

**MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015
6:30 PM
SPENCERVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Present: Deputy Mayor Peggy Taylor (Chair)
Mayor Pat Sayeau (ex officio)
Councillor Gerry Morrell
Heather Lawless
Tim Nason

Regrets: Tory Deschamps
Laura Franks
Emma Patrick

Staff: Shelbi Deacon, Community Development Coordinator
Sheena Earl, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order – Chair, Deputy Mayor Taylor

Deputy Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: H. Lawless seconded by: T. Nason that Committee approves the agenda as amended with the addition of item 5b) Delegation – Galop Canal, Charlie Burrell.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – None

4. Business Arising from Previous Community Development Committee Minutes

The reporting process of the First Impressions Communities Exchange (FICE) program was discussed.

A clarification with respect to the minutes was made regarding the suggestion of a SWOT analysis put forward at the previous meeting.

5. Delegations

- a) Certified Site Presentation – Shelbi Deacon, Community Development Coordinator.

The Township's Community Development Coordinator provided an overview of the detailed process associated with seeking and securing the provincial Investment Ready: Certified Site designation for the Johnstown Industrial Park. The recertification process, number of current certified sites, and details of the required studies were discussed.

b) Galop Canal – Charlie Burrell

Mr. Burrell outlined a conceptual development on Township owned land north of the Legion parking lot which previously hosted a private marina. Mr. Burrell is seeking to purchase the land from the municipality in order to develop two eight unit apartment buildings.

6. Discussion Items

a) Galop Canal Presentation/Brainstorming – Led by Chair

Deputy Mayor Taylor provided some history of the Galop Canal, including the Legion Park touching on current and past uses and specific segments of the waterfront. She invited members to share ideas with the end goal of creating a project document for the public and potential investors.

Members discussed current uses of the waterfront areas. A suggestion was made to solicit expressions of interest from public and private interests with respect to desired uses of the Galop Canal area. A review of the revenues and expenses of the Johnstown and Prescott marinas was also suggested. Members discussed environmental issues of noxious weeds and cormorants causing damage to the waterfront. Zoning of the water front was also discussed.

A public meeting in order to solicit ideas from residents and potential investors was suggested and supported by the Committee. Staff was requested to provide possible dates to committee members for their consideration. Deputy Mayor Taylor noted that she would work with staff to determine costs associated with waterfront clean-up and maintenance.

b) Drawing Connections – Led by Chair

Discussion surrounded the development of an economic development brochure focusing on Township lifestyles, facilities and recreation in order to attract and direct new residents to current offerings.

Moved by: H. Lawless seconded by: T. Nason that Committee direct staff to prepare draft promotional material to entice new residents to the Township.

Carried

Members briefly discussed whether a Business Retention & Expansion Study should be undertaken by the Township individually or regionally.

7. Action/Information Items

a) CIP Application S-03-15 (Cleary Farm Supplies Ltd.)

Moved by: G. Morrell seconded by: H. Lawless that Committee approves the application S-03-15 (Cleary Farm Supplies Ltd) for \$5,000.

Members discussed the proposed work and sought clarification with respect to the proposed type of signage and lighting.

Carried

b) CDC Vacancy

As Mr. Martelle signaled his formal resignation from the committee at the previous meeting, members briefly discussed if the vacancy should be filled. Staff noted that the Township's Committee Terms of Reference by-law states that all committee positions are to be advertised in November.

8. Inquiries/Notices of Motion

The following notices were provided:

- SEB Celebration event – Thursday, October 15th at the Prescott Golf Club
- Series of free business workshops offered by GCFDC in recognition of Small Business month

10. Question Period

Questions were raised with respect to development restrictions at Legion Park, zoning of the waterfront areas and parameters of the proposed public meeting.

10. Closed Session – None

11. Adjournment

Moved by: P. Sayeau that the meeting adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Carried

These minutes approved in open Council this 26th day of October, 2015.

Chair

Secretary