

**THE TOWN OF SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA  
PLANNING PUBLIC MEETING  
NOTES  
THURSDAY JUNE 24, 2010  
AT 5:00 P.M.**

The Chair and Members of Council met on Thursday June 24, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. All Members of Council were present except for Dan Kerr who was away sick.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST**

No Member of Council present indicated being aware of any pecuniary interest with the upcoming applications.

Chair Yvonne Harron opened the meeting and asked that all questions be directed through the Chairperson and that all comments are to be brief and concise in order to allow everyone to speak who wishes to. She then introduced Planner Jack Van Dorp to present the Community Improvement Plan.

**SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Planner Van Dorp advised Council as to the purpose of the meeting and reviewed the planning package which had been provided to Council prior to the meeting. Planner Van Dorp then opened the floor for discussion. There was a general discussion including the date for the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading for the By-laws, the intent to cover only the downtown and waterfront areas, and tax payer's money. Councillor Hall expressed concerns with the funding coming from tax payers, whether the aboriginal people were consulted on this; she also expressed concerns of budgeting for department heads. Councillor Wunderlich and Councillor King expressed concerns with the focus being on just the downtown core. Planner Van Dorp discussed the focus in further detail explaining that the strongest need is the downtown core to look strong and vibrant. Planner Van Dorp also discussed that the intent is not to include residential uses and also to have certain criteria that needs to be met when applying for a grant. Councillor Vukovic discussed setting a budget for each specific area so not just one area will be getting all the funding. The Town of South Bruce Peninsula Economic Development Officer Danielle Mulasmajic explained that Wiarton is the only area with the program currently and that a budget would be set each year. Councillor Lamont expressed concerns with someone sprucing up their property then turning around and selling it. Planner Van Dorp informed Council that there would be a term set and if someone were to sell before that timeline, they would have to pay a percentage back to the Municipality. Councillor Wunderlich expressed concerns with the mapping in the Sauble area extending too far down Lakeshore Blvd. Planner Van Dorp explained that this mapping includes the beach and roadside. This would make it easier to get further grants from the government if the property is acknowledged as part of the Community Improvement Plan.

Danielle Mulasmajic discussed that the County thinks that the focus needs to be more on Tourism Development instead of Tourism Promotion. The Community Improvement Policies need to be in place to offer and receive grants. There was general discussion on the properties that do not fall under our Municipality and it was concluded that the dollars stay in our Municipality. There has been no feedback as to timelines yet but they are hoping to implement the program in the fall.

Mayor Gilbert expressed that the Community Improvement Plan is part of the overall plan for the Town of South Bruce Peninsula. It is to help develop a healthy community and a healthy downtown core area. Mayor Gilbert also acknowledged that it is easier to get grants if the Community Improvement Policies are in place.

### **ADJOURN PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING**

It was **MOVED** by Wray Lamont, **SECONDED** by Art King, and **CARRIED THAT** the Public Planning Meeting be adjourned at 5:48pm.