

Public Meeting  
The Pearl Eatery  
June 5, 2017  
6:30 p.m.

The Public Meeting was held on June 5, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the North Rustico Lion's Club.

**PRESENT:** Matthew Jelley, Gwen Wyand, George Clark Dunning, Edmond Richard, Kay Hryckiwi. Brenda MacDonald – CAO and Darlene Howell – Administrative Assistant.

**ABSENT:** Linda Lowther and David Gauthier.

**VISITORS:** There were 11 visitors in attendance at the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Jelley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m..

Chair Jelley advised everyone to sign in at the front of the room if they haven't done so for the record.

Chair Jelley advised the public of the public meeting process. He advised that the meeting is being taped for accurate minutes and no other reason.

Chair Jelley advised that the meeting is being held tonight to allow the Pearl to have an extension of hours for a lounge liquor license from the current hours of 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. to now a change in request of 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. daily. The owner has revised their request based on discussions with her neighbor prior to the meeting tonight.

Chair Jelley advised that as part of the bylaw and permitted uses under the bylaw for the C1 Zone a special permit is required for a lounge liquor license as well as a public meeting to gather input from the adjacent property owners and that is the reason for the meeting tonight.

Chair Jelley advised that there were two phone calls and one person in to the office to get information on the public meeting and no written comments were received.

Chair Jelley asked Tanyia Kingyens to present her proposal

Tanyia advised that she was in attendance at the meeting to discuss the Pearl Eatery and her plans for the property.

Tanyia provided information on her husband Rod and herself being the proud owners of the Pearl. She talked about her previous business and role she had with the caring of seniors, preparation of meals and staff. She advised that the Pearl specialized in special occasions for weddings, anniversaries, engagements and special milestones. She advised that in two and a half months they had 130 anniversaries and they provide an experience for people. She advised that the business is here for the long haul but they also have to be profitable and sustainable and she felt that by adding the lounge and oyster bar that this would allow her to add to the experience either while people are waiting for a meal or to just stop by for an appetizer and drink and to allow for some local artists to come in and play at the facility. She advised that a typical meal setting would be 2.5 hours for 2 people and 3.5 hours for 4 people at the Pearl and that the atmosphere is small and quaint so this allows some people to wait in the lounge before having the meal. She advised that they are good, corporate, law abiding citizens and they need to have the hours extended to allow for the lounge and that this will only add value to the community by allowing for another location for locals and visitors to go.

Chair Jelley opened the floor to the public.

David Kent advised that he is the property owner directly across the road from the proposal for the Pearl and he had met a few hours ago with Tanyia to discuss the project and his concerns. He advised that that he has owned his farm for 37 years and has a business to run as well with Standard Bread horses. He advised that he is opposed to commercial development overall in the Rural areas and that he has had issues in the past with the property across from him, but the owner has advised him that she is prepared to make some changes on how staff park on the property and to reduce the hours requested for service on the property. He advised that with the hours extended until midnight as per the original request that it would be 1:00 a.m. before people would be leaving. He advised that horses can get hurt seriously by being spooked from vehicles coming out of a property and the headlights facing them.

David Kent commented on the Animal Protection Act and that it basically states that rural activities should be affectively controlled and encroaching on it with commercial businesses can't occur.

David Kent advised that after speaking with Tanyia and her addressing his concerns and changing the extension of hours request until 11:00 p.m. he can support that request.

Sandi Lowther advised that she is a year-round resident and she was raised on a farm and she can understand David Kent's concerns, but on another note, she also advised that she is a business owner as well and from that perspective one thing the area is challenged with is to have a food and beverage service after 10:00 p.m. in the area for people coming to stay in the area. She advised that she applauds Tanyia and Rodd for taking this initiative to have a location for the public to go to if they are arriving late in the destination.

Tanyia advised that she has the potential for entertainment at the site, but it would be low impact entertainment with someone singing and playing a guitar.

Paul Blacchiere advised that he feels that the North Rustico end of the community should be kept in rural as that is the reason that he chose the live in this area.

Chair Jelley advised that he commends the Pearl Eatery for working with the neighbors prior to the meeting to address concerns that they had and to change the hours requested for the space.

The CAO advised that the liquor license is not transferrable from one owner to the other, as it is the property owner that owns the property at the time that has to apply for the liquor license as well as the hours and that has to be approved by the Council every time there is a new owner or new hours are requested.

The CAO advised that each new business owner would be required to go through the same process in securing a liquor license and get public consultation on the hours for the property.

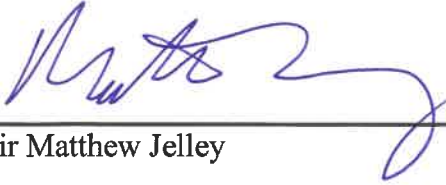
Tanyia advised that she is respectful of the neighbors and she is not going to do anything that could jeopardize the sale of the property in the future by doing something that would leave her holding a building that no one would want.

Chair Jelley thanked everyone for attending the meeting and advised that there were comments sheets at the back of the room and the deadline to submit the comments is June 12, 2017.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Jelley adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m..



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Chair Matthew Jelley