



MINUTES

Strategic Priorities Committee

March 16, 2021

9:00 am

Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee (in-person)
Councillor Craigmile (videoconference)
Councillor Edney (videoconference)
Councillor Hainer (videoconference)
Councillor Luna (videoconference)
Councillor Pridham (videoconference)
Councillor Winter (in-person)

Council Regrets: Councillor Hainer

Staff Present: **In-Person**
Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer
Jenna McCartney, Clerk

Conference Line
Grant Brouwer, Director of Building and Development
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
André Morin, Director of Finance / Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Strathdee called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution 2021-03-16-01

Moved By: Councillor Pridham

Seconded By: Councillor Edney

THAT the March 16, 2021 Strategic Priorities Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REVIEW

4.1 DEV 09-2021 St. Marys Community Improvement Plan Update

Grant Brouwer and Mark Stone presented DEV 09-2021 report.

The Committee reviewed each incentive program and discussed the merits.

The Committee suggested the plan provide clear direction on the maximum funding available for each grant and the maximum funding available if applying to multiple grants.

Staff will consider further defining the scope of the project for the Planning Application and Building Permit Fee Rebate program as it applies to attainable housing.

Staff presented the next steps related to the Community Improvement Plan by seeking approval from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The Committee discussed the timing for considering applications under the scope of the proposed Plan to ensure equitable access for all.

Resolution 2021-03-16-02

Moved By: Councillor Winter

Seconded By: Councillor Pridham

THAT DEV 09-2021 St. Marys Community Improvement Plan Update report be received; and

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee recommends to Council:

THAT Council direct staff to circulate the draft Community Improvement Plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for review; and,

THAT upon receipt of comments from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, that Council direct staff to initiate the required public meeting.

CARRIED

The Committee took a brief recess at 10:20am.

Chair Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 10:28am.

4.2 ADMIN 11-2021 Community Safety and Well-being Plan Update

Jenna McCartney presented ADMIN 11-2021 report.

Brent Kittmer provided an update on the status of the implementation of the Community Safety and Well-being Plan as it relates to the partner municipalities and stated that the final Plan will be presented to the respective Councils by a staffing support through City of Stratford.

Resolution 2021-03-16-03

Moved By: Councillor Luna

Seconded By: Councillor Craigmile

THAT this meeting of the Strategic Priorities Committee be adjourned to 11:15 am.

CARRIED

Chair Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 11:28 am.

Resolution 2021-03-16-04

Moved By: Councillor Pridham

Seconded By: Councillor Luna

THAT ADMIN 11-2021 Community Safety and Well-being Plan Update report be received.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATION

5.1 University of Guelph re: Rural Response to COVID-19

Leith Deacon presented the rural response to COVID-19 survey results.

Resolution 2021-03-16-05

Moved By: Councillor Luna

Seconded By: Councillor Edney

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee recommends to Council:

THAT Council recognizes the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic as it has affected the community as a whole; and

THAT Council direct staff to send correspondence to the Avon Maitland District School Board and the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board to recommend the school boards consider supporting the survey of school aged children regarding the impacts of the pandemic.

CARRIED

Resolution 2021-03-16-06

Moved By: Councillor Luna

Seconded By: Councillor Craigmile

THAT the delegation from the University of Guelph regarding the rural response to COVID-19 survey results be received.

CARRIED

6. NEXT MEETING

Chair Stratthdee reviewed the upcoming meeting as presented on the agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2021-03-16-07

Moved By: Councillor Luna

Seconded By: Councillor Winter

THAT this meeting of the Strategic Priorities Committee adjourns at 12:17 pm.

CARRIED

Al Stratthdee, Mayor

Jenna McCartney, Clerk