



Agenda

Economic Development Advisory Committee

April 25, 2018

7:30 am

Council Chambers, Town Hall

Pages

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
3. **AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the April 25, 2018 EDAC agenda be accepted as presented.

4. **DELEGATIONS**
5. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the March 28, 2018 EDAC minutes be approved and signed by the Chair.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 7.1 **Discussion - Upper Thames Conservation Authority operating strategy**
- 7.2 **Tourism promotions, advertising and events update**
- 7.3 **Economic Development progress and up-coming job fairs**
- 7.4 **Jed Kelly - Exploring fibre in St. Marys**

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Motion to support Cathy Forster as EDAC member to sit on BIA mural group.

8.2 Discuss goals and wishes for EDAC to achieve before November.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Propose: May 30, 2018 at 7:30 a.m.

9.1 Summer meeting schedule

10. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION

THAT this meeting of EDAC be adjourned at ____am.



Minutes

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting

March 28, 2018

7:30a.m.

Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present: Andrew Atlin, Chair
Matt Staffen
Tammy Adkin
Cathy Forster
Deb Hotchkiss

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee
Councillor Pope

Staff Present: Kelly Deeks-Johnson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

K. Deeks-Johnson informed the group of a new form required for expressions of pecuniary interest. The form will be circulated to the group.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deb Hotchkiss requested to add a discussion about the Flats. And Mayor Strathdee will give an update on progress with fibre. These will be added under OTHER BUSINESS 8.2 & 8.3.

Moved By Cathy Forster

Seconded By Councillor Pope

THAT the March 28, 2018 EDAC agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

None.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Moved By Councillor Pope

Seconded By Tammy Adkin

THAT the February 20, 2018 EDAC minutes be approved and signed by the Chair.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Deb Hotchkiss provided an update on the high school job fair at North Western in reference to our work on the Perth 4 Youth initiative. Kelly Deeks-Johnson also noted some ideas for engagement over the next year.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Building Permit Report 2017

The Committee discussed the report outlining number of permits issued for various projects. The Committee suggested hosting a roundtable for long term planning and community development.

The revised Official Plan is going to a public meeting on April 12 at 2:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

7.2 Public Art Project

Councillor Pope informed the group that the BIA has budgeted \$10,000 for a mural project. Three spaces have been selected as options, a Committee of Council will be formed and they will decide.

7.3 Up-coming Events

April 9th - St. Marys Golf Course, business networking breakfast

June 13th business networking event in the tent at Baseball Hall of Fame

Up-coming job fairs - partnership with Perth County to promote Opportunity Lives Here.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Expression of Interest in 500 James St. S.

Deb Hotchkiss and Kelly Deeks-Johnson received notice that a company is currently pursuing the property.

8.2 The Flats

The community is interested in the future of the park and its usage. Mayor Strathdee noted that Council and Town staff have added some events to the park over the next year. It was noted that this could be a topic for the roundtable and that Upper Thames needs to be engaged in these conversations.

8.3 Fibre

The Town is working on selling a portion of land by the dog park to Quadro Communications for fibre connections. The service will run through Glass Street with a 5 year plan to bring it in to downtown.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Proposed meeting date is Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30 a.m.

Director of Public Works, Jed Kelly will attend the next meeting as a delegation to discuss Fibre.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Tammy Adkin

THAT this meeting of EDAC be adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Atlin