

POLICY STATEMENT

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

Purpose: Section 204 of the Municipal Government Act ,SNS, Chapter 18, requires Council to "...adopt a public participation program concerning the preparation of planning documents." This shall also apply to any land use policy amendments Council may consider following the adoption of planning documents.

Policy:

1. During the preparation of an original and the general review of an existing Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw, the Planning Advisory Committee shall hold a minimum of three public meetings in the affected community at which time the public will be given an opportunity to represent their opinions with respect to the future development of the area;
2. Upon application to amend an existing Municipal Planning Strategy, with or without implementing amendments to the Land Use Bylaw, the Planning Advisory Committee shall hold at least one public meeting in the affected community to solicit opinions from the public on the proposed amendment;
3. Any such public meeting shall be advertised at least once in a local newspaper and the advertisement shall briefly describe the undertaking or proposed amendment, the time, date and place of the meeting, as well as a source for obtaining background or additional information. Advertisements shall be published at least three days in advance of such public meetings;
4. Subject to the above minimums and subject to any direction from Council, the Planning Advisory Committee shall determine an appropriate number of public participation meetings and advertisements.