

Members Present:

Councillor M. Kalivas, Chair
Councillor J. Baker (late 5:34 pm)
Councillor T. Blanchard
Councillor M. McFall (late 5:33 pm)
Mayor D. Henderson, Ex-Officio

Staff:

Mr. J. Faurschou, Planner I
Ms. L. Murray, Deputy City Clerk (Recording Secretary)
Ms. M. Pascoe-Merkley, Director of Planning
Mr. D. Paul, Director of Economic Development

Others:

Ms. T. Renkema, JRfm
Mr. R. Zajac, Recorder and Times Newspaper

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

DELEGATION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

STAFF REPORTS

1. 2013-100-09
Façade Improvement Grant Program and
Residential or Commercial Conversion/Rehabilitation
Grant Program Uptake

Moved by: Councillor Baker

THAT Council receive Report 2013-100-09 Façade Improvement Grant Program and Residential or Commercial Conversion/Rehabilitation Grant Program Uptake for information purposes.

CARRIED

Mr. Faurschou provided an overview of this report. He explained that during the application period, February 1, 2013 to May 31, 2013, they received 6 applications of which 5 qualified.

The Mayor was surprised to see an application for 9 - 11 Broad Street (The Boardwalk) had met the conditions considering it isn't a heritage type building. Mr. Faurschou clarified that this grant program is a community improvement program, if the building is deemed heritage it would be awarded more points during the application process.

The committee would like to see the qualifications tightened up a little because they don't feel this is the intent of this program.

Councillor Baker was not in support of the "Residential or Commercial Conversion/Rehabilitation Grant Program. He doesn't think the City should be using tax payer's money to improve interiors of apartments. He would also like to see the tightening of this program's guideline.

The Committee would like to see this topic brought back to Committee in November so that they may review and tighten up the criteria.

2. 2013-097-09
Revised Policy
City Property Transactions

Moved by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT the Economic Development and Planning Committee recommend to Council the endorsement on the revised policy of the process associated with City property transactions inclusive of the revised Purchase of Sale Agreement.

DEFFERED
To EDP October

Mr. D. Paul provided a brief summary of this report. Mr. Paul explained that it is mostly the process that has changed and they have added a new condition (#9) within the agreement which provides the City a little more protection. In addition Mr. Paul said that the City solicitor has reviewed both the process and the agreement.

Councillor McFall is not comfortable with the wording of condition nine; she feels there needs to be more wording to protect the City against being sued for breach of contract.

Councillor Kalivas would like to see the wording included, that if unsuccessful in a zoning by-law amendment, they can't take the City to the OMB.

Ms. Pascoe Merkley explained that you can't take away the right for someone to go to the OMB as it is stipulated in the Planning Act.

The Committee is not ready to move this forward and would like the wording of condition number nine reworked, and brought back to the next EDP meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Nil.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nil.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor McFall

THAT the Economic Development and Planning Committee adjourned its meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for October 1, 2013.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.