

Economic Development & Planning Committee

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 - 5:00 p.m. City Hall, Council Chambers

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Roll Call

Committee Members: Councillor J. Baker, Chair Councillor M. Kalivas Councillor S. Williams

Others:

Councillor G. Beach Councillor L. Journal

Staff:

Ms. T. Brons, Administrative Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Mr. J. Faurschou, Planner I

Ms. M. Pascoe-Merkley, Director of Planning

Mr. A. McGinnis, Planner II

Ms. S. Seale, City Clerk

Others:

Mr. N. Gardiner, Recorder and Times

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

DELEGATIONS

1. Kevin Harper, IBI Group

Re: Brockville Landings/EIT Concept Design Proposal

Mr. Kevin Harper, Planner, IBI Group, on behalf of Brockville Landings Inc., appeared before the Committee to provide rationale and concept of the proposed development for 101 Water Street.

The proposed 101 Water Street Development requests the City to consider an increase in the building height limitations of the Draft Official Plan from a maximum of 10 stories to a maximum of 18 stories.

Mr. Harper commented that the proposed development concept is in keeping with the future goals for the community, as expressed in the objectives and policies of the City's new draft Official Plan.

It was indicated by Mr. Harper that a feasibility study has not been completed with respect to this proposed development as it would be up to Brockville Landings to do so in the future should this development be approved.

Mr. Derrick Ledan, Project Manager (Brockville Landings Inc.) provided an overview of the proposed development.

A full concept development and planning rationale for 101 Water Street, completed by IBI Group, was submitted to the Planning Department and Council members for review.

Councillor Kalivas commented that he feels it would be necessary to go through the public meeting process with respect to this proposal.

Councillor Journal indicated that it would be necessary to know the results of a feasibility study to provide rationale for the increase in building height restrictions before Council could make an informed decision on the viability of the proposed project. Councillor Journal also noted that he feels a public process would be necessary.

Councillor Baker commented that he appreciates being informed of the future proposal before making a decision on the Official Plan.

Councillor Journal commented that this development would be a benefit to the City as it would bring more residents to the downtown area, although anticipates challenges along the way.

This matter was left with the Committee for information purposes at this time.

2. Steve and Jennifer Moore, Somerville Farms Re: Sign By-Law

Mr. Steve Moore and Ms. Jennifer Moore appeared before the Committee to express their concerns regarding the sign by-law with respect to their business, Somerville Farms.

Mr. and Ms. Moore requested clarification as to why they have been requested by the City to reduce/change the signage on their business' property.

Pictures of the signs were distributed to the Committee for review.

Mr. A. McGinnis, Planner II, provided information regarding the rules and regulations contained within the City's Sign By-Law.

Councillor Journal commented that he would support the sign by-law exemption for additional signs for this business due to the location of the business.

Councillor Williams noted that he feels granting an exemption to the sign by-law would set precedence, and for that reason, could not support a sign by-law exemption.

Councillor Journal advised Mr. and Mrs. Moore to apply for an amendment to the sign by-law and to submit a request to appear as a delegation at the next meeting of Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

Brockville Arts Centre Annual Report 2009

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the Brockville Arts Centre Annual Report be received by the Committee for information purposes.

CARRIED

Memorandum

Re: Sign By-Law Enforcement

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the memorandum regarding Sign By-Law Enforcement submitted by Mr. A. McGinnis, Planner II, be received by the Committee for information purposes.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items from this meeting to be brought forward to the next regular meeting of Council.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.