

Down but not out, Sussex seeks comeback



Fred Hazel people and places

There were lots of reasons to visit Sussex in the old glory days before they had big-scale employment industries like the potash mines. We'd think nothing of driving from Saint John just to pick up an ice cream cone at the dairy, or some Sussex-produced butter or the famous Sussex Golden Ginger Ale, when it was bottled there.

Sussex struck me as an idyllic rural town where it would be a delight to live. On Main Street, I'd drop in to the Kings County Record, to visit Donald R. Smith, who gave me my first journalism job at the Telegraph-Journal. Later, in semi-retirement, he took over as editor of the Record.

The women liked to check out the bargains at the former Black's Clothing, just a few doors down from the Record office. We'd ramble around town, sampling the restaurants, including the Gasthof Old Bavarian at nearby Knightville, and enjoying the charm of Sussex streets with homey names like Church Avenue.

A big attraction in later years was the weekly Farmers' Market, with its country-fresh variety of produce and crafts displayed in a friendly environment. And the imaginative wall murals gave Sussex its own distinctive décor.

Sussex moved into the industrial big-time with the discovery of potash deposits for agricultural fertilizer. You couldn't drive past on the highway without noticing those tall mine-shaft towers dominating the bucolic skyline. Now that dream of industrial security has been shattered by world market forces beyond the town's control, bringing an end to the promising potash production.

It's devastating that some 430 direct good-paying jobs, along with a lot of ancillary support work, is gone as the brand-new Picadilly mine shuts down, replaced by Saskatchewan-based production. But Sussex has a history of adapting. The once-famous ginger ale factory, dating back to 1910, was re-purposed as a housing project.

Mayor Marc Thorne sees "a ray of hope" in such projects as the major job fair recently held in town by J.D. Irving, Limited, seeking to recruit 3,700 skilled workers to fill various job vacancies due to retirements and business growth. Potash Corps is contributing to Sussex charities, providing training funds for displaced miners and seeking to renew its mining licence for possible future activity.

Talk of a regional airport has resurfaced, based on the idea that foggy flight-disruptions at Saint John airport do not prevail in centrally-located Sussex. Perhaps some federal or provincial office operations might be re-located to the Sussex area. No one has the one big solution that can restore the former "Dairy Town's" fortunes yet. But Sussex does have two important things going for it.

They are the history of its small-town determination and the upbeat spirit of its people. Officials at all levels of government need to be looking out for opportunities to restore prosperity to this model town set in the rolling hills and rich farmlands of Kings County.

The economy is uncertain, but it's in all New Brunswickers' interest that Sussex finds a way of bouncing back.

Fred Hazel
Former Telegraph-Journal editor in chief

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PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

RE: 172 CITY LINE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of The City of Saint John intends to consider amending The City of Saint John Zoning By-law at its regular meeting to be held in the Council Chamber on **Monday, April 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**, by:

Rezoning a parcel of land having an area of approximately 6200 square metres, located at 172 City Line, also identified as PID Nos. 00365247, 00364877, 55087175, 55087191 and 55087183, from **Neighbourhood Community Facility (CFN) to Integrated Development (ID).**

REASON FOR CHANGE:
To permit the conversion of the former St. Patrick's School to a mixed use development consisting of commercial and limited light industrial uses.

The proposed amendment may be inspected by any interested person at the office of the Common Clerk, or in the office of Growth and Community Development Services, City Hall, 15 Market Square, Saint John, N.B. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, inclusive, holidays excepted.

Written objections to the amendment may be sent to the undersigned at City Hall.

If you require French services for a Common Council meeting, please contact the office of the Common Clerk.

Jonathan Taylor, Common Clerk
658-2862

PROJET DE MODIFICATION DE L'ARRÊTÉ DE ZONAGE

OBJET: 172, LIGNE CITY

Par les présentes, un avis public est donné par lequel le conseil communal de The City of Saint John indique son intention d'étudier la modification suivante à l'Arrêté de zonage de The City of Saint John, lors de la réunion ordinaire qui se tiendra dans la salle du conseil **le lundi 4 avril 2016 à 18 h 30 :**

Rezoning d'une parcelle de terrain d'une superficie d'environ 6 200 mètres carrés, située au 172, ligne City, et portant les NID 00365247, 00364877, 55087175, 55087191 et 55087183, de **zone d'installations communautaires de quartier (CFN) à zone d'aménagement intégré (ID).**

RAISON DE LA MODIFICATION:
Permettre que soit converti l'usage actuel de l'ancienne école St. Patrick à un aménagement à usage mixte commercial et industriel léger.

Toute personne intéressée peut examiner le projet de modification au bureau du greffier communal ou au bureau du service de la croissance et du développement communautaire à l'hôtel de ville situé au 15, Market Square, à Saint John, au Nouveau-Brunswick., entre 8 h 30 et 16 h 30 du lundi au vendredi, sauf les jours fériés.

Veillez faire part de vos objections au projet de modification par écrit à l'attention du soussigné à l'hôtel de ville.

Si vous avez besoin des services en français pour une réunion de Conseil Communal, veuillez contacter le bureau du greffier communal.

Jonathan Taylor, Greffier communal
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City of Saint John

PROPOSED MUNICIPAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW

RE: 459, 617-885 AND 540-900 ASHBURN ROAD AND A PARCEL OF LAND NORTHEAST OF THE ONE MILE INTERCHANGE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of The City of Saint John intends to consider amending the Municipal Development Plan and The City of Saint John Zoning By-law at its regular meeting to be held in the Council Chamber on **Monday, April 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**, by:

1. Redesignating, on Schedule A of the Plan, parcels of land with an area of approximately 65.4 hectares, located at 459, 617-885 and 540-900 Ashburn Road also identified as being PID Nos. 00296673, 00357327, 00432203, 00052985, 00053017, 00053025, 55003222, 55069074, 55100325, 55155378, 00297143, 00297895, and 00418160; and a parcel of land north east of the One Mile Interchange, also identified as being PID No. 55189385, as illustrated below, from **Park and Natural Area and Rural Resource Area (outside of the Primary Development Area); Urban Reserve, Stable Area and Employment Area (within the Primary Development Area), to Employment Area, Stable Area and Park and Natural Area (within the Primary Development Area);**
2. Redesignating, on Schedule B of the Plan, the same parcels of land, from **Park and Natural Areas and Rural Resource (outside of the Primary Development Area); Urban Reserve, Stable Commercial and Commercial Corridor (within the Primary Development Area) to Commercial Corridor, Stable Residential and Park and Natural Areas (within the Primary Development Area);**
3. Designating, on Schedule A of the Plan, the portion of Ashburn Road, between Foster Thurston Drive and Rothesay Road, and the portion of Rothesay Road, from Ashburn Road to Rothesay Avenue, as a Commercial Corridor.
4. Rezoning the same parcels of land from **Rural (RU) and Future Development (FD) to Mid-Rise Residential (RM), Corridor Commercial (CC) and Park (P).**

REASON FOR CHANGE:
To permit a mixed-use development and eco-park.

The proposed amendments may be inspected by any interested person at the office of the Common Clerk, or in the office of Growth and Community Development Services, City Hall, 15 Market Square, Saint John, N.B. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, inclusive, holidays excepted.

Written objections to the amendments may be sent to the undersigned at City Hall.

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Jonathan Taylor, Common Clerk
658-2862

PROJETS DE MODIFICATION DU PLAN MUNICIPAL ET DE L'ARRÊTÉ DE ZONAGE

OBJET : 459, 617-885 ET 540-900 CHEMIN ASHBURN ET UNE PARCELLE DE TERRAIN SITUÉE AU NORD-EST DE L'ÉCHANGEUR ONE MILE

Par les présentes, un avis public est donné par lequel le conseil communal de The City of Saint John indique son intention de modifier le plan d'aménagement municipal et l'arrêté de zonage de The City of Saint John, lors de la réunion ordinaire qui se tiendra dans la salle du conseil **le lundi 4 avril 2016 à 18 h 30**, en apportant les modifications suivantes :

1. Modifier la désignation, à l'annexe A du plan, des parcelles de terrain d'une superficie d'environ 65,4 hectares, situées au 459, 617-885 et 540-900, chemin Ashburn, portant les NID 00296673, 00357327, 00432203, 00052985, 00053017, 00053025, 55003222, 55069074, 55100325, 55155378, 00297143, 00297895, et 00418160; et une parcelle de terrain située au nord-est de l'échangeur One Mile, portant le NID 55189385, comme il est indiqué ci-dessous, afin de les faire passer de **secteur de parc et aire naturelle et secteur de ressources rurales (hors du principal secteur de développement); réserve urbaine, secteur stable et secteur de d'emploi (dans le principal secteur de développement) à secteur de d'emploi, secteur stable et secteur de parc et aire naturelle (dans le principal secteur de développement);**
2. Modifier la désignation, à l'annexe B du plan, des parcelles de terrain précitées, afin de les faire passer de **secteur de parc et aire naturelle et secteur de ressources rurales (hors du principal secteur de développement); réserve urbaine, secteur commercial stable et corridor commercial (dans le principal secteur de développement) à secteur de développement futur (FD) à zone de corridor commercial (CC), zone de bâtiments résidentiels de moyenne hauteur (RM), et zone de parc (P).**
3. Désigner, à l'annexe A du plan, la partie du chemin Ashburn, entre promenade Foster Thurston et chemin Rothesay, et la partie du chemin Rothesay, entre chemin Ashburn et avenue Rothesay, comme corridor commercial.
4. Modifier le zonage de la même parcelles de terrain de **zone rurale (RU) et zone de développement futur (FD) à zone de corridor commercial (CC), zone de bâtiments résidentiels de moyenne hauteur (RM), et zone de parc (P).**

RAISON DE LA MODIFICATION :
Permettre un développement à usage mixte et un parc écologique.

Toute personne intéressée peut examiner les projets de modification au bureau du greffier communal ou au bureau du service de la croissance et du développement communautaire à l'hôtel de ville au 15, Market Square, Saint John, N.-B., entre 8 h 30 et 16 h 30 du lundi au vendredi, sauf les jours fériés.

Veillez faire part de vos objections aux projets de modification proposés par écrit à l'attention du soussigné à l'hôtel de ville.

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