

EDC MINUTES – WED SEPT 3, 2014

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

Absent: Paul Ferguson

Visitors: Peter Brewster, John Cole, Greg Godbeer, Mike Kekkonen, Lyn McAlister

1. Minutes: McMurray/Hopkins: That the minutes of July 2, 2014 be accepted” .Approved

2.The agenda was accepted

3.There were no pecuniary interests

4.Visitor: Lyn McAlister informed EDC of major health related concerns regarding emissions from towers and related electronic devices which can leave one dysfunctional, very ill and unable to live in a normal house. John will communicate with Lyn about help in this serious area.

5. Correspondence: The chair outlined information about Government grants_ Infrastructure Grant and funding for Environmental Clean - up.

6. Reports:

-a- The Market: The market was cancelled for the Sept 2 long weekend and there was a lot of miss communication with the vendors. Arrangements for the Fall Fair need to be clarified as to where the vendors will be at the Fair or Minerva Park and that all venues are to be part of the Thanksgiving weekend. Location is to be determined.

-b-Pioneer School –Jayme reported that the small business course will not run and that various workshops are in the planning stages. A full program of workshops will be available at our next meeting.

-c-GBBR Food Fest and McKellar Farm Tour: On Saturday Sept 27 at the PSHS the GBBR is hosting the “ Grown by the Bay Food Festival”, 9-4 pm which has many interesting and informative workshops which are free. On Sunday, there will be a “ Magical McKellar Farm Tour” which costs \$5 and space is limited. Contact: infoatgbbr.ca or visit www.gbbr.ca

-d-Smart Co: Lis McWalters will be at the next Council meeting Sept 15 to up date Council on their fibre plan

-e-Wave outlined her questions to Mr. McColl regarding his e mail about the Pie in the Sky document. As a result Mr. Moore took exception and criticized Wave for allegedly maligning his character and requested an apology.. Wave will be responding at the next Council meeting. As well there was discussion on how to respond to Mr. Junck’s letter to the editor to clarify mistaken information regarding the EDC concept paper. A letter is to be composed and circulated to the committee for approval.

Unfinished Business:

We need to consolidate our feedback and compile information for the long term 10 year economic development strategic plan with very clear objectives, local improvements and data based financial plan that is fiscally responsible, affordable. over time.in order to make McKellar a" destination", a " hub" of activity and an attractive and welcoming place to visit and stay.

Next Meeting: Wednesday Oct 1, 2014 – 7:30pm, Council. Topic: Overall layout of the Plan, key stages, financial information.