

**MINUTES  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015  
6:30 PM  
SPENCERVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Present: Councillor Gerry Morrell (Chair)  
Mayor Pat Sayeau  
Tory Deschamps  
Heather Lawless  
Joe Martelle  
Tim Nason  
Emma Patrick

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Taylor  
Laura Franks

Staff: Debra McKinstry, CAO/Clerk  
Mike Spencer, Manager of Parks, Recreation & Facilities  
Shelbi Deacon, Community Development Coordinator  
Sheena Earl, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order – Chair, Councillor Morrell.

As the usual Chair was unavailable to attend, Councillor Morrell called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Committee approved the agenda as presented.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – None

4. Business Arising from Previous Community Development Committee Minutes

None

5. Delegations

a) Ann Weir, UCLG Economic Development

Ms. Weir, Economic Development Officer with the United Counties of Leeds Grenville provided members with an overview of the activities of the department over the past three years and planned actions going forward into 2016.

Committee briefly discussed investment readiness strategies and how interested investors connect with the Counties and Township staff and the site selection process. The Counties Business Directory web window was discussed and the Township' Economic Development Strategy and labour force data reports were referenced.

b) Industrial Park Presentation

Shelbi Deacon, the Township's Community Development Coordinator presented an overview of efforts made to market and sell Johnstown Industrial Park land.

Ms. Deacon provided price comparisons with neighbouring municipalities for industrial land, reviewed the purpose of the Township's Purchase and Sale Agreement template and current interest. Staff responded to questions, specifically outlining the thorough process and benefits of becoming a provincially certified Investment Ready site.

6. Discussion Items

a) Galop Canal Park Camping

Mayor Sayeau presented a draft proposal that would direct staff to draft a request for proposals from private campground operators with respect to the possibility and details associated with opening and operating a campground at Galop Canal Park.

Members discussed details of the proposal including apparent transportation barriers, development of the Township's riverfront, the cultural value and heritage of the site, success of local campgrounds, required capital improvements and details of private-public partnerships. Types of potential camping and mooring was also discussed along with the need for public consultation.

A suggestion was made that development of the park as a whole be reviewed before narrowing the focus to camping.

The Committee's mandate with respect to making recommendations to Council was briefly discussed and clarification was provided.

**Moved** by: T. Deschamps seconded by: T. Nason that Committee recommend to Council that staff be directed to explore the possibility of development of Galop Canal Park for camping.

Carried

b) SGCC AGM – November Meeting Reschedule Inquiry

The November Community Development Committee meeting was rescheduled to Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> in order to avoid meeting on the evening of the South Grenville Chamber of Commerce's Awards Dinner.

7. Action/Information Items – None

8. Inquiries/Notices of Motion

The following was noted:

- the Eastern Ontario Development Program Fund has been fully subscribed for the current fiscal year (to March 31, 2016);
- Rideau St. Lawrence Utilities Annual General meeting scheduled for 11am on Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> at the Port of Johnstown

10. Question Period

Questions and concerns were raised with respect to Galop Canal Park camping and unmaintained green space areas in the Township.

10. Closed Session – None

11. Adjournment

**Moved** by: T. Deschamps that the meeting adjourns at 8:47pm.

Carried

These minutes approved in open Council this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2015.

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Chair

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Secretary