

## **2008 PLANNING BOARD REPORT**

In addition to the Chair, the 2008 Planning Board included residents Charles MacKenzie and Steve Dickieson as well as councillors Sheila MacKinnon and Joe Murphy. Development Officer Alfie Wakelin continues to be an asset to the Board, Council and residents in dealing with building permit and subdivision applications. He is scheduled to work one half day a week from spring to fall. During the winter season, he is available on an appointment basis.

There were twenty-seven building permits issued in 2008 with a total value slightly over \$1,000,000. Three permits were issued for single family dwellings (including one mini-home), five for additions (residential, commercial and agricultural), three for private garages, and sixteen were issued for storage buildings/decks/ miscellaneous (residential and commercial).

Nine subdivision applications were submitted. Two were cancelled and one application is pending. The remaining six (including three consolidations) were approved.

It has been a busy year for Planning Board. As mentioned in my last report, Council applied for and received funding under the New Deal for Cities and Communities agreement between the federal and provincial governments to do the Official Plan and bylaws. I also reported that further information regarding servicing options and the Special Planning Regulations was required to provide residents with the best possible documents. At the time of this report, we are still waiting for the consultant's report on servicing and further information regarding the Special Planning Regulations.

Planning Board has worked with our consultant, Phil Wood, and a draft Official Plan and development bylaw has been prepared. In order for us to proceed, a decision with regard to the Special Planning Regulations is required by Executive Council. It is hoped that this will be done prior to the annual meeting. Based on Executive Council's decision, we will know whether or not we can proceed with the prepared draft documents. It is hoped that, in the very near future, we can advertise and hold a public meeting to hear residents' comments. Please ensure that you take the time to read the documents when they become available and come to the meeting. Remember these are your documents and they are instrumental in governing land use and future development within our municipality.

I would like to thank the 2008 Board for all its work and support over the past year. I would also like to thank Alfie Wakelin and Shari MacDonald for the work that they have done on our behalf. Both are instrumental in the planning process for Miltonvale Park.

Respectfully submitted,

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Betty Pryor, Planning Board Chair

## 2008 SPECIAL PLANNING AREA COMMITTEE REPORT

As mentioned in the 2008 Planning Board Report, there were some issues with respect to the Special Planning Regulations that needed to be addressed before proceeding with the Official Plan review. These became better known once we started the review process and to work with our planner, Phil Wood.

There are 13 municipalities within the Special Planning Areas of Charlottetown, Cornwall, and Stratford. Mr. Wood was working with a municipality in each of these areas and it was felt that it would be to our advantage to work together since there were similar issues.

To get started, Miltonvale Park hosted an introductory meeting in February and invited councillors and administrators from the 13 municipalities. It was very exciting to have 11 of the municipalities represented. Everyone had ample opportunity to comment and/or voice concerns. It was interesting to hear what people had to say and to realize that, although the municipalities are so different, we had a lot in common. It was decided to categorize the municipalities into three basic groups: (a) communities in the Official Planning process now (b) communities that just completed Official Plans or have an updated plan and (c) communities that do not have an Official Plan

In late February another meeting was held and nine communities were represented. Representatives from the provincial government and the federal infrastructure program were also in attendance. It was a very positive meeting and, on February 26<sup>th</sup>, Miltonvale Park agreed to act as the lead community. Funding was applied for (and received) under the Capacity Building Fund to hire a consultant to help with the process of preparing a policy submission to the provincial government regarding special Planning Areas.

A committee was formed with three representatives from each of the three groups. A "Request for Proposals" was prepared and a few responses were received. In late July, the Committee met and selected Phil Wood to be the consultant. Several meetings were held and, in order to proceed further, it was important to familiarize the affected communities on what we were setting out to do. In September, a full day workshop was held at the Winsloe Lions Club and representatives from the 13 communities were invited to attend.

Based on comments heard, a report was prepared and sent to the 13 community councils for comment. Public meetings were held in each of the Special Planning Areas to hear comments and concerns from residents. In early December, members of the Committee and Mr. Wood met with Hon. Carolyn Bertram, Minister of Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour, and presented the report. With the new Commission on the Land and Local Governance, major action on the Special Planning regulations is not anticipated; however, a minor amendment to the regulations will allow us to proceed with our draft documents. It is hoped that a decision will be made by Executive Council before the annual meeting.

I would like to acknowledge Shari MacDonald for her work with the Committee. As part of the funding (and, I am sure, volunteer hours) Shari attended the meetings and prepared all the minutes/notes for the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Betty Pryor, Committee Co-Chair