

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DEEP RIVER

A public meeting concerning the Zoning and Official Plan Amendments for the Canadian Clock Museum was held in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2010.

Present:

Mayor	Ann Aikens
Councillors	Brian McInall
	John Murphy
	Hank van der Horn
	Mary MacCafferty

Staff	John Walden, Manager, Planning and Development
	Gene Kiviahio, CAO/Clerk
	Sarah Laverdure, Deputy Clerk

Absent:

Deputy Mayor	Glenn Doncaster
Councillor	Ed Cochrane

1. Welcome and Explanation of Purpose of Meeting

Mayor Aikens opened the public meeting by explaining that it was a public meeting for Official Plan and Zoning Amendments to permit the severance of a 0.17 hectare residential building lot from property owned by the Canadian Clock Museum at 60 James Street, Deep River. The purpose of the proposed Official Plan Amendment is to redesignate lands from Institutional to Residential in the Town of Deep River Official Plan and the purpose of the proposed Zoning Amendment is to rezone approximately a 0.17 hectare piece of property from Institutional (IN) to Residential Second Density (R2). These Amendments will allow the severance of a 0.17 hectare residential building lot to move forward.

2. Explanation of Who is Entitled to Appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board

The Mayor explained that section 34 (14.5) of the Planning Act requires Council to inform the public of who is entitled to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board. The Mayor quoted Sections 34(11) and (19) of the Act as follows:

Section 34(11) - If Council decides to refuse an application or refuses or neglects to make a decision on an application within 120 days of the municipal clerk receiving the application, the applicant or the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing an appeal with the clerk of the municipality.

Section 34(19) – Not later than 20 days after the giving of notice of passing of the by-law, the applicant, any person or public body who made oral submissions at the public meeting or made a written submission to Council, before the by-law was passed, or the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing an appeal with the clerk of the municipality.

It should also be noted that in order to maintain appeal rights for the Official Plan Amendment, a written request must be made to the Clerk for a copy of the County's Notice of Adoption or Refusal.

3. Further Explanation of Proposed Amendments

The Manager of Planning and Development explained that the Clock Museum had excess land and wished to sever off land that it was not using and sell it for residential use. It was noted that the surrounding properties are all residential and that the properties created by the proposed severance would meet all of the requirements of their zones.

4. Input from Proponent

The manager/owner of the Clock Museum talked about the museum's positive impact on the community and told Council that income from the sale of the property would be used to hire a summer student for the next ten years or more.

5. Input from Public

Susan McBride commented that Deep River needs housing. She thought the rezoning of this property was a great idea.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.