

Monthly Report

Planning and Strategic Initiatives

October 2018

Regarding Strategic Priorities, Council approved the 2018 Strategic Priorities Chart for the September to December period, with plans to undergo a priority setting exercise in December for 2019.

A meeting was held between the town, Jeff Bembridge, Bill Casey, and VIA representatives on September 28th on the outstanding issues. Staff will be providing a more detailed report at the in-camera portion of the meeting.

The Planning Advisory Committee held a Public Participation Session in September to consider a Land Use Bylaw amendment that would allow the keeping of chickens in town. Several members of the public provided verbal and written comment on the matter. The PAC subsequently passed a motion recommending that Council not amend the Bylaw, which will be on the agenda of the October 22nd Council meeting. The PAC also considered, as information items, potential Bylaw amendments to respond to the legalization of recreational cannabis, and reviewed the signage regulations.

A Public Hearing is scheduled as part of the October 22nd Council meeting to consider a request for a development agreement at 99 West Victoria that would permit a garden suite, and a request to rezone 283-295 Church Street from Industrial to Highway Commercial. The rezoning would permit residential uses on the subject properties.

Council will also consider second reading of a Property Assessed Clean Energy Bylaw (PACE) at the October 22nd meeting. Town staff have been in discussions with the Cumberland Energy Authority to potentially launch a program that would apply to both municipalities. This would allow for easier marketing of the program, and allow residents from both areas to get information with minimal confusion.

Planning also continues to provide planning and development services for the Town of Oxford.