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Community Vows to Halt Greenwich Development

Last night the Greenwich Community Hall was filled to capacity, with latecomers sitting in a back hallway. They came as the result of an invitation extended to “those opposed” to wide scale development. Currently, Kings County Council is forwarding a development application that seeks to rezone 380 acres of prime farmland for residential, commercial and industrial purposes.

Chris Parker, Councillor for District 10, where the proposed development is located, arrived just prior to the start of proceedings and was asked to leave by the moderator of the meeting, Audrey Haig-Stewart. Haig-Stewart says: “The determination of Councillor Parker to facilitate the development of this land on behalf of the four farmer-developers knows no bounds. A strategy meeting that clearly invited only those opposed to the development, is not a place where he should be.” Haig-Stewart adds: “For 5-years the majority of Greenwich residents have voiced strong opposition to the loss of this farm land and the negative impacts it will have on our community while Councillor Parker consistently worked against us by: forwarding motions of reconsideration when similar, previous applications were denied; stopping a Secondary Planning Strategy promised to Greenwich by the Kings County Council; and lastly by orchestrating the hiring of a Halifax-based consulting firm, at a cost of \$36,000 to taxpayers, to move the current application forward.”

Following presentations on behalf of tourism operators, local farmers and residents, those gathered discussed and suggested different possible actions aimed at strengthening the group’s collective opposition - up to, and including engaging legal council to examine behaviour deemed “unreasonable” within a legal framework.

Residents of Wolfville who attended the meeting, could see only negative impacts for their town should the development be permitted, and plan to take their concerns to their council. Andrew Bishop of Noggins Corner Farm encouraged those attending to step up their opposition to the application. Bishop claims: “The economic benefit to Kings County of continued farming on this farmland far outweighs the short term gain that would be realized if non-farm related development occurs.”

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