

EDC MINUTES WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1, 14

Present: Wave Weir (chair), Debbie McMurray, Peter Hopkins: (quorum)

Visitors: Greg Godbeer, John Cole, Mike Kekkonen

1. MINUTES: McMurray/Hopkins “ That the minutes of September 3, 2014 be approved” Approved
2. PECUNIARY INTEREST: There were no declarations of pecuniary interest
3. CORRESPONDENCE:

-i-Biosphere Support letter: The chair was to draft a letter in support of the GBBR for Council approval

-ii-The chair circulated a sheet from The Dep’t of Municipal Affairs re: Economic Resources for Communities

-iii-There is an Ontario Nature Huronia District meeting Oct 4.

-iv-There is a public forum on building communities , Thurs Oct 16 and Fri Oct 17 at the BOCC

-v-There is an Ontario By Bike workshop on Oct 22 at 6:30pm, Canadore College

-vi-There was an ADS report regarding Bio Fertilizers

-vii- EDC received a letter of resignation from Paul Ferguson due to family matters to be forwarded to Council

-viii- Our intern has found full time employment with DSSAB as of Oct 1, 14

4. REPORTS:

-a-Our intern submitted a final report for EDCs consideration. It was felt that we should encourage Council to begin the process to replace the intern position as soon as possible and try to have a new intern in place in January, 2015. We will ask for input into the job description and maybe consider someone with economic development and research skills The chair will write a thank you letter to Jayme.

-b-The Market: last market is on Thanksgiving in the Community Centre 9am-1pm. There will be a Vendors meeting on Tuesday Oct 14 at 6:30pm in Council Jane will give EDC a final report at our next meeting in November.

-c-Pioneer School Courses: The Business –Marketing course was cancelled. Making Cheese and Candle-Making are a go. Have a volunteer to do some preplanning after Christmas on courses. Mrs Wilson cooking and a snowmobiling course were suggested.

-d-Smart Community –Rogers There were two presentation to Council. Rogers gave an update on their tower idea and Lis Mc Walters brought everyone up to date on the fibre Smart Community.

There were concerns about the proliferation of towers (porcupine effect) vs the timing of the implementation of the latter.

-e-The GBBR Food fest and Magical McKellar Farm Tour was held Sept 27,28. A wide variety of work shops were held on Sat and a Magical McKellar Farm Tour was enjoyed by 25-30 people

-f- A Food Charter is being held November 5 and a Food Coop is being planned for Huntsville using local foods, produce.

-g- David Suzuki is conducting a Blue Dot Tour dealing with healing life issues and an environmental charter of rights. Municipalities are developing declarations on the right way to live in a healthy environment,

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. 2014 Budget: The status of our EDC budget was discussed and the treasurer to find out if we can carry forward monies for a specific unfinished project.

2. Discussion of the Concept paper. It was agreed that we need to begin developing the Long Term Economic Development Plan. Peter to do bullets for a Vision, Purposes of the Plan, process used and a clarification of key projects.to be included in the new long term economic development plan for the Township of McKellar.

6.New Business:

Still concern about how long it has taken to get a police check in Toronto – up to a year and a half.

7. No motions:

8. Next meeting Wed Nov 5, 7:30 pm. New members and guests are always welcome.