

(b) give notice that an order is in effect in a newspaper circulating in the area affected.

(7) Where a council adopts planning documents in a manner reasonably consistent with a statement of provincial interest and the documents are in effect, the Minister shall revoke an order establishing an interim planning area for the prescribed area. 1998, c. 18, s. 198; 2004, c. 44, s. 1.

Repeal of Regional Development Plan

199 The Halifax-Dartmouth Metropolitan Regional Development Plan and Regulations, adopted and amended pursuant to the former *Planning Act*, are repealed. 1998, c. 18, s. 199.

Planning advisory committee

200 (1) A municipality may, by policy, establish a planning advisory committee and may establish different planning advisory committees for different parts of the municipality.

(2) Two or more municipalities may, by policy, establish a joint planning advisory committee.

(3) A planning advisory committee or joint planning advisory committee shall include members of the public and may include a representative appointed by a village commission.

(4) The purpose of a planning advisory committee or a joint planning advisory committee is to advise respecting the preparation or amendment of planning documents and respecting planning matters generally.

(5) The duties assigned, pursuant to this Part, to a planning advisory committee or a joint planning advisory committee shall only be carried out by the committee.

(6) The council shall appoint members of a planning advisory committee or a joint planning advisory committee by resolution. 1998, c. 18, s. 200; 2014, c. 21, s. 3.

Area advisory committee

201 (1) A municipality may establish, by policy, one or more area planning advisory committees to advise the planning advisory committee or joint planning advisory committee on planning matters affecting a specific area.

(2) An area planning advisory committee shall include members of the public.

(3) An area planning advisory committee, with jurisdiction over an area that includes all or part of a village, shall include at least one member appointed by the village commission.

(4) The council shall appoint members of an area planning advisory committee by resolution. 1998, c. 18, s. 201.

Policy establishing committee

202 In the policy establishing a planning advisory committee, joint planning advisory committee or area planning advisory committee the council shall

- (a) fix the term of appointment and any provisions for reappointment;
- (b) fix the remuneration, if any, to be paid to the chair of the committee, if the chair is not a council member;
- (c) fix the remuneration, if any, to be paid to those members of the committee who are not council members;
- (d) establish the duties and procedures of the committee; and
- (e) provide for the appointment of the chair and other officers of the committee. 1998, c. 18, s. 202.

Open meetings and exceptions

203 (1) Meetings of a planning advisory committee, joint planning advisory committee or area planning advisory committee or a commission are open to the public, unless the committee or commission, by a majority vote, moves a meeting in private to discuss matters related to

- (a) personnel, labour relations, contract negotiations, litigation or potential litigation or legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege; or
- (b) a potential application for a development permit, land-use by-law amendment, development agreement or amendment to a development agreement before the applicant has applied to the municipality or development officer.

(2) The date, time and location of committee or commission meetings shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the municipal office or another conspicuous place, as determined by the committee or commission.

(3) Any person may view

- (a) committee or commission minutes, other than for a meeting in private, after they are adopted; and
- (b) committee or commission reports to council, after they are submitted to the council.

(4) A planning advisory committee, joint planning advisory committee or area planning advisory committee may hold meetings for public discussion when, and in the manner, it or the council decides. 1998, c. 18, s. 203.

Public participation program

204 (1) A council shall adopt, by policy, a public participation program concerning the preparation of planning documents.

(2) A council may adopt different public participation programs for different types of planning documents.

(3) The content of a public participation program is at the discretion of the council, but it shall identify opportunities and establish ways and means of seeking the opinions of the public concerning the proposed planning documents. 1998, c. 18, s. 204.

Requirements for adoption of planning documents

205 (1) A council shall adopt, by by-law, planning documents.

(2) A by-law adopting planning documents shall be read twice.

(3) Before planning documents are read for a second time the council shall hold a public hearing.

(4) A council shall complete the public participation program before placing the first notice for a public hearing in a newspaper circulating in the municipality.

(5) The notice for the public hearing is sufficient compliance with the requirement to advertise second reading of a by-law.

(6) Second reading shall not occur until the council has considered any submissions made or received at the public hearing.

(7) Only those council members present at the public hearing may vote on second reading of the planning documents.

(8) A council shall adopt planning documents, at second reading, by majority vote of the maximum number of members that may be elected to council. 1998, c. 18, s. 205; 2004, c. 7, s. 12.

Public hearing

206 (1) Prior to holding a public hearing required pursuant to this Part, the clerk shall give notice of the public hearing in a newspaper, circulating in the municipality, inserted at least once a week, for two successive weeks.

