

Minutes
Resort Municipality Public Meeting
Thursday, July 2, 2020
6:30 p.m.

The Public Meeting for Raspberry Point Oyster Company in the Resort Municipality was held on July 2, 2020 at the Cavendish Visitor Centre and electronically with Zoom.

PRESENT: Mayor Matthew Jelley and Councillor George Clark Dunning. Deputy Mayor Linda Lowther, Councillors: Lee Brammer and Kenny Singleton joined by zoom. CAO – Brenda MacDonald. Administrative Assistant – Heather Hay.

ABSENT: Chris Robinson and Bill Drost.

VISITORS: Zoom - Steven Hartwell and Daniel Brown. In Person: Jim Brown, Lucas Linkletter, James Power, Wil Lawrence, Rob Gillis, Peter Joostema and Don Maynard, Andrea MacDonald, Christina Van-Faldember and Garth MacNeill.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Jelley called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor Jelley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mayor Jelley advised everyone to sign in at the front of the room for the record.

Mayor Jelley advised everyone that if they have any COVID-19 symptoms or have been out of the province in the last 14 days to remove themselves from the meeting.

Mayor Jelley advised everyone that the meeting will be held differently tonight based on COVID-19 restrictions. Some people are participating in person while others are participating through Zoom as they are unable to be here. Ask people to be patient during the process and that everyone needs to speak clearly for the record and we may have to slow down or stop if people are unable to hear the meeting to get things moving freely again.

Mayor Jelley advised that only one person shall speak at a time.

Mayor Jelley advised everyone that there is only one washroom available at the building due to plumbing issues so it is a unisex bathroom.

Mayor Jelley advised everyone that the meeting is being taped for office use only.

Mayor Jelley advised everyone that the first portion of the meeting will deal with the major variance request and that we are here to gather feedback from the public on the major variance request.

James Power spoke on the major variance request.

A drawing was provided for the public to View from Peter Joosteema.

Drawings were provided from Wil Lawrence on the Front, rear and Side Elevations of the proposed building and were located around the Visitor Centre for the public to view.

A stamped site plan drawing was provided by SCL Engineering.

James Power presented information with a letter from Raspberry Point Oyster Co. as well as Stamped Drawings from Wil Lawrence and provided a hand out on the information to the people in attendance as well.

Peter Joostema and Don Maynard presented the Environmental Impact Assessment.

James Power presented information on the major variance request and the overall site development for the project.

Mayor Jelley asked if there were questions from the public.

Andrea MacDonald raised the question around hours of operation.

James Power advised that the current operations are 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and that they plan to maintain the existing hours.

Andrea MacDonald questioned truck traffic at the site and how that will change as a result of the new building.

James Power advised that truck traffic slowed down during COVID-19, but that there is usually around 6 trucks a day coming and going at the site.

Andrea MacDonald questioned access to the water in this area and people being able to access the water for recreational use and if there were any further areas being used for that with the new building.

James Power advised that there would be no additional space used along the shoreline other than where the outfall will be located.

Andrea MacDonald commented on water usage and that it is a precious resource.

Mayor Jelley advised that water usage and the outfall all falls under the Department of Environment to be regulated.

James Power commented on the lands being used for the apple orchard on the site as well as some of the lands will be farmed with a mix of hay, soy beans and grain.

Andrea MacDonald questioned future expansions of the building.

Mayor Jelley advised that any future expansions would all require permit approval prior to any work commencing on the property.

Steven Hartwell asked what will be happening with the existing building since this new facility will take over operations from that area.

James Power advised that no plans are made yet for the existing space.

Mayor Jelley asked about the project schedule for the development.

James Power advised that they expect to start work in July / August 2020 based on permit approvals.

Mayor Jelley advised that the public has until July 14, 2020 to send in written comments to the municipality. All links for the public meeting information are on the municipal website as well.

Mayor Jelley advised that there were three phone calls and one person in to the municipal office to gather information on the major variance request. No written comments were received prior to the meeting tonight.

Mayor Jelley advised that the second portion of the meeting will now deal with Environmental Impact Assessment and the overall development.

Don Maynard and Peter Joostema presented information on the Environment Impact Assessment for the overall development.

Invite Peter Joostema and James Power up to speak on the Environmental Impact Assessment and the overall development.

Once Peter and James are done speaking, then ask for any questions from the public. Advise the public to state their name for the record when making a comment.

Advise the public that the planning board and the Council sent some questions through for input on the proposed development as well. Read out the questions and answers that were received.

Advise everyone that there three phone calls and one person into the municipal office to gather information on the environmental impact assessment and overall development. No written comments received to date at the municipal office.

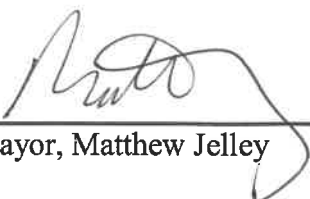
Ask again if there are any questions and remind the public that they have until July 14, 2020 to respond back with any written comments and comment sheets are at the entrance that can be filled out and sent back to the municipal office.

Thank everyone for coming.

Adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Jelley adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.



Mayor, Matthew Jelley



Brenda MacDonald, CAO