

**Town of Amherst
Public Hearing
Minutes**

Date: November 23, 2023
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present Mayor David Kogon
Deputy Mayor Dale Fawthrop
Councillor Charlie Chambers
Councillor Hal Davidson
Councillor Leon Landry

Members Absent Councillor George Baker
Councillor Lisa Emery

Staff Present Andrew Fisher, Director of Planning & Strategic Initiatives
Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk
Cindy Brown, Administrative Assistant
Sean Payne, Corporate Communications Officer

Others Present Greg Smith, Chief Operations Officer, Blackbay Real Estate Group
Creighton McCarthy, Citizen Representative, Planning Advisory Committee
Susan Costin, Resident
Sharon White, Resident

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kogon called the public hearing to order.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mayor Kogon gave the Territorial Acknowledgement.

3. 105 South Albion Street Development Agreement

3.1 Staff Report

Andrew Fisher presented the application for a Development Agreement to permit the construction of two rows of five townhouses and two apartment buildings including an 8-storey building comprising of 128 units and a 4-storey building comprising of 48 units at 105 South Albion Street.

3.2 Council Questions / Comments

Deputy Mayor Fawthrop expressed that he did have concerns with traffic egress from the proposed site onto South Albion Street; however, Mr. Fisher addressed this.

Deputy Mayor Fawthrop asked if the applicant intended to request that Nova Scotia Power abandon the easement. Mr. Fisher replied that the applicant has redesigned the proposed development around the easement, and it does not present a significant impediment to the development. NS Power does not often give up easements, but the developer can certainly pursue that if they wish.

There were no further questions or comments from Council.

3.3 Public Questions / Comments

The Chief Operations Officer for the applicant Greg Smith was in attendance. He thanked Council and staff for their work on this application to date. He stated he believes this is a great project, and that any issues raised have been or will be addressed as they are committed to following all by-laws and policies.

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

- 4. Adjournment**
Moved By: Councillor Landry
Seconded By: Councillor Chambers
To adjourn the public hearing.

Motion Carried

Natalie LeBlanc
Municipal Clerk

David Kogon, MD
Mayor