

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 4, 2018

The Township of Rideau Lakes Economic Development Committee held a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 4, 2018 at the Municipal Office in Chantry, Ontario.

Chairperson Bob Lavoie called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following committee members were in attendance: Chairperson Bob Lavoie, Mayor Ron Holman, Councillors Claire Gunnewiek, Arie Hoogenboom, Cathy Livingston; Public Representatives Sharen Symondson and Jennifer Campbell; and Staff Mike Dwyer, CAO and Brianne Harper, Receptionist.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

RECOMMENDATION #1

Moved By: Arie Hoogenboom

Seconded By: Cathy Livingston

That this Committee adopt the Agenda, as submitted.

Carried:

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

Chairperson Lavoie asked if anyone had a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof and none were declared.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes of the May 7, 2018 Economic Development Committee Meeting were distributed to the Committee. Chairperson Lavoie asked for any errors, omissions or questions.

The following recommendation was duly moved and seconded:

RECOMMENDATION #2

Moved By: Claire Gunnewiek

Seconded By: Arie Hoogenboom

That this committee approve the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2018 as presented.

Carried:

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Alison Turtak, Director, Community and Social Services, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, and Shannon Brown, Manager Children's Services, UCLG, were in attendance to make a presentation to the Committee regarding Child Care in Rideau Lakes.

Shannon Brown shared information on Leeds and Grenville's role in childcare, the types of childcare there are, the importance of childcare, the problems that are faced, subsidy fees and information on how they are determined. To start up a childcare service is a very lengthy process that can take a year to a year and a half to complete.

RECOMMENDATION #3

Moved By: Cathy Livingston

Seconded By: Mayor Holman

That the Economic Development Committee expresses appreciation to Alison Turtak, Director, Community and Social Services, and Shannon Brown, Manager Children's Services, both from the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, for their Presentation regarding Child Care in Rideau Lakes.

Carried:

The committee observed a 13-minute break from 10:17am – 10:30am.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new businesses.

BUSINESS ARISING:

PORTLAND STREETScape RFP

Mike reported that JD Jewell is the firm that will be completing the project. They will begin inventory and then follow with the design process.

ELGIN MAIN STREET 'OPEN FOR BUSINESS' CAMPAIGN

Mike reported that 2 8'X8' signs were ordered and installed on support frameworks built by Staff. The signs are generic so that if needed they can be used again in the future. There has been positive feedback from the village.

COMMUNITY MAPS

Mike reported that Township and Community Maps were delivered to area businesses, lock stations and libraries. Local trails were added to the map and Morton and Jones Falls now have regional maps.

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

The Committee discussed information received regarding The Rideau Lakes Libraries as Tourist Hubs, the article by CAO Mike Dwyer published in Municipal World magazine regarding alternative servicing options for small villages, and the grant to advance Regional Economic Strategy received by the Eastern Ontario Leadership Council.

The committee agreed that Mike Dwyer's article in Municipal World magazine was great and a positive way to get Rideau Lakes noticeable.

The following recommendation was duly moved and seconded:

RECOMMENDATION #4

Moved By: Claire Gunnewiek

Seconded By: Arie Hoogenboom

That the Economic Development Committee acknowledge the Correspondence/Information items.

Carried:

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

The Committee asked that the following items be brought to the next meeting:

Action Listing, Promotion for Elgin Main Street, and an update on developments in the area (possibly in a closed session).

CHAIR COMMENTS:

Chair Bob Lavoie had no comments other than the presentation from Alison Turtak and Shannon Brown was fantastic.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair declared the Economic Development Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m., until the next Regular Meeting.

Bob Lavoie
Chairperson

Michael Dwyer
Secretary