



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Virtual Economic Development Committee Meeting of January 19th, 2022

PRESENT: Angela Knight van Schaayk Jake Lacourse
Steven Trahan Claude Champagne
Rod Clouthier
Greg Kirton, Manager of Planning & Economic Development
Kari Hanselman, Recording Clerk

EXCUSED ABSENT: Steve Austin

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dom Marleau

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion No. 2022-01

Moved by Rod Clouthier

Seconded by Claude Champagne

THAT the draft agenda circulated to the Economic Development Committee dated the 19th day of January 2022 be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **Acceptance of Minutes of the Last Regular Meeting Held on November 17th, 2021**

Motion No. 2022-02

Moved by Steven Trahan

Seconded by Angela Knight van Schaayk

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Committee meeting held November 17th, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest** – None for this session

5. **Chair's Comments**

Chair Lacourse wished everyone a happy new year and is looking forward to moving items forward this year.



6. Updates/New Business

6.1 Short Term Rental Policy

6.1.1 Council direction to adopt policy following new zoning by-law adoption

Council passed the new Comprehensive Zoning By-law on January 11th. The by-law allows for Short Term Rentals with regulations, similar to what this Committee recommended. Once the appeal period for the by-law has passed, public consultation for the Short Term Rental Policy can begin.

6.2 2022 Meeting Schedule

6.2.1 Meeting 1 – January 19

6.2.2 Meeting 2 – April 20

6.2.3 Meeting 3 – July 20

6.2.4 Meeting 4 – October 19

6.3 Former Wheeler's Site

6.3.1 Zoning By-law Amendment and Severance Application Submitted

The Municipality has received a Zoning By-law Amendment application for the property to allow for a restaurant and gas bar to be built on the site. The application will be going to the Planning Advisory Committee on February 16th.

6.4 Business Update – Bur Oak Resources

6.4.1 Relocation to East Ferris

Bur Oak Resources is relocating to a property on Derland Road from Pinewood Park Drive. This property will give them more space as it's approximately 10 acres in size.

6.5 Active Transportation Plan

6.5.1 Passed by Council and intended to be multi-departmental with a tourism element associated with it

Council adopted an Active Transportation Plan on January 11th. This plan includes a tourism element which will likely make its way to this Committee.

7. Action Items:

7.1 Committee Elections

7.1.1 Chair and Vice Chair Elections Required



The Committee held nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. Rod Clouthier nominated Jake Lacourse. No other nominations were put forward. Deputy Mayor Trahan remains as Vice-Chair.

Motion No. 2022-03

Moved by Rod Clouthier

Seconded by Claude Champagne

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris Boards and Committees Policy mandates that the Economic Development Committee elect a Chair and Vice-Chair at the first meeting of every year

WHEREAS the Committee held its nomination process for Chair and Vice Chair at their regular meeting of January 19th, 2022

THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED that Jake Lacourse be appointed as Chair and Steven Trahan be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Economic Development Committee up the end of the current term of Council.

CARRIED

7.2 Animal Control By-law

7.2.1 Approach on Roosters

Mr. Kirton suggests the Committee make a recommendation to Council amending the Animal Control By-law. The amendments would include changes to maximum number of fowl allowed, allowing fowl/eggs to be sold commercially, banning roosters, and lot size requirements.

Discussions were had regarding the history of only ten fowl being allowed, the number of people in the municipality who already have more than ten chickens, and the rules and regulations regarding raising healthy fowl. Mr. Champagne raised a concern about meat birds and not knowing how many roosters one might get. It was also suggested that the number of fowl allowed be tied to setbacks.

Chair Lacourse wants to ensure we are not restricting people from supplying food for themselves. It was suggested that the clause banning roosters be removed.

Ms. Knight van Schaayk asked if there were any health and safety consideration to be made. Mr. Kirton advised the rules and regulations surrounding owning fowl supersede this by-law.



Motion No. 2022-04

Moved by Claude Champagne

Seconded by Angela Knight van Schaayk

THAT the Economic Development Committee recommends Council make the following amendments to Animal Control By-law 2014-19:

1. Section 1. Definitions: remove “but does not include a rooster.” from the definition of Fowl
2. Schedule “C” Fowl, item 1.: remove entirely and replace with the following:

Number of fowl permitted:

<u>Acres</u>	<u>No.</u>
1.0	36
2.0	48
3.0	60
4.0	72
5.0	Unlimited

3. Schedule “C” Fowl, item 2. - amend to allow for commercial use as well
4. Schedule “C” Fowl, Item 4. – to be removed
5. Schedule “C” Fowl, item 11.b) – to be removed

CARRIED

7.3 2022 Budget – New Initiatives?
7.3.1 What new initiatives for 2022?

Mr. Kirton asked the Committee for ideas for any municipal initiative they could add to their budget and put forward this year.

7.4 Farmer’s Market
7.4.1 2022 Approach

Given the rising number of COVID cases, Mr. Kirton did not want to reach out to potential vendors before Christmas due the new variant. The Committee discussed the long term viability of the Farmer’s Market and plans going forward. The Committee discussed the Farm Stand Tour still happening and the municipality providing resources to anyone wishing to start a stand. Financial contributions towards establishing a stand would not be possible but the



municipality could provide a guidance package on what steps to take to set one up.

8. Ongoing/Unresolved/Inactive Items

8.1 Priority #1 (Internet)

Mr. Kirton did not have any update on the internet situation. Deputy Mayor Trahan will send Committee members information received through an AMO webinar that took place recently.

There is also no update on the industrial park as the project is still at a standstill due to access issues with Callander.

9. General Follow Up/Roundtable Discussion

Ms. Knight van Schaayk announced that the Ontario Trillium Foundation will be coming out with another funding opportunity in the near future. Deputy Mayor Trahan advised that Big Moose Camp has been sold and he will visit the new camp owners in a few months.

10. Adjournment

Motion No. 2022-04

Moved by Angela Knight van Schaayk

Seconded by Rod Clouthier

THAT the Economic Development Committee meeting adjourn at 2:34 p.m.

CARRIED

Next meeting scheduled for April 20th, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

CHAIR

RECORDING CLERK