



West Hants

Public Hearing Agenda

1. Intro by Mayor
2. Presentation by Planner (Sara Poirier)
3. Presentation by Applicant (Patrick Hill)
4. Comments or Questions from the Public
5. Questions from Council
6. Conclusion of Public Hearing

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Paintball Facility Highway 215, Summerville Development Agreement

Public Hearing Cont.

May 28, 2024

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Application

- A completed application was received on March 20, 2023 from Patrick Hill
- Request is for a Paintball Facility, with playing areas located in the woods and potentially in the open field
- Property is 400 acres and currently vacant, heavily wooded
- The property is owned by Marlene Hill who has provided authorization for the applicant to use a portion of the property for the proposed Paintball Facility.



Public Information Meeting notes

- PIM was held on June 6, 2023 and was available live on Facebook
- Comments and questions could be submitted by June 20, 2023
- Staff Received comments from several community members
 - Concerns included:
 - Proximity to and impact on graveyard
 - Impact on environment
 - Noise and disruption
 - Buffering and fencing ideas
 - Parking questions
 - Support for the business and bringing activity to Summerville



West Hants Municipal Planning Strategy

- Part 9.0 of the WHMPS contains the overall intention for Resource areas in West Hants
- Section 9.1 contains the specific policies for properties zoned General Resource (GR)
- *Policy 9.1.7* establishes Council's intention to consider **Recreation Commercial uses in the General Resource (GR)** zone by development agreement



West Hants MPS – DA Criteria Policy

- **Policy 9.1.7 and 13.3.2 – Recreation Commercial uses by DA**
 - ✓ No adversely affect existing resource uses
 - ✓ The use is not more appropriate in a Growth Centre, Village or Hamlet
 - ✓ Recreation facility
 - ✓ Appropriate lot size
 - ✓ Safe road access
 - ✓ Adequate parking
 - ✓ Neighbouring uses not adversely affected
 - ✓ Fencing/buffering requirements

Site Plan

100-foot setbacks
Netting and Buffering
requirements
Development Area:
Parking
Storage
Playing courses
Watching areas
etc.



West Hants MPS – General Criteria Policy

- **Policy 16.3.1** states general criteria for amendments to the Land Use By-law.
 - ✓ adequacy of sewer and water services; schools; fire protection; road networks; and the financial capacity of the Municipality to absorb any costs relating to the development.
 - ✓ capable of being serviced (either central on-site systems);
 - ✓ the suitability of auto, rail and pedestrian traffic;
 - ✓ the shape of the lot for the intended use; the pattern of development; the suitability of the area in terms of steepness of grade, water courses etc.



Public Hearing Continuation

- Public Hearing opened on April 23, 2024
- Council had questions on the potential noise of the paintball facility in this location and postponed the Public Hearing until tonight
- Staff and Council conducted a site visit on May 1 where the applicant demonstrated the noise of 4 paintball markers



Public Information Meeting – June 6, 2023

Staff Review

PAC/HAC Review and Recommendation –
March 14, 2024

First Reading – March 26, 2024

Public Hearing Opened – April 23, 2024

**Public Hearing Continuation & Second
Reading – May 28, 2024**

14-day appeal period

Notice Placed in Paper

Process

All statutory requirements
have been met



Public Hearing Comments

- April 23 - 3 members of the public spoke at the meeting; 6 pieces of written correspondence were read by the Clerk
- May 28 – 29 pieces of written correspondence
 - Concerns regarding impact on equestrian facility, potential noise could impact safety for horses and riders, insurance concerns, concerns regarding loss of agricultural land
 - Support for outdoor recreation/entertainment, promotion of physical activity for all ages, small business/economic benefits



Comments or Questions from Public



Questions from Council





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Recommendation (1 of 2)

...that Council gives Second Reading and approves the development agreement to permit a paintball facility on PID 45180635 on Highway 215 in Summerville, in a manner substantively the same as the draft set out in Appendix A of the report to Council regarding File # 23-07B dated May 28, 2024.



Recommendation (2 of 2)

...that Council requires that the development agreement with Marlene Hill be signed within 120 days from the date of final approval by Council or the date that any appeals have been disposed of; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.





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