

Roll Call:

Mr. L. Bursey, Councillor
Mr. M. Casselman
Mr. M. Hoy
Miss S. Mannseichner

Regrets:

Mr. A. De Murtas
Mr. C. Mininni

Staff:

Ms. S. Seale, City Clerk (Recording Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: M. Casselman
Seconded by: M. Hoy

THAT the agenda, as presented, be approved.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by: M. Casselman
Seconded by: S. Mannseichner

THAT the minutes of March 7, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Official Plan - reports from Committee Members & Questions

Members provided comment regarding their review of the draft Official Plan.

M. Casselman reviewed Section 3.3, Positioning our Economy and Section 3.6, Minimizing our Impact on the Environment:

Section 3.3.1, Locations of Economic Activity - Mr. Casselman spoke of the promotion of community lead initiatives (Perth Street) and how the City should encourage more of these community improvements in other areas (i.e. 108 King St E and more of Perth Street). There should be action taken to clean up vacant properties; perhaps neighbourhood improvement initiatives with City's facilitation. **M. Casselman also suggested that the City's current CIP program be expanded to include downtown facade improvements (tax incentives).**

Section 3.3.2, Tourism - Develop cyclist infrastructure (lanes and Brock trail) to meet the current complaints about lack of parking and potential further losses in parking inventory (Home St lot); this will create a more pedestrian friendly downtown. The development of the trail system should incorporate the railway tunnel. Following up on an election candidate's suggestion for a downtown hotel and conference centre, perhaps a feasibility study could be undertaken to promote the viability of such a development.

Section 3.6.1, Water Resources & 3.6.2, Aquifer & Groundwater Protection - consider a ban on the sale of bottle water in municipal buildings; promote the use of tap water; promote conservation; ensure that water system/supply does not become privatized industry; water security; stand up again aquifer depletion.

Section 3.6.3, Watercourses - **create protected buffer zone in creek areas, ensuring the maintenance of buffer zones where it would be illegal to remove planting/mowing which also provides for the protection of ecological integrity.**

Section 3.6.4, Energy Efficiency & Conservation - investigate hybrid vehicle plug in stations; does the City purchase hybrid vehicles.

Section 3.6.5, Natural Heritage Features and Functions - concern with waterway speed limits, could be reduced within 15 metres of water's edge; 90% of all animals use the littoral zone but careless recreational practices endanger wildlife

M. Hoy reviewed Section 4.5, Mixed Use and Commercial Area.

Mr. Hoy asked if there was a cap on north-end development. He also noted that there seems to be more emphasis on beautification in the south-end (downtown) than the

north-end. There should be a greater balance on green areas.

Miss Mannseichner reviewed Section 3.4, Revitalizing Our City.

She noted that the plan should include more involvement. She noted that inventories should be reviewed for parks relating to shading with trees; lighting of trail systems (for safety); the policies for winter maintenance should account for children's safety; and, access to City islands by non-boaters.

Councillor Bursey reviewed Sections 3.2.2, City Structure, Section 3.2.3, The City's Urban Area and Section 3.2.4, Residential Areas.

Councillor Bursey indicated that there **should be times on bus stop signs**; he asked who does heritage impact assessment; it was noted that Section 3.2.6.4 iv) uses the word "deleterious"; could the word be changed to provide more clarity?

Section 3.7.1 4 - Should this section include community centres.

The Committee highlighted the focus of their remarks and comments (*the commentary above which appears in bold are the highlighted areas of priority*). The priority areas will be forwarded to M. Pascoe Merkley, Director of Planning for consideration in the draft Official Plan.

Comparative Study Questionnaire

Councillor Bursey thanked the committee members for their responses to the questionnaire. He indicated that a copy of the results will be sent out once they have been tabulated.

Agenda Items for the meeting of Tuesday, April 19, 2011.

The Committee confirmed that regular meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Additional meetings will be scheduled if required for special projects or undertakings.

Agenda items for the next meeting:

- review of terms of reference/mandate
- briefing on how to/when to make recommendations to Council
- review Council's upcoming priorities

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm.