

Economic Development & Planning Committee

Tuesday, December 06, 2016, 5:15 pm
City Hall, Council Chambers

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members Present:

Councillor D. LeSueur, Chair
Councillor J. Baker
Councillor J. Earle
Councillor M. Kalivas
Mayor D. Henderson, Ex-Officio

Others:

Councillor T. Blanchard
Councillor L. Bursey
Councillor P. Deery

Staff:

C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations
J. Faurschou, Planner I
S. MacDonald, City Clerk (Recording Secretary)
M. Pascoe-Merkley, Director of Planning
D. Paul, Director of Economic Development

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Immigrant Entrepreneur Attraction Research Project
Jacqueline Schoemaker Holmes, PhD
Project Researcher: Immigrant Entrepreneur Attraction

J. Schoemaker Holmes provided an overview of her research from the past nine months.

Councillor Baker noted that many of these strategies are already in place in one form or another and he would not support a report requesting the creation of a new position to undertake this project. It should be more of a regional approach. Some of the recommendations could be implemented with our existing staff or with updates to some of our programs and processes.

STAFF REPORTS

1. 2016-156-12
Immigration Attraction Report

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT the Economic Development and Planning committee receive the Immigration Attraction Report and direct the Economic Development Office to provide recommendations for further consideration by EDP/Council on the execution of the actions noted therein; and further,

THAT the subject report include related budget and timing implications to achieve deliverables of the report.

CARRIED

2. 2016-151-12
Proposed Amendment to Zoning By-law 050-2014,
North West Corner King St. W. at Clarissa Street
City of Brockville
Owner: McKercher Bros. (Brockville) Ltd.
Agent: Michael Brewer

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT Zoning By-law 050-2014 be amended to rezone lands located at the northwest corner of King St. West and Clarissa St., described as Part of Lots 24 to 27, Block 44, Plan 67, being Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 28R-14064, from MD – Mixed Use Downtown Zone to T-MD-1 Mixed Use Downtown Special Exception Zone to permit a “Refreshment Vehicle” for a temporary period of three (3) years, in addition to the other uses permitted in the MD – Mixed Use Downtown Zone, with zone provisions associated with the “Refreshment Vehicle” to include specific locational criteria, installation of a bicycle rack, and prohibition on associated outside storage, accessory structures and with provision for landscaping.

CARRIED

3. 2016-152-12
Renewal of Pound Contract

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT the Corporation of the City of Brockville enters into a two year contract with Sally Bell operating as “MeowTown Luxury Resort for Cats” at 840 Stewart Boulevard to continue the relationship as Pound Keeper for the City.

CARRIED

4. 2016-153-12

Acceptance of Transfer of Land for
Brock Trail, Cancellation of Fitzsimmons Drive Sidewalk
Construction and Amendment of Subdivision Agreement
Bridlewood Subdivision, Plan 375
Owner 653973 Ontario Limited

Moved by: Councillor Baker

1. THAT the City accepts the transfer, at no cost to the City, of a 1.0 ha parcel of land east of Bridlewood Drive from 653973 Ontario Limited required by the City for purposes of the Brock Trail extension, in exchange for a release from the obligation in the Bridlewood Subdivision Agreement to construct a sidewalk on the north side of Fitzsimmons Drive from Montrose Street westerly to the west edge of Plan 375.
2. THAT the Subdivision Agreement between Dodge and Dodge Corporation Limited and the Corporation of the City of Brockville under By-law 234-81, as amended, be further amended to address deletion of a portion of the sidewalk on the north side of Fitzsimmons Drive from Montrose Street westerly to the west edge of Plan 375 and conveyance of land for the Brock Trail extension.

CARRIED

5. 2016-154-12

Request for Acceptance and Release Phases 1 to 4, Plan 375
Bridlewood Subdivision, City of Brockville
Owner: 653973 Ontario Limited

Moved by: Councillor Baker

THAT Council authorizes the enactment of a by-law for final acceptance of the work and infrastructure within Phases 1 through 4 inclusive of Bridlewood Subdivision and to discharge obligations under the Subdivision Agreement, as amended, between Dodge and Dodge Corporation Limited and the Corporation of the City of Brockville, as it applies to Phases 1 through 4, save and except Clauses 16(a), 16(b) and 16(c).

CARRIED

6. 2016-155-12
Renewal of Agreement with the
Commissionaires Inc., Kingston and Region
Division for Parking Enforcement

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council for the Corporation of the City of Brockville accept the agreement with the Commissionaires Inc., Kingston and Region Division for the provision of parking enforcement services for the period of February 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018.

CARRIED

7. 2016-157-12
Architectural Services
Railway Tunnel Phase 2

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT MTBA Associates Inc. be retained to develop concepts for the former railway lands northeast of William and Brock Streets, including a public consultation process, for a fee of \$84,764.85 plus HST; and

THAT this expenditure be charged to account 9701101-9037001.

REFERRED TO THE NEXT EDP COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion to Refer

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the matter be referred to the next meeting of EDP in order for additional information to be provided regarding the environmental conditions/assessment and a financial update on revenues and expenses, including anticipated operations costs for both Phase 1 and 2 of the project

CARRIED

Councillor Kalivas expressed his concern with starting on Phase 2 of the project before Phase 1 is complete and that Council has not been provided information about the funding that has been confirmed for Phases 1 and 2. There is additional concern with regard to contamination of the site. Mr. Cosgrove confirmed that an environmental report was completed 10 years ago and would need to be updated.

Councillor Earle also noted his concern starting on Phase 2 before Phase 1 is complete. He also noted that the proposal to have tour bus traffic to and from the site could be problematic. He also asked if there has been a commitment from CN with regard to the access for the Brock Trail under the CN tracks. Councillor LeSueur indicated that an application was submitted to CN for access for the Brock Trail and he expects a response before the end of the year.

Councillor Baker expressed his frustration on having requests for Phase 2 of the project coming forward before Phase 1 is complete. He asked for more detailed budget information for Phases 1 and 2. He noted that Council has yet to provide their vision for the project/Phase 2.

Councillor Deery noted the concern with getting Phase 1 done before Phase 2 starts but his vision is that one doesn't work without the other. He noted that no Brockville firms submitted a bid for this work. He would like an update of where the project is financially for each of the phases.

Mayor Henderson indicated the need for an update regarding the finances. He noted his concern with the commercial aspect of Phase 2 and the viability and/or operational costs of the commercial component. The land will be developed but financing is important.

Councillor Blanchard noted that he does not support Phase 2. If this motion is approved today it would be as if you support Phase 2 proceeding.

Councillor Baker indicated that he has not yet heard any information about the operating budget for Phase 2. What is the BRTC vision for Phase 2. He indicated his support for using the (secured) funding for Phase 2 on building Phase 2, but not spending money on creating renderings and taking them out to the public. It seems backwards. Wants consensus on the conceptual plan for Phase 2 and then go to design/renderings.

Councillor LeSueur feels that it is the experts who should be providing the concepts for Phase 2.

NEW BUSINESS - REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Nil.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Baker

THAT the following items be placed on the Consent Agenda:

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CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT the Economic Development and Planning Committee adjourned its meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for January 3, 2017.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:04.