

MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014, 6:30 P.M.
SPENCERVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Present: Councillor Pat Sayeau, Chair
Mayor Bill Sloan
Deputy Mayor John Hunter
Dave Robertson
Joe Martelle
Tim Nason

Regrets: Councillor Charlie Burrell
Heather Lawless
Alicia Wanless

Staff: Debra McKinstry, CAO/Clerk
Mike Spencer, Manager of Parks, Recreation & Facilities

Guest: Councillor Gerry Morrell

1. Call to Order

Councillor Sayeau called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – None

3. Delegation

- a) Brockville Chamber of Commerce – Ms. Carrie Hands, Mr. Gord Cameron, Ms. Ann McDonald, Mr. David Keenleyside

Mr. Keenleyside introduced the Chamber's efforts to establish a regional economic development commission or corporation. He suggested that a regional approach to economic development would lead to global competitiveness, and that the Councils of the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville, the Town of Prescott and the City of Brockville had each passed a resolution in 2012 to examine the feasibility of establishing such an organization.

Mr. Keenleyside explained that the work done to date points to the need to engage a consultant or specialist to determine next steps. The City of Brockville has committed \$15,000 in funding, the UCLG has declined to provide funding and Prescott has not made a commitment. The total cost of the consultation is anticipated to be \$40,000.

Committee discussed the existing regional economic development office funded by the UCLG and its member municipalities, pointing out to the Chamber

members that the initiative to establish a regional EDC such as they propose appears to be a duplication of existing efforts.

Councillor Sayeau thanked the Chamber members for attending and providing the information.

4. Consent Agenda – None

5. Discussion Items

a) CIP Annual Report

Committee received the report on CIP projects completed in 2013. Staff was asked to provide additional information on the total cost of the projects compared to the portion funded by the Township.

b) Galop Canal Park

Committee received the report on the current uses at Galop Canal Park. It was decided that a site visit might be helpful in determining what improvements could be made. Committee agreed that the May meeting would be held at the Ingredion Centre after a tour of the Park.

c) Ingredion Centre Walking Track Wall Displays

Committee discussed the suggestion made by member Joe Martelle to use the wall space around the walking track for displays or advertising. The Facility Manager was asked to investigate building constraints to the suggestion and it was agreed that it would be further discussed at the next meeting.

d) FICE Program

The CAO explained the basics of the program. Staff had been informed that the village of Lansdowne was looking for a partner community and suggested that Spencerville might be compatible. The CAO was directed to attend the next meeting of the Spencerville Business and Community Connections group to determine if their members would be interested in championing such an initiative.

6. Action Items

a) Shipping Containers and Storage Containers Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Committee discussed the details of a possible zoning bylaw amendment to control the use of shipping containers as storage buildings. The following principles were generally agreed to:

- Permitted as accessory buildings only
- Not permitted within the built up areas of Cardinal, Johnstown and Spencerville

- Not permitted in the RLS zone between County Road 2 and the St. Lawrence River.
- Permitted in the rural areas if screened from sight of neighbours
- Permitted in the industrial areas.

Staff was asked to bring a draft by-law to the Committee at its March meeting.

Moved by J. Hunter and seconded by D. Robertson that the Committee recommends Council consider amending the zoning by-law to regulate the use of shipping containers and storage containers throughout the Township.
Carried.

7. Information Items – None
8. Inquiries/Notices of Motion

Committee member Joe Martelle advised that he had been approached by a local car enthusiast club about a possible show on the weekend of August 10, 2014. Possible venues in Cardinal were discussed. Committee generally supported the idea and asked that further information be provided.

8. Question Period – None
9. Closed Session – None
10. Adjournment

Moved by B. Sloan that the meeting adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Carried.

These minutes approved by Council on March 3, 2014.

Chair

Secretary