

Economic Development & Planning Committee

Tuesday, February 07, 2017, 4:15 pm
City Hall, Council Chambers

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor J. Earle

Other Council Members:

Councillor P. Deery

Staff:

B. Casselman, City Manager
D. Dick, Director of Corporate Services
L. Murray, Deputy City Clerk (Recording Secretary)
D. Paul, Director of Economic Development
P. Raabe, Director of Environmental Services
L. White, Manager of Strategic Initiatives

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Age Friendly Brockville
(Dawn Edgley, Project Lead)

Ms. Edgley reviewed her presentation for the Committee.

2. Economic Development Project Summaries and Briefing
(David Paul, Director of Economic Development)

David Paul offered an overview of his presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

STAFF REPORTS

1. 2017-004-01
UNESCO EuroMAB International Centre

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT EDP recommend to Council the approval for the City's Finance Department to issue tax receipts on donations towards the various work phases and business plan development cost to establish a UNESCO EuroMAB international centre in Brockville; and further,

THAT assistance be provided to the project's Canadian representatives through the guidance of EDAT on local planning, advocacy and economic matters associated with the project implementation and preparation of a formal prospectus.

CARRIED

2. 2017-009-02
Age Friendly Brockville Update

Moved by: Councillor Baker

THAT Council authorize the staff to apply for grants, specifically the Seniors Community Grant (SCG) program, the Age Friendly Community Planning Grant (AFCPG) and others as they become available, to allow the continuance of the pursuit of the City's Age Friendly designation.

THAT the Age Friendly Project Lead continues in an Advisory role on a volunteer basis until such time a grant is available;

And that the Economic Development department 2017 Work Plan allow for staff time to assist the Project Lead in securing the Age Friendly designation.

CARRIED

Councillor Baker wondered in dealing with grants, whether it be provincial or federal, if they take into effect how many have been awarded to a community. He asked if it would weigh negatively on the City if we received too many grants. Dave Paul replied that it would depend on what program and government body was being applied to.

Councillor Kalivas would like more information on exactly what staff's commitment would be for this project. Bob Casselman agreed that he will get that information prepared for the Council meeting next week.

NEW BUSINESS - REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

1. Notice of Motion
Establishment of a Water Advisory Committee
(Councillor Baker)

Moved by: Councillor Baker

THAT the Committee support the establishment of a Water Advisory Committee with the Terms of Reference to be developed.

CARRIED

Councillor Baker introduced his motion saying that status quo is inadequate. He would like to see what the big water users in industry have to say.

Mayor Henderson is not in favour of such a committee as it is the responsibility of staff and Council to ensure that Brockville is provided clean drinking water. He added that perhaps the Drinking Water Quality Management System could be enhanced to include other members of Council and possibly members of the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the following items be placed on Consent Agenda:

1. 2017-004-01
UNESCO EuroMAB International Centre
2. 2017-009-02
Age Friendly Brockville Update

The meeting recessed at 5:45 pm. (to Closed Session)

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

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

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

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened at 6:55 pm.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FROM CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: Baker

THAT the EDP Committee rise from Closed Session without reporting.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Baker

THAT the Economic Development and Planning Committee adjourned its meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for March 7, 2017.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.