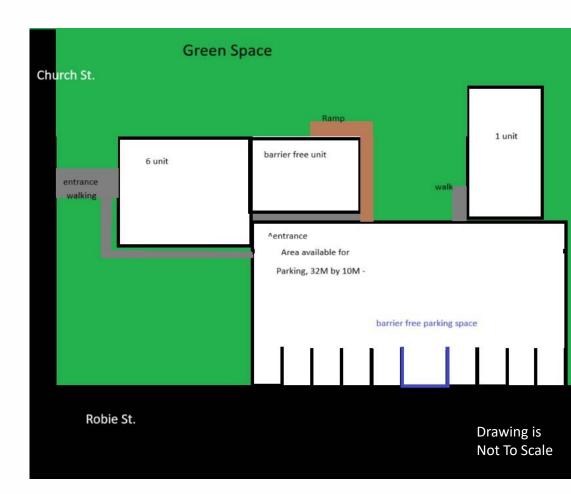
Total Property Area: 1585 sqm (17060 sq ft)

**Existing Zoning:** General Residential

Existing Land Use: Residential

Parking: 10 Parking Spaces (1.48/unit)

**Street Frontage:** 29m along Church St. & 56m along Robie St





# **Neighbourhood Context**

- Located to the right of the YMCA on the corner of Church Street and Robie Street.
- Beside Campbell's Funeral Home
- 8-minute walk to Town Hall.
- 15-minute walk to the Amherst Stadium.





## 1. General Land Use and Development Policies

## **GP-4 (Efficient Development)**

It shall be the intention of Council to ensure that growth and development within the Town is efficient and cost effective by:

- (a) facilitating the contiguous expansion of the built up areas of the Town;
- (b) limiting development in un-serviced areas of the Town;
- (c) concentrating new development in adequately serviced and properly planned areas;
- (d) encouraging and facilitating infill development on underutilized properties within the built up area of town.



#### 2. Residential Policies

### **RP-9 (Medium and High Density By Development Agreement)**

Within the Residential Designation, it shall be the intention of Council to ensure medium and high density residential development occur in a manner compatible with a low density residential neighbourhood. Specifically, Council shall require that all residential developments greater than 4 dwelling units per property, be subject to a Development Agreement. In negotiating such an agreement Council shall:

- (a) ensure that the structure is located on the lot in such a manner as to limit potential impacts on surrounding low density residential developments;
- (b) ensure that the development provides sufficient on-site parking, and appropriate access to, and egress from the street;
- (c) ensure that the location of parking facilities does not dominate the surrounding area, including the utilization of vegetation and fences to mitigate the aesthetic impacts of parking lots;
- (d) ensure that any on site outdoor lighting does not negatively impact the surrounding properties;
- (e) ensure that any signage on the property is sympathetic to the surrounding residential properties;
- (f) require the use of vegetation to improve the aesthetic quality of the development;
- (g) ensure that the architecture of the building is sympathetic to any existing development in the surrounding area.



### 2. Residential Policies

## **RP-11 (Affordable Housing)**

It shall be the intention of Council to encourage and promote the provision of affordable housing units within all residential areas of the Town by:

- (a) encouraging a mix of housing types and densities;
- (b) permitting secondary apartments in all dwelling units;
- (c) permitting a secondary residential structure (Garden Suite) on a lot;
- (d) cooperating with Federal and Provincial Governments to



#### 2. Residential Policies

### **RP-12 (Residential Area Design)**

It shall be the intention of Council to ensure that new residential areas:

- (a) provide for the efficient use of land;
- (b) provide for the efficient and economic extension of existing water, storm sewer and sanitary sewer systems and other utilities;
- (c) incorporates a hierarchy of streets that efficiently and safely accommodates traffic flows and proper access to other areas of Town;
- (d) provides for the efficient and safe movement of pedestrians and cyclists;
- (e) minimizes adverse effects on the environment;
- (f) provides for parks and other community uses in safe and central locations.



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### **RP-14 (Garden Suite)**

It shall be the intention of Council to permit Garden Suites in all Residential areas by Development Agreement. In negotiating such an agreement Council shall have regard for the following:

- (a) the garden suite be secondary to the main dwelling on the lot;
- (b) water and sewer services be provided independent from the main dwelling;
- (c) two off street parking spaces be provided on the property;
- (d) the garden suite be a minimum of 1.2 metres from the side property lines;
- (e) the garden suite be a minimum of 6 metres from the rear property line;
- (f) the garden suite be a minimum of 1.2 metres from the main dwelling;
- (g) the garden suite not be located in the front yard of the property;
- (h) no home occupation, group home, boarding house, day care or other such secondary use be permitted on the property;
- (i) the development agreement be discharged



### 3. Implementation Policy

### A-5 (Amendment Criteria)

It shall be the intention of Council, when considering an amendment to this or any other planning document, including the entering into or amendment of a development agreement, to consider the following matters, in addition to all other criteria set out in the various policies of this planning strategy:

- 1. That the proposal conforms to the general intent of this plan and all other municipal bylaws and regulations.
  - (b) That the proposal is not premature or inappropriate by reason of:
    - (i) the financial capability of the Town to absorb any costs relating to the development;
    - (ii) the adequacy of municipal water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer services;
    - (iii) the adequacy of road networks, in, adjacent to, or leading to the development
  - (c) That consideration is given to the extent to which the proposed type of development might conflict with any adjacent or nearby land uses by reason of:
    - (i) type of use;
    - (ii) height, bulk and lot coverage of any proposed building;
    - (iii) parking, traffic generation, access to and egress from the site;
    - (iv) any other matter of planning concern outlined in this strategy.

