

## **Economic Development & Planning Committee**

Tuesday, May 03, 2016, 5:00 pm  
City Hall, Council Chambers

### **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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#### **Members Present:**

Councillor P. Deery, Chair  
Councillor L. Bursey  
Councillor M. Kalivas  
Councillor D. LeSueur

#### **Other Members:**

Councillor J. Baker  
Councillor T. Blanchard

#### **Staff:**

Mr. B. Casselman, City Manager  
Mr. C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations  
Ms. S. MacDonald, City Clerk  
Mr. P. McMunn, Supervisor of Transportation Services  
Ms. L. Murray, Deputy City Clerk (Recording Secretary)  
Ms. M. Pascoe-Merkley, Director of Planning  
Mr. D. Paul, Director of Economic Development

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

### **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nil.

### **DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. Economic Development Advisory Team, Strategic Plan Path Forward  
Ms. Sueling Ching, Chair EDAT

Ms. Ching, Chair of EDAT introduced the Team members and offered an update to the committee. She outlined EDAT's mission, priorities and their plan to keep the City aware of their operations.

2. Reticle Proposal for Brockville Airport  
Mr. Brant Burrow, Elizabethtown-Kitley Residents Association (EKRA)

Mr. Burrow began by saying he hopes to draw the committee's attention to a number of issues they (EKRA) have encountered and asked that the Committee defer their decision tonight

*The regular meeting recessed in order to proceed with the public meeting 5:59 pm.*

*The meeting reconvened at 6:12 pm.*

Councillor Deery asked if the City will have any liability should the project go ahead.

Mr. Casselman responded that the City's Solicitor has been involved throughout the whole process and has reviewed the lease to protect the City from liability.

Councillor Baker asked if the main problem is the noise or the multiple outdoor ranges. Mr. Burrows said 2/3 of the problem is the noise factor and the other 1/3 is the outdoor ranges.

3. Brockville Airport lease to Reticle Ventures Canada Incorporated  
Mr. Geoffrey, General Counsel for Reticle Ventures Canada Incorporated

Mr. Geoffrey provided some clarity into the type of business that will be operating at the Airport. He stated that they are not setting up an army base or a paramilitary headquarters. They will be providing professional training to professional first responders. They will not be training civilians at this facility.

Mr. Geoffrey stated that they are exceeding all regulations set out by the Chief Firearms Office.

Mr. Geoffrey introduced his colleague Eric Toupin who is the head of Project Development. Mr. Toupin stressed that they are trying to bring economic development to the area. He stated that in the last 12 months they have spent over \$200,000 at local businesses for supplies, \$177,000 at the airport alone. He added that in the next 3 to 6 months they will

spend an additional \$520,000 at the Tincap location. They currently have 6 full time staff and as they grow local opportunities will arise.

Mr. Geoffrey explained that they won't be able to test noise levels until the outdoor range is operational. At that time the Ministry of the Environment will conduct their tests at the facility. If the tests fail, the MOE will shut down the range. He added that this is a risk they may encounter.

The hours of operation were discussed as being 7:30 am to 11:00 pm. Mr. Cosgrove stated that Elizabethtown-Kitley does not have a noise by-law so the hours were based on the City's Noise By-law.

Councillor Blanchard asked what type of firearms will be permitted at the outdoor range. Mr. Geoffrey responded that they will be 9 mm pistol and a 556 Rifle and occasionally something larger, but they would be required to use noise suppression.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Correspondence from Donnelly Law - Elizabethtown-Kitley Residents Association  
Brockville Airport Lease to Reticle Ventures Canada Inc.

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

*THAT the correspondence from D. Donnelly, Donnelly Law dated February 5, 2016 regarding the proposed lease of lands to Reticle Ventures Canada Inc. be received for information purposes.*

CARRIED

2. Airport Lease  
Murray Rule

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

*THAT the correspondence from Murray Rule regarding the proposal to lease lands at the Brockville Regional Tackaberry Airport to Reticle Ventures Canada Inc. be received for information purposes.*

CARRIED

3. Correspondence from Donnelly Law - Elizabethtown-Kitley Residents Association  
Brockville Airport lease to Reticle Ventures Canada Inc.

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

*THAT the correspondence from Mr. David Donnelly, Donnelly Law dated April 25, 2016 regarding Reticle Ventures Canada Inc. development proposal for the Brockville Regional Tackaberry Airport be received for information purposes.*

CARRIED

4. Correspondence from B. Burrow, Elizabethtown-Kitley Residents Association  
Brockville Airport lease to Reticles Ventures Canada Inc.

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas  
Seconded by: Councillor Bursey

*THAT the correspondence from Mr. Brant Burrow, Elizabethtown-Kitley Residents Association dated April 28, 2016 regarding Reticle Ventures Canada Inc. development proposal for the Brockville Regional Tackaberry Airport be received for information purposes.*

CARRIED

### **STAFF REPORTS**

1. 2016-055-05  
Land Leases  
Reticle Ventures Canada Incorporated

Mr. Cosgrove reviewed his report for the Committee. He stated that this project has been in the works for several months, with lots of public discussion. The appropriate steps were taken and they have gone through 5 different versions of the lease they have before them tonight. Mr. Cosgrove apologized for the lateness of this lease, and stated they were implementing changes to accommodate concerns they had received from neighbouring property owners.

Councillor Kalivas also felt the operating hours of 7:30 am to 11:00 pm to

be quite late, and would like to see them tightened up a little.

Councillor Blanchard stressed that the caliber of weaponry should also be outlined in the lease.

Councillor LeSueur wondered how important operational hours were on the weekends. Mr. Geoffrey indicated that the weekends would not be too busy, and perhaps the lease could include every second weekend should there be a need.

Mr. Geoffrey felt that they would be agreeable to tightening the hours of operation and the type of weapons permitted.

Moved by: Councillor LeSueur

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign leases with Reticle Ventures Canada Incorporated for the construction and operation of a security training facility at Brockville-1000 Islands Regional Tackaberry Airport.

CARRIED, AS AMENDED ON A LATER VOTE

Amended Motion

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the draft "Range" lease agreement between the Corporation of the City of Brockville and Reticle Ventures Canada Incorporated be amended as follows:

1. Section 8.7 – The Lessee agrees that the Range may only be operated between the hours of 7:30 to 18:00, Monday through Friday; and
  - a. The Lessee will be permitted to operate the Range to 23:00 hours a maximum of two days per month. That the Lessee must provide notice of the extended time to the Lessor and area residents a minimum of 48 hours before the event.
  - b. The Lessee will be permitted to operate the Range a maximum of two weekends per month, not two weekends in a row, between the hours of 7:30 to 18:00. The Lessee must provide notice of this to the Lessor and area residents a minimum of 48 hours before the event.

2. The Lessee shall limit the use of weaponry to a maximum of .50 calibre (small arms)

CARRIED

The vote on the original motion, as amended, was now taken and the motion, as amended, was carried.

Amended Motion

Moved by: Councillor LeSueur

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign leases with Reticle Ventures Canada Incorporated for the construction and operation of a security training facility at Brockville-1000 Islands Regional Tackaberry Airport; and

THAT the draft "Range" lease agreement between the Corporation of the City of Brockville and Reticle Ventures Canada Incorporated be amended as follows:

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2. The Lessee shall limit the use of weaponry to a maximum of .50 calibre (small arms)

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS - REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

1. Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016 (Bill 158)  
(Councillor Bursey)

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

WHEREAS human trafficking is a heinous crime that has been referred to as modern day slavery; and

WHEREAS traffickers recruit, transport, harbour and control the girl next door for sexual exploitation or forced labour; and

WHEREAS it is one of the fastest growing crimes that starts and stays in Canada, targeting victims - 90 percent of which are Canadian-born and predominantly female, averaging the age of 14; and

WHEREAS Ontario is a major hub of human trafficking in Canada, and victims are lured, manipulated and coerced, often over the internet from every part of Ontario; and

WHEREAS human trafficking is in our neighbourhoods and our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brockville support Bill 158, *Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016*, support MPP Laurie Scott's motion for a multi- jurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, Crown prosecutors, judges, victims' services and frontline agencies; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament and municipalities.

CARRIED

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the following items be placed on Consent Agenda:

1. 2016-055-05  
Land Leases  
Reticle Ventures Canada Incorporated
2. Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016 (Bill 158)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

Seconded by: Councillor

THAT the Economic Development and Planning Committee adjourned its meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for June 7, 2016.

CARRIED

*The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.*