

Economic Development & Planning Committee

Tuesday, December 03, 2013, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, Council Chambers

Members Present:

Councillor M. McFall, Chair

Councillor D. Beatty

Councillor M. Kalivas

Councillor D. LeSueur

Mayor D. Henderson, Ex-Officio

Staff:

Ms. V. Baker, Clerk's Secretary (Recording Secretary)

Mr. D. Dick, Director of Corporate Services

Ms. M. Pascoe-Merkley, Director of Planning

Mr. D. Paul, Director of Economic Development

Ms. S. Seale, City Clerk

Others:

Ms. T. Renkema, 104.9 JRFM

Mr. R. Zajak, Recorder & Times

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

DELEGATION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)

 CARP - Age Friendly Designation (Dawn Edgely)

Moved by: Councillor LeSueur

THAT City Council hereby endorse, in principle, the CARP Age-Friendly initiative to support participation and healthy active lifestyles for older adults and all citizens.

Carried

Ms. Edgley offered a power point presentation.

She stated that CARP is looking for a commitment from Council to support initiatives. They are not asking for funding.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

STAFF REPORTS

1. 2013-141-12

Festival and Events Co-ordinator

Moved by: Councillor LeSueur

THAT the Economic Development and Planning Committee recommend to Council the establishment of a festival and events reserve account being \$115,000 +1- surplus generated from profit of the Tall Ships Festival- 1812 Tour, and further;

THAT the City enter into a three year contractual agreement with the Brockville and District Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Office for a Festival and Event Coordinator position with terms and conditions to be presented to Council at a later date for ratification.

Carried as amended on a later vote

Motion to Separate

Moved by: Councillor Beatty

THAT the original motion be separated in to two motions.

Carried

The vote on the first part of the motion was now taken, and the motion was carried.

Moved by: Councillor LeSueur

THAT the Economic Development and Planning Committee recommend to Council the establishment of a festival and events reserve account being \$115,000 +1-surplus generated from profit of the Tall Ships Festival- 1812 Tour.

Carried

The vote on the second part of the original motion was now taken and deferred.

Moved by: Councillor LeSueur

THAT the City enter into a three year contractual agreement with the Brockville and District Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Office for a Festival and Event Coordinator position with terms and conditions to be presented to Council at a later date for ratification.

Deferred to EDP January

Motion to Defer

Moved by: Mayor Henderson

THAT the motion to enter into a three year contractual agreement with the Brockville and District Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Office be deferred to the the EDP meeting to be held in January pending the provision of additional information concerning the position's job description and criteria for measuring performance.

Carried

Mr. Paul spoke to the report.

Councillor Beatty stated that the position should be a support to local festivals and events. He said that the individual should have a good performance record in this type of endeavor and would need to be accountable. Mr. Paul stated that all criteria could be included in the contract offered.

Councillor Kalivas asked how money would be put into the reserve account. Mr. Weir, Brockville Tourism, stated that they are exploring the possibility of a DMP (Destination Marketing Program). He stated that the surcharge from the hotels would go into the reserve account.

Councillor McFall said that she would like to see the job description in writing. Mr. Paul said that this information would be brought back to the Committee.

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

Moved by: Councillor Beatty

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.

Deferred

Mr. Paul spoke to the report.

Councillor Kalivas is concerned with the City maintaining control of the property transaction and would like the City to be able to withdraw at any point. Councillor McFall asked if the City could not appoint the buyer as the agent and therefore the City would be able to stop the process if they decide not to go forward with it. She also cautioned to take in account how a buyer would perceive the City pulling out during the process of the transaction especially if money had been paid out.

Councillor Kalivas asked if wording is available to add into the contract that would prevent the buyer from going 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 stated in the Planning Act. Councillor LeSueur suggested that more time may be needed to review these transactions.

Mayor Henderson stated that in some instances problems are not apparent until the public is notified and by that time the transaction is in process.

Mr. Paul will discuss with the City solicitor, items discussed at this meeting and bring this back to the EDP meeting of January 2014.

NEW BUSINESS - REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Beatty stated that he would like the committee to encourage economic development and related topics.

Councillor LeSueur stated that topics could be included on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the following items be placed on the consent agenda:

- 1. CARP-Age Friendly Designation
- 2. 2012-141-12
 Festival and Events Co-ordinator
 (First part of motion)

Carried

The meeting recessed at 6:02 p.m.

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The meeting reconvened at 6:14 p.m.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION (6:14 p.m.)

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT pursuant to Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 Sub. 2(c), Committee resolve itself into Closed Session to consider:

1. a proposed or pending acquisition or deposition of land by the municipality or local board.

Carried

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FROM CLOSED SESSION (6:19 p.m.)

Moved by: Councillor Beatty

THAT the EDP Committee rise from Closed Session and the Chairman report that all recommendations adopted in Closed Session, be adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor LeSueur

THAT the Economic Development and Planning Committee adjourned its meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for January 7, 2014.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.