

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2012.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tamara Black, Ted Stroud, Wave Weir, Doug Weber, Debbie McMurray, Paul Ferguson

REGRETS -

Moved by Debbie McMurray, Seconded by Ted Stroud, that the Minutes of the February 1, 2012 meeting be accepted, as amended to indicate under Unfinished Business, that the community partnerships would need to be advertised, which was a contributing factor in not having enough time to meet the application deadline. CARRIED. (12-10)

I.)DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - none

II.)VISITORS - KELSEY WARD (INTERN)

III.)CORRESPONDENCE - none

IV.)REPORTS OF MEMBERS:

Kelsey provided a written report on file.

Kelsey reported that she has been continuing to work on the Market website. She has been recruiting vendors and has purchased the last sign currently needed for the Market. There will be a Vendor's meeting on April 22, at 10:00 a.m. at the Straw House Gallery.

Kelsey has the pioneer college website up and running. The website is; www.mckellarpioneercollege.com. Kelsey advised that classes for Ribbed Basket making, and a fiction workshop on upcoming for the Pioneer College. Kelsey has been in touch with Mrs. Wilson to arrange a future Kids Can Cook course. She has also been in contact with Sticks and Stones Wilderness School to bring some courses this summer to McKellar. Courses may include; tanning hides, flint knapping, stick Bow Building, Cordage/Fibre/Containers, among others.

Kelsey reported that she and Wave Weir attended the Biosphere Green Fair on March 29, 2012. The program was to advise youth on the local opportunities for employment with a focus on green and environmentally friendly. McKellar received special mention at this event, for our initiatives with the Farmer's Market, and local agriculture focus. Out of this event, the EDC has been invited to attend the Wasaksing First Nation Green Fair on April 21, 2012.

Tamara Black reported that it appears that she will be vacating her seat as a Council representative for the EDC, as she has taken on the role of Council representative for the Recreation Committee. Tamara offered to continue to move forward with the Business Directory update if the committee wishes.

Tamara circulated the 'Community Leisure Guide 2012' put out by McDougall, Parry Sound, and Seguin for information purposes.

Ted Stroud read a document that he authored regarding the sale of raw milk and eggs by local farmers to the public. This document is on file. Committee discussion suggested that the committee draft a letter of support for the small farmer in the production and sale of milk and eggs. This letter could be approved by the committee, and forwarded to Council with the intention of further circulation through AMO and FONOM.

Ted Stroud resigned his seat as a Council representative. He read a statement which explained his rationale for this decision. His statement is on file.

Wave Weir reported that she spoke with Larry Taylor of Northern Development and Mines, and received information on potential grant opportunities. Larry offered to attend a meeting with a representative from OMAFRA to discuss granting opportunities. Wave will follow up to set up a visit at a future meeting.

Wave reported that she has collected information on responsible waterfront management (ie. posters and booklets). Kelsey will inquire of the office staff if these items can be displayed.

Wave circulated the Biosphere Action Group charter information.

V.) MOTION AND NOTICE OF MOTION:

Moved by Paul Ferguson, Seconded by Wave Weir that the EDC request that the Council of the Township of McKellar appoint the REDAC representative to also be a representative to the EDC for the current term of Council . (12 – 11) Carried.

Moved by Paul Ferguson, Seconded by Debbie McMurray that the EDC advise the Council of the Township of McKellar to maintain two Council representatives until the end of 2012, for the purpose of ensuring continuity. (12 – 12) Carried.

VI.) UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

EDC Conceptual Paper – The committee discussed the “Long Range Conceptual Paper” revisions, which were presented by Wave Weir. Wave will be making some further revisions and re-circulating the paper.

Healthy Communities Grant Application – The committee discussed ideas about moving forward in planning for the next Healthy Community Grant application. This will be an ongoing Unfinished Business item. Doug Weber will bring some wording for how to advertise for partnerships to the next meeting.

VII.) NEW BUSINESS –

Council representation – The Committee discussed whether two Council reps are required. The Committee discussed the merits of having the REDAC rep also act as the EDC rep, to ensure a direct flow of information and communication.

Smart Community RFP Deliverables – Tamara advised committee members that Reeve Hopkins is seeking feedback from members of the EDC on the RFP deliverables proposed through the REDAC Smart Community endeavour.

VIII.) ADJOURNMENT – Moved by Debbie McMurray, Seconded by Wave Weir, that the committee adjourn to meet again on May 2, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. (12 – 13) Carried.